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FOR CONGRESS.

THIRD DISTRICT. ALFRED M. WADDELL, OF NEW HANOVER. Electors: JOHN D. STANFORD.

LET EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE WEEKLY STAR READ THIS.

Under the new law which goes into effect January 1st, 1876, we are required to pre-pay postage on the WEEKLY STAR.

The following will be our revised terms of subscription: One Copy 1 year, postage paid, \$1.50. 6 months, " " 1.00.

Under this new arrangement we shall enforce the cash system more rigidly than ever before; and unless our subscribers remit promptly many names will be dropped from our list.

MAKE UP CLUBS.

Now is the time for getting up Clubs to the WEEKLY STAR. Show the paper to your neighbors and friends, and get them to join in.

THE DESCENT OF BLAINE.

The star of the brilliant gentleman from Maine, we are sorry to see, is descending rapidly to the horizon. We wish it could stay in the political firmament a little while longer.

The Baltimore Gazette reviews the whole of the case between Blaine, Fisher and Mulligan, and sums up Mr. Blaine's position thus: "He has made a way with the evidence against him; hired counsel to advise him that his action is fair and honest and honorable, and is round and asks the American people to believe that he is innocent and to make him President."

carries with it the strongest presumption of its entire truth and correctness. Mr. Blaine has made his explanation, and he has denied it in only two respects, namely, that in his appeals for mercy to Mulligan he begged him to have compassion on his family if not on him, and threat-

ened to take his own life. Mr. Blaine's course in the whole matter has been more damaging than any testimony yet given. He has virtually confessed judgment. Mr. Blaine says the letters refer to other business—all of them except one or two—and that, if published, they would destroy him in the opinion of all honest men.

What business has Mr. Blaine been engaged in that he is afraid to have disclosed? What is the nature of his transactions with Fisher? Fisher is not afraid to tell, but Mr. Blaine is. Why? It is hinted that if exhibited they would show that Mr. Blaine was doing a sort of Orvil Grant business during the war, obtaining contracts for Fisher or Fisher's friends, and receiving regular commissions upon them.

There is a broad difference between the views of the party in Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana, on the one side, and the party creed in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, on the other. How to reconcile these differences is the one great test of statesmanship. This point amicably adjusted, and a thoroughly satisfactory nomination made, the St. Louis Convention will virtually decide the election.

Very nearly the whole of the one hundred and thirty-one votes of the South in the electoral college, in all probability, will be cast for the nominee—certainly will be thrown for him if he stands the least chance to carry the great doubtful States of the North. One hundred and eighty-five votes are necessary to an election.

KNOTT AND BLAINE.

That was a bitter and disgusting personal explanation of Blaine's yesterday in the House of Representatives. In the course of its delivery the insolent bully from Maine ventured to impute ungenerous motives to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Hon. Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, who replied first in a manner of ridicule, then changing his style to one of severe invective he chastised the person from Maine in the most denunciatory speech of the session.

He told him that the assailed members of the sub committee on the Judiciary, Gen. Hunton, of Virginia, and Mr. Ashe, of North Carolina, were his peers in every sense of the word, and in point of honor were his superiors. When Republicans hissed this remark, Mr. Knott threw at them the angry reply: "That three classes of animals uttered that cry, vipers, greese and fools." Then he proceeded to deny with great and increasing asperity several of the statements made by Blaine.

Gen. J. B. Gordon, U. S. Senator from Georgia, and himself a gallant officer in the late Confederate service, writes heartily approving the suggestion of the Union soldiers of Pottsville, Pa., recommending a fraternal meeting on the 4th of July at Philadelphia; of the first defenders of the government; and the first defenders of the Confederacy. Acting upon his advice, letters will be addressed to the prominent ex-Confederate Generals in the South, including Joseph E. Johnston, Beauregard and others.

Jarratt & Palmer's lightning express arriving in San Francisco Sunday morning, having made the trip from New York in twenty-six minutes less than eighty-four hours. This is a wonderful feat in railroading. Frequently the time was faster than a mile a minute. This is a trial trip which has proven the feasibility of a three days' run between the Metropolis and the Golden Gate.

At Magnolia quarry, about 12 miles above this city, on the Cape Fear River, an altercation took place Tuesday morning, between two colored men named Scipio Kule and Brown, during which the latter received a severe and not mortal wound on the head. Kule was arrested and is now confined in the county jail.

THE MAN FOR THE OCCASION.

In no Presidential campaign, perhaps, since the foundation of the Government has there been so much depending on the nominee and so little on the general platform as in the present. Whoever may be thought of in connection with the Presidency, no man can be elected who is not regarded favorably in the doubtful States. No man, it is perfectly safe to say, is regarded with any favor as a candidate in that class of States, who was not firmly identified with the war element, who has not "sounded" views on the currency question, and who does not believe in the inalienability of the recent Constitutional Amendments.

No person whose record is doubtful on either of these cardinal points stands any showing in the Convention. But the principal difficulty will not be, we imagine, with the first and last of these requirements. A Convention composed of sensible men will not nominate an extreme State rights Democrat. In the middle course, is safety.

The rack of danger is the financial question. There is a broad difference between the views of the party in Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana, on the one side, and the party creed in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, on the other. How to reconcile these differences is the one great test of statesmanship.

Mr. Ashe has made an able and a faithful Representative. He will retire from the halls of the National Legislature with the sincere respect of the whole State, both parties concurring in rendering him honor for his high personal integrity and dignified deportment while in office.

Is the broken down empire of Turkey worth the wild waste of blood that would follow the declaration of war by the Great Powers of Europe? It is hoped by all who are truly humane that some means may be discovered whereby the vexed Eastern question may be satisfactorily decided without an appeal to arms.

The sympathies of the world are, of course, with the Christians of Turkey, and if the Greek Empire could be re-established it would receive the hearty encouragement of all.

But in the present complication of affairs, with Russia's ambition opposed to Austria and England's interest, it would be hard to find anywhere in this country an enormous amount of sympathy that is ready and waiting to be bestowed upon even the poor Greeks and Slaves of the Turkish provinces.

This characteristic letter appears in the Asheville Citizen, to whose editor it was addressed: CHARLOTTE, May 22nd. DEAR SIR:—I am willing to say anything that is best, and propose to leave the whole matter to the convention, without exerting the slightest influence over it. I have no ambition to gratify at the expense of the general good.

We hope the plume of this Henry of Navarre will be found in the front of the battle. Vance our leader, who fears? Vance with the standard, who can falter? That excellent paper, the Oxford Torchlight, has entered upon its fourth year. As it was the earliest in date, so it is the last survivor of all the newspaper enterprises which have been commenced in Oxford during the period of its existence.

The Raleigh Times is now in its twenty-fourth volume, and is quite a readable paper. Mr. W. T. Thacker, formerly of the Milton Courier, is its editor.

MAKE IT PROMINENT.

Says the Pittsburg Post, and its words are worthy of leaders in minion and small plea, "the Democratic press can do no more important service to the country at this time than to keep plainly before the people 'the real political issue of the day.'"

That issue is not one of comparatively minor matters, which must necessarily be the subject of future careful legislation, and which can not now be settled by the issue of an man, or of any party; it is one of vital consequence, not only to the immediate, but to the future welfare of the whole country.

Stand on the platform of reform. It is broad enough and strong enough. Democracy is in favor of purgation and health; Radicalism, of further morbid indulgence, which will produce serious illness, and, it is almost sure, in death.

THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

Yesterday, at Wadesboro, on the 5th ballot, Col. Walter L. Steele, of Rockingham, was nominated for Congress as the Democratic Conservative candidate. Col. Steele is an able and experienced politician, and one of the most impressive stump speakers in the State.

Mr. Steele we can well imagine the both a convention would have in making a choice. In either they would have a first-rate man. The Wadesboro convention after a close contest chose Col. Steele.

AN IMMENSE RAINFALL.

We learn that the rain of Sunday night was heavier in some parts of the county than it was here. In the neighborhood of South Washington and Leesburg, and from thence across to Point Caswell, there was an immense fall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

A called meeting of the Board was held at 3 o'clock, P. M., yesterday; present, C. Davis, S. Van Amringe, D. Nixon. In the absence of the Chairman, who was too indisposed to be present, Commissioner S. Van Amringe was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The report of Elijah Hewlett, County Treasurer, for May, was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

THESE AS WORK AT ROCKY POINT.

Thursday night the smoke-house of Mr. G. P. Duncan, at Rocky Point, in Pender county, was robbed of a large quantity of meat and lard, the thief or thieves having effected an entrance by digging under the building. We learn that there is any amount of stealing going on in that neighborhood.

A GOOD JOKE.

It is very dull on the wharf; it is extremely dull about the Produce Exchange. Even the trade in young foxes is so fearfully depressed that we hear of no 'spots' and no 'futures' whatever in that line. But the members of the P. E. will have their fun despite the melancholy aspect of 'City Distilled' and 'Good Strained.'

Now, when we inform the reader that it costs fifty dollars to become a member of the P. E., it will be seen in a moment how ludicrous is the idea of a newspaper proprietaries chewing rozzum in that body along with Dave Murbison, Bill Dellotto, Roger Moore and the balance of the Producers and Exchangers who sit around the black boards and wonder why in the devil 'sperrits' don't go a leetle the rise of twenty-sev'ing and a half cents.

Col. John Cantwell, the Secretary of the P. E., who always enjoys a good thing, lost no time in sending us a copy of the resolution, and we have been just killing ourselves laughing ever since it was received.

A LIVE BARON IN SMITHVILLE.

Under this head an occasional correspondent at Smithville gives us the following: About the 24th of May, as the steamer Dixie approached the wharf at Smithville, a very dapper little gentleman, dressed in a noble suit of gray, with enormous diamond studs sparkling in his spotless linen front, was observed standing on her deck.

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FUNERAL OF SERGEANT WOODLOCK.

The funeral of Sergeant John Woodlock, an account of whose death by his own hands we published in Sunday's paper, took place on Sunday, the 4th inst., under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of Smithville.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the I. O. of G. T. formed in line in front of their hall, full numbers, where they were joined by the Masons. The procession then proceeded to the residence of the deceased in the Garrison; where it was re-formed as follows: Creedmore Brass Band. Independent Order of Good Templars. Fythingore Lodge, No. 249, F. and A. M. in charge of the body.

The procession then moved to the music of the "Dead March in Saul" to the cemetery, where the body was buried with full Masonic ceremony. The troops then advanced and fired three volleys over the remains of their late comrade, and thus ended the sad and heart-rending scene.

Sergeant Woodlock's relatives in England are all highly respectable people, and our correspondent is informed that his father is an officer to the Crown.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 31st, 1876. Hon. A. M. WADDELL, Dear Sir:—The Conservative-Democratic Convention, held in this city to-day, have nominated you, by vote approaching unanimity, as the candidate of our party in the approaching election for member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States from this District, and the undersigned have been requested to inform you of your nomination.

We take great pleasure in the performance of this duty on personal grounds, and for the additional reason that, in requesting your acceptance of this nomination, we express the universal wish of the Conservative Democrats of the District. With sentiments of high regard, we remain, very truly, your friend, R. K. BRYAN, A. A. McIVER, S. B. TAYLOR, A. M. FAISON.

THE WITNESS MULLIGAN.

The New York Times publishes a dispatch from Boston, in which the following reference is made to Mulligan, the witness against ex-Speaker Blaine: "The dispatches that have reached this city intimating that an effort will be made to impeach Mulligan's testimony in the Blaine investigation are looked upon by even Blaine's warmest friends with very little hope or favor, as Mulligan is known here as a man of facts and figures, clear-headed, cool and consistent. He is a man who cannot be bribed, bullied or broken down. He is known in business circles here as one of the best and most accurate accountants in the city, a methodical and accurate bookkeeper. He was first connected with Mr. Fisher when the latter was in the sugar refining business with Adams. He had before been bookkeeper for Eben Stanwood. When Fisher retired from the sugar refinery partnership Mr. Mulligan continued with him, and probably is even better acquainted with Mr. Fisher's railway transactions than himself, having kept all the records and track of all the papers and documents. He is worth considerable, and has always been a trustworthy man in all his business transactions. The hardest blow that Mr. Blaine has received in the estimation of Boston, is the positive statement of Mulligan."

Mr. Waddell has received your communication announcing my nomination, "by a vote approaching unanimity," as the candidate for Congress of the Democratic party of this District, by the Convention which met at Fayetteville on the 21st ult.

I am deeply sensible of this renewed expression of confidence by my constituents, given under circumstances calculated to enhance its value, and I am correspondingly grateful for it. If any stimulus was necessary to prompt me to greater diligence and watchfulness in the discharge of the duties of my position as their Representative in Congress, it is certainly supplied by this action of the Convention.

For the fourth time, now, this honor has been conferred upon me, in my absence, by an intelligent representative body of my fellow citizens. I accept the trust confided to me, and will endeavor to prove myself worthy of it.

Thanking you for the kind expression of personal regard which accompanies your official notification of the action of the Convention, I am, gentlemen, your friend, A. M. WADDELL, Messrs. R. K. Bryan, A. A. McIVER, S. B. Taylor, A. M. Faison, Committee.

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