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THE DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS.

We publish to-day the address just issued by the Democratic State Executive Committee. It will be read with interest. To most of the sentiments expressed we can yield a hearty endorsement.

We commend specially to the consideration of every voter what is said concerning the necessity of holding primary meetings and the evils of independent candidates.

The Committee "urgently recommend that the utmost fairness and impartiality shall be observed in the primary meetings, and that no practice tending to disaffection or disorganization shall receive the slightest countenance or sanction."

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This state of things could be remedied, as we believe, by adopting a system that is not repugnant to the judgment, tastes and inclinations of probably the very best men in society.

We are careful to make these suggestions because we desire very sincerely the success of the Democratic party; because we desire most especially that none but worthy and capable men shall be chosen for office; because we wish to see "the utmost fairness and impartiality observed" in the primary meetings.

Let men of unblemished record be chosen to represent the people—men of integrity and men of intelligence. We have had enough of corrupt, trading, vicious politicians—men with their price.

abilities are selected for very important offices, they will be an incubus upon the party—a dead weight to be lugged throughout the contest.

It appears almost certain that every Southern Senator owes it to himself to vote for the Judiciary bill. The Government was guilty of very indecorous legislation when it became the backer and lender of many tens of millions of dollars to the Union-Pacific Railroad Company.

Whilst we do not believe these gentlemen are purchasable, and have not, therefore, sold out to the Union Pacific, we must say they are in very doubtful company, and if they are not suspected, it will be because of their high characters for integrity and honor.

If we may credit many reports from Washington—those sent by both Southern and Northern correspondents—there has been some trading going on, in which Senators and Representatives have participated.

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Senator Merrimon has sustained the Judiciary bill in a speech of so much force as to excite unjust and derisive criticism from some of the advocates of the Matthews bill.

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It is thought that the bill will pass the Senate by a handsome majority. The debates on the merits of the two bills have been marked with great ability.

According to the New York Sun Theodore and his wife have already made up. She and Milton are out of town and are said to be mated again.

THE NEWS FROM ABROAD.

The war fever is intensely high in England. The London correspondent of the New York Herald compares the uncontrollable war fever now raging to that which swept over the North after Fort Sumter had been fired upon.

A distinguished English statesman said to a Herald correspondent that the English people naturally blood-thirsty and fond of war. He feared that England was now on the point of being deluged in blood.

The plan is for Russia to seek territorial compensation in Asia; for Turkey to be divided into three slices—Austria, Russia and England each to get a piece. This will probably be the spigot of the whole matter.

William B. Dana, editor of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York, has published a valuable octavo volume bearing the above title.

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We will gather from it a few noteworthy facts concerning North Carolina. In 1869-70, the total acreage was 461,714; bales, 210,900; pounds per acre, 204.

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A REMINISCENCE.

Mr. Alex. H. Stephens says that no better delegation was ever sent to Washington from any State than Georgia now has in Congress. We doubt if North Carolina ever had a better, an abler delegation, all considered, than she now has.

One of the great lawyers of North Carolina—a contemporary and classmate of Gov. Graham—has told us recently of an incident that occurred in the Senate, as it was related to him by Daniel Webster, on the occasion of his visit to Wilmington in 1846.

Horace Greeley disliked Mr. Badger because he refused to be introduced to the editor of the Tribune when he was a member of the House. He wrote a very fierce philippic against our great North Carolinian for his paper, but he said Mr. Badger's compliment that was evidently quite spontaneous.

Wm. A. Martin, Robert S. Radcliffe, J. W. Addison, G. B. Burr, Donald McKee, Bruce Wick, Thomas G. Drew, F. M. Wescott, Francis M. Moore, John M. Bennett, William Douglas, Thomas W. Gilbert, Charles J. Keane, A. G. Mosely, W. H. Sloan, J. C. McMillan, A. D. McGowan, George Middleton.

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County Commissioners.

The Board met to-day in adjourned regular session, presided Mr. Wagner, the Chairman, and Commissioners Sanders, Worth, Atkins and Holmes.

Application of sundry citizens praying the Commissioners to build a small house of worship for the use of the papers at the County-Room House, was ordered laid on the table for the present.

Petition of J. G. Syron, to be allowed to transfer his privilege license to a party to whom he had sold his business, was not granted.

Sherriff Manning reported \$2,024.79 poll-tax collected on last year's list, and of this the amount of \$449.93 was appropriated by the Board to the general school fund of the county.

The Board then took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

The following comprises a list of the convicts, all colored, sentenced during the late term of the Criminal Court to imprisonment in the State penitentiary and the county work house:

Solomon Smith alias Solomon Butler, larceny, two years in the penitentiary. Mark Johnson, larceny, four years in the penitentiary.

John Morrison, larceny, two years in the penitentiary. William Beeton, larceny, five years in the penitentiary.

Samuel Robinson, manslaughter, four years in the penitentiary. Emma L. Sanders, misdemeanor, three months in the work house.

Mary Eliza Lively, assault and battery, thirty days in the work house. Frank M. McClammy, larceny, twelve months in the work house.

Mary Nixon, misdemeanor, three months in the work house. Henry Malone, larceny, twelve months in the work house.

Yesterday's Raleigh News says: "The statement is made that a convention of the commissioned officers of the North Carolina State Guard will be held sometime in May, in Charlotte, for the purpose of discussing measures in which the organization is deeply interested."

Messrs. Aycock & Edgerton and others, writing us from Fremont, on the W. & W. Railroad, says: "We see in your to-day's paper that your people are in possession of a telephone in the city. We wish to call your attention to the mistake you make when you say Wilmington is the first place in the State to have one."

The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Cotton Mills was held this morning at the Bank of New Hanover. Mr. B. G. Worth was called to the chair and Mr. R. E. Calder requested to act as Secretary.

Wm. A. French, Vice President. Directors—Edward K. Kidder, James H. Chabourn, E. W. Kercheval, Norwood Giles, John W. Atkinson.

The Carolina Farmer for April is on our table. This is certainly one of the very best agricultural journals that comes to our notice.

There is a mine in Dakota named in honor of My Shober, daughter of Hon. Francis E. Shober, of North Carolina, who married Miss Mary Wheat, daughter of Rev. Dr. Wheat, formerly of the University of North Carolina.

Miss Volante's Daring Feat—A Report that she was intentionally shot by a Jealous Woman.

Miss Lottie Manly, whose stage name was Miss Volante, was instantly killed in the Pawtucket Opera House, on Friday evening, by Josie Fowler, known among variety performers as Mrs. Jennie Franklin, in an attempt to perform the well-known feat of shooting an apple from the head, the aim being taken by a reflection on a looking glass on the wall.

The contract for the burial of the paper dead was awarded to Duncan Holmes, he being the lowest bidder, at \$1.95 each.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Mr. Van Brown, a worthy citizen of Madison county, was assaulted by a man named Farmer at Leno, S. C., with a long knife, and was so injured it is thought he will die. This occurred on the Asheville Pioneer.

We are under special obligations to the Oxford Free Press, Tarboro South, ern, Wilson Advance, Lenoir Times, Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Democrat, Charlotte Southern, Greensboro Patriot, Greensboro Leader, Greensboro Salem Press, for their recent kind attentions to the Monitor Star. Many thanks, brethren.

Goldboro Correspondent of Raleigh News says that Chief Justice Smith, during an extended visit to various sections of the State, has been in North Carolina, where he has held a session of "Chief Justice's Court," and we have yet to hear a dissenting voice to his nomination for the exalted position from a Democrat.

Monroe Express: The Rocky River Springs, in the 15th city, which was sold on the 11th ult., was bought by Rev. C. C. Foreman, Messrs. David Bennett, H. B. Black and M. L. Barnard, who are all gentlemen of means. They propose erecting a large hotel on the property, which they expect to get ready in time for the reception of guests the coming season.

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