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BILK VERSUS PATRIOTISM.

Senator Angus Cameron, of Wisconsin, has written a very foolish article for the *North American Review*. It has the significant title, "The Irrepressible Conflict Undecided." It is really a paper of ordinary ability, and has not wisdom enough in it to redeem it from contempt. It is spiteful, unfair, and vicious, and is the beginning of the new attempt to get up another bloody shirt campaign that the next House of Representatives may be captured. There are tens of thousands of people throughout the Northern section of our country who dislike the South and misunderstand the South, but they are so much in the minority that a successful campaign conducted on the sanguinary plan will scarcely succeed. Even so decided a Republican paper as the New York *Times* does not have a high appreciation of Mr. Cameron and his article. It says:

"Careful study of Mr. Cameron's article in the *North American Review* leads to the conclusion that the policy he would have the Republican party to pursue next fall, and again in 1880, all comes under two propositions. One is, abuse the South. The other, let every debtor be the judge of what he owes and how he will pay. We submit that the party must look elsewhere for an instructor."

Whilst Angus is thus giving vent to his vast accumulation of bile, a more conciliatory and encouraging event has transpired at Boston, where the generous and elegant hospitality of that famous city has been extended to three Southern Senators and nine Southern Representatives. They were received by Governor Rice, a Republican, at the State House, and then were taken to see some of Boston's historic buildings. They were dined and wined, and during the generous feasting patriotic and friendly speeches were made. Even the New York *Tribune*, a paper fit to be the organ of just such fanatics and haters as Angus Cameron, is moved so deeply in the bowels of its compassion as to say:

"Then there was a dinner given to the visitors at the Hotel Brunswick by the Commercial Club. At this Gen. Hooker, of Mississippi, 'predicted a commercial future for the country of almost inconceivable grandeur;' North and South and East were 'to be united' with 'hooks of steel in the common bonds of fraternal concord and amity.' Once this would have been mere rhetorical gush. It has been heard at intervals for thirty or forty years. In the old abolition days the solid men of Boston used to interchange the same assurances with the leading men of the South. 'The hooks of steel' were alluded to by the Hookers of the day. Then these phrases didn't mean much. Now, doubtless, they mean a great deal. Then the skeleton was always at the banquet. Now, let us hope, it is where all skeletons ought to be!"

It is stated that the Republicans in Washington are preparing a campaign for the Southern States. Sundry prominent Republicans are expected to lift up their voices in behalf of a moribund party in North Carolina during the summer solstice. They hope to galvanize the body at least into a semblance of life. Probably they have not heard from the elections in 1876.

The papers are favoring a return to the old way of electing Judges by the Legislature. But few papers, thus far, favor the present way of making the people the electors. The last Charlotte *Democrat* says:

"We have received a well written communication showing the evil and degraded practice of electing Judges by the popular vote of the people, and in favor of electing by the Legislature, but as no name accompanied it we threw it aside."

In England all dogs are taxed with one class of exceptions. Those exclusively employed in leading blind men are tax free. We hope our Legislators will make a similar exception, but to tax all others.

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THE REBEL CLAIMS.

The Republicans are blowing loud and earnestly over the "rebel claims." They charge that it will require the enormous sum of three hundred million dollars to satisfy the rapacious Southerners. But there is another side to the picture. The Democrats in Congress have been examining into the matter of these claims, and they find that there are this time on file *Northern claims* to the amount of one hundred and sixty million dollars. The New York *Herald*, in commenting upon these Northern claims, says:

"It will be shown at the same time that the greater part of the so-called Southern claims are in the hands of Northern men, having been bought up by them or originated by them, and being 'Southern' only in the sense of location."

Now is not this characteristic? The rascals who have ruined the country are the most vociferous about the "rebel claims." Examination shows first, that the *North* has filed claims amounting to the stupendous sum of $160,000,000; and secondly, that the larger part of the claims that are branded "Southern" are really Northern.

We hope these figures will not be forgotten. We shall hear many times the same old cry of the rebels wanting to plunder the United States Treasury, and it will be well to remind the assailants that the real criminals live in the North. But very few of the claims are actually the offspring of the genuine "rebel." He either has no "claim," or he does not regard it of value enough to be presented or pressed.

"In our issue of the 27th of September we took strong grounds for the Moffett bell-punch law. After giving an account of the instrument and effects, we said, &c."—*Hendersonville Courier*.

In the MORNING STAR of September 20th, 1877, there is a somewhat long editorial on the Virginia bell-punch law, at the close of which distinct reference is made to its being adopted in North Carolina, and the good effects that would follow therefrom. Several months before this, whilst the bill was pending before the Virginia Legislature, we expressed ourselves as much pleased with the features of the bill, and ventured to prophesy the grand results that would follow if the bill passed and the law was faithfully executed. We said that Moffett deserved a monument. It is more than a year since we first favored it as a "new way to pay old debts" and a "neweway to raise the financial wind." It is not a matter of the slightest importance who favored it first. It is a good thing, and when carried out in good faith will be of great service to any people.

We may mention in this connection that the Governor of Louisiana has signed the bill establishing the Moffett bell-punch in that State. Whilst it is in the main like the Virginia law, it yet differs in some particulars. The tax is lower than in Virginia. It is one-quarter of one cent on each five cents worth of liquor retailed. The register is furnished at $8, which sum is deposited by the dealer. When he returns the register he receives his $8, with five per cent. interest. He must notify the inspector if it gets out of order. The register is inspected once every month. The bell must be struck once for every five cents sold, and in the presence of the customer.

The penalty for retailing without a register is a fine not exceeding $500, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, either or both, at the discretion of the Court. A failure to pay the tax found due each month is punished by levy and sale of property of the dealer and forfeiture of the bond which he is required to give on taking out a liquor license. A failure to use the register is punished, for the first offense, by a fine of $100 (one-third of which goes to the informer), and for the second by a forfeiture of the dealer's license for one year. The punishment for injuring or destroying the register, or making it indicate less than it should indicate, is a fine of not more than $100 (one-third of which goes to the informer), and imprisonment not exceeding twelve months, in the discretion of the Court.

It will be more difficult to violate this law than the Virginian law. As the tax is low and made *ad valorem*, it cannot be justly complained of. It is thought that it will produce a large revenue small as the tax is. As we have before said, the value and expediency of the register are well established; the point now is to get the law efficiently operated. Faithfully executed the Louisiana law will raise probably a half million dollars.

Meeting of Magistrates.

The adjourned meeting of Magistrates of New Hanover County was convened in the City Court Room at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The roll being called by the Secretary, the following Justices answered to their names:

Wilmington Township—John S. James, John C. Millis, Sol. Bear, E. D. Hall, C. D. Myers, John Cowan, John M. Henderson, O. G. Parsley, Jr., L. H. Bowden, Henry Schulken, John L. Cantwell, David G. Worth, W. W. Harriss, Henry Nutt, Walker Meares, Anthony Howe, J. C. Hill.

Cape Fear Township—A. J. Grady, H. E. Scott.

Harnett Township—Jno. N. Maffitt, Jno. A. Holt.

Masonboro Township—John J. Beasley, John G. Wagner.

The minutes of the meeting of March 30th were read and approved. The committee appointed at that meeting "to take into consideration and investigate all matters pertaining to the duties of the magistrates of this county in accordance with the recent acts of the Legislature," made a report through their Chairman, Justice J. N. Maffitt, which was received and placed on file.

O. G. Parsley, Jr., Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one Justice from each Ward of the city and Township of the county, be appointed to recommend at the next meeting of this Board suitable persons to act as registrars and judges of elections. Also, in accordance with the law to consider all applications for a change of voting places, and report on same to said meeting.

The Chairman announced the following as the Committee under this resolution:

First Ward—John M. Henderson.
Second Ward—C. D. Myers.
Third Ward—L. H. Bowden.
Fourth Ward—O. G. Parsley, Jr.
Fifth Ward—J. C. Millis.

J. N. Maffitt, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Board of Magistrates of the county of New Hanover, in meeting assembled on the 2nd day of May, 1878, that it is both necessary and expedient that an entirely new registration of the county of New Hanover should be announced to the public on the 30th day of June next.

Two resolutions, one offered by J. N. Maffitt, Esq., as follows:

Resolved, By the Board of Magistrates of the county of New Hanover, in meeting assembled on the 2nd day of May, 1878, that in their judgment it is inexpedient at present to abolish the office of County Treasurer.

The other, by A. J. Grady, Esq., as follows:

In order to curtail the expenses of the county and relieve the tax-payers as much as possible, it is

Resolved, By the Board of Justices of the Peace for New Hanover county, now in session, that the office of County Treasurer in said county be and the same is hereby abolished, to take effect at the expiration of the term of the present incumbent, and that the duties pertaining to said office devolve upon the office of Sheriff of said county.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of this Board make due publication of this resolve.

Were, on motion of L. H. Bowden, Esq., referred to a committee of five, to report at the next meeting, to be appointed by the Chairman. The following were announced as the committee:

D. G. Worth, C. D. Myers, A. J. Grady, O. G. Parsley, Jr. and Sol. Bear.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet again June 15th.

JOHN S. JAMES, Chairman.
JOHN COWAN, Secretary.

Omission.

We are requested by the Secretary to state that, in publishing the proceedings of the meeting of the magistrates on yesterday, the names of A. J. Grady, J. N. Maffitt, Jos. A. Montgomery and J. H. Horne were omitted as being part of a committee, from their respective townships, "to recommend suitable persons to act as registrars and judges of elections; also to consider all applications for a change of voting places."

Pronounced Insane.

Patrick Jordan, formerly of this county, but more latterly of Columbus, who was brought to this city from Whiteville for the second time, on Wednesday last, on a warrant from an acting magistrate of that county, which alleges that he is insane and that he is legally a resident of New Hanover, underwent a thorough examination yesterday morning, before Justices Wagner and Hall and Dr. A. E. Wright, City Physician, at the close of which he was pronounced to be insane and an order was issued directing that he be confined in the insane department of the County Poor House. Some of the answers of Jordan to the questions propounded to him were ingenious, sarcastic and even witty, but in the main they were such as to convince all present that his mind was sadly diseased.

Jordan was subsequently taken to the hospital by Mr. David West, Deputy Superintendent of the Poor House.

Heavy Robbery in Bladen.

By a private letter received by a gentleman of this city, yesterday, we learn that a daring and somewhat extensive robbery was committed at Clarkton, Bladen county, on the C. C. Railway, on Friday morning last. It appears that the thief or thieves first went to the residence of Mr. J. D. Currie, a short distance from the store of Messrs. Clark & Currie, entered through a window, proceeded to the room in which Mr. Currie was sleeping, took two gold watches, about fifty dollars in money, and the store key, which was taken from one of his pockets, and then went to the store and robbed it of goods and money to the amount of three hundred dollars. Mrs. Currie was aroused about 4 o'clock in the morning by some noise, upon which she called her husband, and he went to see what time it was, when he missed the watches and key. He then dressed and proceeded to the store, the door of which he found open and the goods and money referred to gone. There were several tracks leading to and from the door, which creates the impression that there was more than one person concerned in the transaction. No clue had been obtained to the perpetrators of the robbery up to yesterday morning.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Meeting of the New Hanover Democratic County Convention—Speech by Maj. C. M. Stedman, Withdrawing His Name as a Candidate for the Nomination for Congress—Organization of the Convention—Appointment of Delegates—Resolutions, &c.

Pursuant to the call of the County Democratic Executive Committee, the delegates appointed by the various Wards and Townships of the city and county met in County Convention at the Court House in this city yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. C. H. Robinson, as Chairman of the County Executive Committee, called the Convention to order, and, by request, read the call for the same. He was about to read the list of delegates when Col. Roger Moore objected to his deciding who were and who were not the legal representatives in the case of contesting delegations.

Col. Jno. W. Atkinson and Mr. J. I. Macks sustained the chair in brief arguments, and finally the objection was withdrawn.

Col. Roger Moore moved that Maj. C. M. Stedman be requested to address the Convention, prefacing the motion with a few appropriate remarks, whereupon Major Stedman responded as follows:

Gentlemen, and especially my friends, in this Convention:

Before you proceed to the transaction of the business for which you have assembled, I desire in the interests of peace and harmony to say only a few words; for this is neither the time nor the place to speak so fully as my inclinations prompt me.

A large number of friends in the different counties of this district have insisted upon presenting my name for nomination before the Congressional Convention soon to be held. I finally yielded to their request, and I understand that a large majority, if not all, of the delegates from the only county in which a convention thus far has been held, are my friends and supporters.

You all know the character and result of the brief canvass in this county. Colonel Waddell has a slight majority in the county according to the rule for voting as laid down by the Executive Committee, whilst perhaps a majority of the legally elected delegates here present favor my nomination.

I entirely acquit Col. Waddell personally, and most of his friends, of all connection or even sympathy with the resorts by which this majority in the county in his favor has been obtained.

I could scarcely hope to escape calumny and slander in the face of the recent attacks upon our able and upright Chief Justice, Hon. W. N. H. Smith, whose private life has been so pure, and whose professional career so brilliant and stainless, that all thought he, at least, would be free from the assaults of envy and malice.

How a large number of votes were changed in two wards of this city, on the evening the primary meetings were held, by the statements widely circulated that all the employes of a railroad company who were not in favor of my nomination had been discharged; that a large firm in this city had also discharged one of its employes because he was not for me; and many other reports equally slanderous and false, are now well known. Circulated too late in the afternoon to be corrected, they did well their work.

My friends made the fight openly, honestly and fairly, neither aided by newspapers nor banks, as Col. Waddell intimated in his appeal for support; for the only newspaper in the District, or out of it, which manifested any disposition one way or the other, was the Raleigh *Observer*, whose columns teemed with the letters of Col. Waddell's friends, recounting his exploits and his greatness, and by a singular coincidence Col. Waddell thinks the Raleigh *Observer* the greatest daily newspaper ever published in North Carolina. There are only three banks in this city. I am informed that all the officials and employes in two of them were strongly against me. I am grateful under these circumstances for the large and flattering vote which the delegates favoring my nomination have received. Never has a man had more devoted friends. Never have friends of any man stood by him more faithfully, earnestly and truly. I have neither publicly nor privately said one word against the official or private life of any candidate. I should spurn the most exalted position within the gift of the American people, if it must be reached by detraction and abuse of others. And now, in conclusion, (and I did not intend to say so much when I commenced), I shall adopt a course which is opposed by many of my strongest and best friends.

The canvass in this county has brought about a state of feeling, which, if not corrected, can only result in injury to the Democratic party in this immediate locality. The county has declared for Col. Waddell by a small majority, and I think, under the circumstances, it is my duty to say to my friends in this convention that I will not consent that my name be presented before the District Convention, and such is my decision. I hold the success of the Democratic party in this district far above my personal wishes, and my only desire now in this connection is that the ill feeling engendered between brother Democrats may be forgotten, and that together they may march forward to a common victory, giving their sincere and earnest support to the nominee of our party, who ever he may be, and sustaining him with hearty good will to the end of the fight.

This course brings peace within our own ranks and insures a triumphant victory in this Congressional District.

Mr. Robinson proceeded to read the names of delegates and the following were found to be present:

First Ward—O A Wiggins, Jesse Ives, W D Mahn, J M Henderson, S H Morton, J L Dudley, St John Fillyaw.

Second Ward—Roger Moore, Wm L Smith, Dr W E Freeman and G J Boney, Norwood Giles, J C Munds, A T London.

Third Ward—R S Radcliffe, R J Jones, Wm M Hayes, Jas Sprunt, Morris Bear, J W Woolvin, Jno M Robinson.

Fourth Ward—J W Atkinson, Jas Reilly, T H McKoy, W G McRae, C H Robinson, A Adrian, J I Macks.

Fifth Ward—F H Darby, W H Goodman, G W W Davis, J D H Klander, A H Leslie, J J Dicksey, P T Dicksey.

Harnett Township—Jno L Corbett, Tobias Carney, Jno T Flowers, J W Murrell, Jas Smith, D Turnell.

Masonboro Township—J A Farrow, Wm Martin, Bradley George, R E Heide, S F Farrow.

Cape Fear Township—A J Grady, Iredell Johnston, James Cowan, J C St George, David Sanders, Edward Schriever.

The Chairman stated that there were no delegates from Federal Point Township, but that Messrs. Jno. J. Fowler and R. F. Eyden each had proxies authorizing them to represent the township.

Col. Atkinson moved that the Convention should now proceed to elect a permanent Chairman.

Col. Moore contended that the selection of a temporary Chairman was first in order, and offered a substitute to that effect.

Col. Atkinson and Col. Moore spoke in support of their respective motions.

After considerable discussion as to whether the vote of the delegates should be *viva voce* or on the basis of the Democratic vote at the last election, the Chair decided that in accordance with the call of the Executive Committee, the latter method would be the correct one.

The question being on the substitute of Col. Moore, to elect a temporary Chairman, the Wards and Townships voted as follows:

Aye—1st Ward, 234 votes; 2d Ward, 331; 3d Ward, 304; Cape Fear Township, 32; total, 901.

Nay—4th Ward, 284; 5th Ward, 242; Harnett Township, 110; Masonboro Township, 63. Total, 699.

The chair declared the motion carried and the election of a temporary chairman in order.

Col. Wm. L. Smith was nominated, and, there being no opposition, was unanimously elected.

Col. Smith, on taking the chair, thanked the convention for the honor.

Mr. Jas. C. Munds was, on motion, unanimously elected temporary Secretary.

Col. Roger Moore moved that a committee of three be appointed on Credentials. Carried.

The chair appointed Messrs. W G McRae, A T London and Norwood Giles as said committee.

After considerable delay the committee submitted the following report:

Your committee would report that they have examined the credentials of the delegates for the several Wards and Townships and find the same correct, with the exception of Federal Point, and as neither of the gentlemen who hold proxies for that Township are voters of the Township, acting under the ruling established in 1874, your committee would report that in their opinion neither of the gentlemen are entitled to seats as delegates. Your committee would recommend the admission as delegates from the Fifth Ward of the following gentlemen: F H Darby, W H Goodman, G W W Davis, A H Leslie. J D H Klander, J J Dixey, P T Dixey; and would also recommend that the following gentlemen be invited to seats on the floor: J W Branch, Eli W Davis, S Mintz, T B Burnett, Joel Farrow, T W Player, C L Burkhimer.

In view of the many complaints of undue haste in regard to the meeting held in the Fifth Ward, and to prevent a recurrence of the same in future, your committee would recommend that in future all meetings be called to order fifteen minutes after the hour appointed for its assembling.

NORWOOD GILES,
WALTER G. MACRAE,
ALEX. T. LONDON,
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

Col. Wm. L. Smith was elected Permanent Chairman and Mr. J. C. Munds Permanent Secretary, without opposition.

Col. Roger Moore offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the course of Major C. M. Stedman, in withdrawing from the canvass at this particular junction, thereby harmonizing the Democracy of New Hanover county, is deserving of the thanks of this Convention and the Democratic voters at large, and the same are hereby heartily tendered him.

The following resolution was offered by Colonel Moore:

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint sixty delegates to represent New Hanover county in each of the conventions to be held—State, Judicial and Congressional.

Colonel Atkinson offered a substitute, in substance as follows:

That the Chairman should appoint the delegates on the recommendation of the Chairmen of the different Ward and Township committees, thus allowing the minority a representation.

There was considerable discussion over the two propositions, Colonel Moore and Mr. A. T. London speaking in favor of Colonel Moore's motion, and Colonel Atkinson, Major McKoy and Mr. J. I. Macks in favor of the substitute.

The vote being taken on the substitute, the Fourth and Fifth Wards and Harnett and Masonboro Townships, with a total of 699, voted aye, and the First, Second and Third Wards and Cape Fear Township, with a total of 901, voted no.

The Chair declared the substitute lost, and the original question, being put, was carried by the above vote.

The Chair named the following gentlemen under the resolution:

DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Hon George Davis, John M Robinson, G J Boney, R F Eyden, O G Parsley, Jr, Pat Glavin, J W Atkinson, J W Branch, Wilkes Morris, John L Dudley, W D Mahn, M J Heyer, R S Radcliffe, F J Lord, Samuel Bear, Jr, H A Bagg, Jas Sprunt, Aug Deumelandt, J J Ives, C D Myers, Jno C James, Jas Alderman, F W Kerchner, S W Vick, L H Bowden, S H Morton, Owen Fennell, Jr, Roger Moore, John Colville, David S Sanders, John E St George, D G Worth, J W Dunham, J H Strauss, Wm E Hill, O A Wiggins, W P Oldham, Jas Madden, John L Cantwell, A H VanBokkelen, Joseph McLaurin, A T London, F M Wooten, A A Moseley, Capt J N Maffitt, Thos Monk, H G Latimer, A F Newkirk, St John Fillyaw, DeWitt C Love, J W Taylor, Louis Belden, Robert Lilly, W A Cumming, A L DeRosset, O Pearsall, C G Southerland, F C Singletary, R T Bowden, Wm Goodman.

DELEGATES TO THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

DuBrutz Cutlar, T C DeRosset, F D Poisson, Wm B Giles, S D Wallace, J C Stevenson, A Weill, G W Williams, J L Holmes, Eugene S Martin, W E Freeman, J T James, E E Burruss, Jerry Smith, P Heinsberger, J A King, H G Flanner, N B Rankin, M P Taylor, J W Gordon, A Adrian, Geo D Parsley, Geo C Kelley, A J Hill, B F White, J W Hewitt, Jos Price, W J H Bellamy, Dr W J Love, G J Boney, Dr G G Thomas, Dr B F Cobb, Frank Mitchell, Samuel Northrop, James Reilly, Jno J King, H McL Green, J W Conoley, J M Henderson, Geo N Harriss, Isaac Bear, E H Eilers, A Liebman, E G Parmelee, Geo F Alderman, C W Bradley, R B Jewett, W M Hankins, Isaac Northrop, T B Lippitt, H W McLaurin, C W Yates, H VonGlahn, W R Kenan, J W Woolvin, James Cowan, E Schriver, J Johnson, A T London, B W Beery.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

A M Waddell, O G Parsley, A J DeRosset, B G Worth, T B Kingsbury, B R Moore, Wm A Wright, J G Burr, W E Mayo, Don MacRae, W H Barr, J D Bellamy, Jr, Henry Nutt, J E Crow, Wm Calder, Sol Bear, John E Lippitt, D R Murchison, Fred Kidder, D J Devane, R Greenberg, Wm Dent, M Cronly, Junius Davis, C M Stedman, I B Grainger, Morris Bear, W H Yopp, J T Rankin, F Rheinstein, T H Smith, W J Yopp, W H Grotgen, W L Jacobs, J C Munds, E H Rue, C H Robinson, Norwood Giles, W H Green, Alfred Martin, R F Langdon, J J Meares, W R Taliaferro, J H Watters, J H Hill, T C McIlhenny, R R Bridgers, E P Covington, A J Grady, W A Williams, Jr, T H McKoy, L J Thornton, J D Stanley, A D Brown, J H Allen, A D Cazaux, F H Darby, Tobias Carney, Bradley George, Garret Walker.

Col. Roger Moore offered the following, which, after prolonged discussion, was carried by the above defined vote:

Resolved, That the vote of New Hanover county shall be cast as a unit in the State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions to be held, and that a majority of the delegates shall decide for whom the vote shall be cast.

Maj. McKoy moved to adjourn, and, the question being raised, the Chair decided that a vote should be taken by call of the Townships and Wards, and the motion was lost by the usual vote, 901 to 699.

Mr. London moved that fifteen additional names, representing the minority, be placed on the list of delegates to each convention.

Mr. Darby moved to lay the motion on the table, which was carried by the First, Fourth and Fifth Wards and Harnett and Masonboro Townships voting in the affirmative, 933, and the Second and Third Wards and Cape Fear Township voting in the negative, 667.

The Chair called upon the delegations to name the Executive Committeemen elected at the meetings recently held, and the following were announced as the County Executive Committees:

First Ward—J J Ives, W D Mahn.
Second Ward—DuBrutz Cutlar, Wm Calder.
Third Ward—Jas W Collins, Matthew W Heyer.
Fourth Ward—C H Robinson, J W Atkinson.
Fifth Ward—F H Darby, P T Dicksey.
Cape Fear Township—A J Grady.
Harnett Township—Gerrett Walker.
Masonboro Township—John J Farrow.
Federal Point Township—No selection.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

Congressional Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Third Congressional District, held at the Purcell House, yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, Major Charles M. Stedman resigned his position as a member of said Committee, in consideration of the fact that his name had been mentioned in connection with the Congressional nomination, and Col. H. B. Short, of Columbus, was elected Chairman.

Maj. Thos. H. McKoy was elected to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Committee caused by the resignation of Maj. Stedman.

Mr. John N. Bennett, of Brunswick, was elected a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. John D. Taylor.

Clinton, Sampson county, was selected as the place, and May 31st as the time, of holding the District Convention.

It was resolved that the Secretary notify the Chairmen of the Executive Committees of the various counties composing the District of the time and place of holding the District Convention.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Mass Meeting at Burgaw.

A meeting in the interest of a railroad from Burgaw, Pender county, to Jacksonville, Onslow county, was held at the former place on Wednesday last. Dr. S. S. Satchwell presided, and Col. S. B. Taylor and Dr. W. T. Bonett acted as secretaries. Onslow, Duplin, New Hanover, Sampson and Pender counties were represented, and the meeting was large and enthusiastic. Resolutions in regard to the importance of the proposed scheme, not only to Onslow, Pender and other adjacent counties, but to Wilmington, and also approving of the proposed Angola canal, the Duplin canal, and of the proposed national work of an inland water route or ship canal along the coast of North Carolina, were passed, after which stirring addresses in favor of the proposed schemes, &c., were delivered by J. G. Scott, Esq., of Onslow; Rev. J. N. Stallings, of the Wilmington *Democrat*; Mr. John D. Stanford, of Duplin; Mr. F. W. Foster, of Wilmington, and Major C. W. McClammy, of Pender.

The festival in aid of the proposed Academy at Burgaw was also quite a success, about $100 having been realized for that purpose over and above expenses.

Commerce of the Port.

By reference to the books in the Custom House in this city, we learn that the following business was transacted during the month of April: Value of imports, in coin, $1,917 14; tonnage dues, in currency, $1,179 90; receipts from other sources, in currency, $400.

Exports—65,432 bbls rosin, valued at $103,970; 7,151 bbls tar, $10,900; 347,902 gallons spirits turpentine, $97,586; 648,130 feet lumber, $9,951; 139,400 shingles, $828; bacon, flour and butter, $208. Total valuation, $223,443.

Spirits Turpentine

— Salem *Press*: T. R. Purnell, Esq., of Raleigh, has been selected as the biographer of the class of 1869 at Trinity College Commencement, June the 12th and 13th. —— The closing exercises of Salem Female Academy will take place this year, the latter part of June, just one month later than the entertainments of previous years.

— Raleigh *News*: Yesterday afternoon, as Sheriff Taylor, of Surry county, was bringing a prisoner on to the Penitentiary, the convict jumped from the train, though hand-cuffed, when about five miles from the city. He immediately took to the woods. The train was stopped, and the Sheriff rushed in pursuit of his man, but up to last accounts had not effected a recapture.

—*Central Protestant*: As two little sons of Mr. George Adams were playing at stone-throwing on last Sunday morning, one of them—Espie—was struck in the eye with a stone, by which the eye was entirely destroyed. A sad accident. —— The closing exercises of the Tabernacle High School will occur on Tuesday, May 28th. Rev. R. H. Willis has consented to preach a sermon on the occasion.

—Shelby *Aurora*: A wagon loaded with ducks passed through town yesterday morning. —— Nanny Hopper, who was charged with the murder of her infant, was brought to town and lodged in jail on last Saturday. —— Mrs. Sarah Pruet, aged fifteen years, and her sister, Lizzie Mauney, aged twelve years, were lodged in jail last Sunday, charged with an assault upon Martha Lane with intent to kill.

— Mrs. Rufus Preston, of Forsyth, recently committed suicide. The Salem *Press* says she was found lying on the floor, bleeding to death, and the whole room splashed with blood. She had cut her throat with a razor, making two deep wounds and also lacerating her left arm severely. The unfortunate woman was still conscious, and when questioned why she had so brutally murdered herself, replied that it was trouble, but nothing concerning her husband—that if she had not done so, some one else would in a few days.

— Fayetteville *Gazette*: Last Tuesday evening Major D. G. McRae delivered a chaste, well conceived and admirably composed address on the Order of Odd Fellows, in the hall of that society. His tribute to the dead of Cross Creek Lodge was very feeling and beautifully expressed. —— The effect of Capt. Shotwell's first letter was to drive Judge Schenck from the field as a candidate for the position of Chief Justice. We have no hesitation in saying that his second publication ought to result in stopping at once Judge Schenck's candidacy for any position on the Supreme Court bench.

— Winston *Sentinel*: On last Wednesday evening a terrific tornado visited the southwestern portion of Stokes county, destroying a large amount of property, killing one woman, and injuring a number of other persons. The storm in its course was from southwest to northeast, following generally the little Yadkin river, completely demolishing three dwelling houses and a number of barns. The dwelling of Mr. William Moser was completely destroyed, his wife crushed amid the ruins, and Mr. Moser himself severely injured. We learn that in Surry the storm was also very severe, doing considerable damage to property.

— Greensboro *Patriot*: Superior Court is in session in Rockingham county this week. The criminal docket contains two murder cases. —— Fish seem to be plentiful in the ponds and creeks this spring. Many of those caught measure from nine to twelve inches. —— The last letter of "C." in the *North State* was an elaborate obituary of the Republican party in this State, which he pronounces "dead beyond hope of resuscitation or resurrection." —— We saw a young man last Sunday with two heads on his shoulders. One was his own, the other his girl's. —— Capt. Shotwell has published his rejoinder to Mr. Means' last card. While vindicating himself, Capt. Shotwell has laid Judge Schenck out as cold as a wedge—so to speak.

— Superintendent Mills has been to various places in the east recently. We gather a few items from his travels as reported in the Oxford *Orphan's Friend*: Newbern is the head centre of the fish trade. Herrings at $1 50 a thousand! A yearling sturgeon 50 cents, and a very large one at $2 00. Alas, what vast quantities of roe are thrown away. Yes, we enrich our farms with fish eggs and then plant young fish in our rivers. —— But here is Judge Brooks, coming with a vast crowd to Newbern. He is a popular man and draws a full house wherever he goes. He lectures at the Court House and his hearers are very attentive. —— Pine Level, Wilson's Mills, Clayton and Selma are all prosperous and putting up new houses. La Grange is growing; Kinston is crowded with good schools; Goldsboro is spreading over the plain.

— Salisbury *Watchman*: A general complaint is rising from the oppressed people from all parts of the State, in regard to protection for sheep. The dogs are killing them out. It will not be long before sheep raising will be a thing of the past. This is one of the things the weak-kneed men in our last Legislature failed to attend to. ——A nut for Mecklenburg to crack—a woman in this county has had eight children at three births. The last three being born a few weeks since. —— Mr. Robert Knox, who lives near Rowan Mills, had twenty-five sheep killed by dogs last week. The people should have some protection against this great evil. —— We are glad to be able to correct the report published in last week's issue that Van Burkhead had killed a negro. —— Mr. W. J. Smith, of Salem, Va., has had a call from the Lutheran congregation of this place. He preached his trial sermon last Sunday, and we learn the congregation were well pleased with him.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Colonel Keogh's Republican committee met, kissed, cried and parted. Too much Hayes. —— Chief Justice Smith has plucked the flower safety from the nettle danger. —— $5 reward for the man in Nash county who is not a candidate and does not want to be. —— Rev. D. C. Rankin, of Guilford county, will hereafter fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Tarboro, Rocky Mount, and perhaps Roseneath, in Halifax county. —— It is estimated that fencing crops cost the State $10,000,000. The hogs and cattle foot up $9,000,000. $10,000,000 worth of fence to shut out $2,000,000 worth of stock! Whew! Who opposes it? —— Washington correspondent: During this session of Congress Major Yeates has secured appropriations for Currituck sound, North river bar, Scuppernong river and Roanoke river, and helped to get that for Neuse river, besides several light houses, in all about $80,000—not including the additional $400,000 for the Dismal Swamp Canal, from the Committee on Railways and Canals. —— Plymouth correspondent: The "catch" of fish this season has never been equalled by any since the war. The Roanoke fisheries are catching now from forty to fifty thousand herrings at each haul, and the Sound fisheries *only* four hundred thousand at each haul. Herrings are selling for less than two dollars per thousand. A good many are rotting on account of not having the salt to preserve them. —— Hyde county correspondent: St. George's Church was consecrated last Sunday by Bishop Lyman, Revs. Messrs. Eborn, Hilton and N. E. Price officiating in the ceremonies. The services of Communion, Baptism and Confirmation were solemn and impressive, and were attended by an overwhelming audience. —— Capt. Southgate has been here with the contractor of the Middleton Canal and Dock Company. It is thought that the work will be resumed again soon.