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tions. So it is not that a man is a military man that he must be rejected. It is the character of the man that must be considered.

When Daniel Webster, one of the greatest intellects of modern times, was aspiring to the Presidency in 1852, a majority of the old Whig party, that contained so much virtue and intelligence, preferred to have a distinguished soldier who had exhibited the qualities of a statesman—General Winfield Scott. They did not doubt his capabilities or his honesty. The country will confirm in November the wisdom of the choice made at Cincinnati by electing to the Presidency another eminent soldier who also and on a broader field and under more trying circumstances has proved himself a statesman—GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK.

Yesterday we gave what District Attorney Lusk, a stalwart hopeful, had to say of the political outlook in North Carolina. We have now to report what another North Carolinian on his travels, but who is a Democratic doubting Thomas, has to say, and who rather expects that Judge Buxton will win the sweepstakes. In the Philadelphia Press, Stalwart organ, there is a special from New York giving what "Hon." and "Col." Thomas D. Carter, "a hard working member" of the Democratic party in North Carolina, has to say about the prospects. He is represented as saying that his party is "not over-confident of success this fall."

The grounds upon which "Hon." and "Col." Carter bases his apprehensions or speculations are given as follows: "The party is divided on local questions. The nomination for Governor of the present incumbent of the Executive chair, Tom Jarvis, has not been wholly satisfactory to the Democratic party. The Republicans have placed in the field for Governor the strongest and most popular as well as the purest man to be found in the party—Judge Ralph Buxton. The Judge will canvass the State and expects to be elected. He is sure of hundreds of Democratic votes. He has always run far ahead of his ticket when a candidate for office. Col. Carter says the Democracy may carry the State for Hancock, but they will have to make a hard fight to elect their State ticket."

Now, our readers well know that the STAR did not agree with Gov. Jarvis in some things he did. They know that the STAR condemned the course pursued with regard to the Western North Carolina Railroad. Some persons even accused the STAR of abusing the Governor, but this was groundless. The STAR never abused; but merely condemned. We refer to this now to bear our own testimony as to the Democratic prospects. The STAR will not countenance for a second any plan or purpose to bring the Railroad question into the campaign. It is not an issue before the people. Both parties are involved alike, and any efforts to make it a party issue should be re-versed. The State is concerned with other issues—issues that concern the people at large—that concern our home and General Governments. Gov. Jarvis may lose some votes in some counties because of his course, but he will gain more in other coun-

ties. We suppose there is no doubt of this. In other words, we do not suppose he will lose really in the end. What then is to hinder his election? His administration has not been assailed for either extravagance or dishonesty. The people have benefited in many ways. A man saving to the people has followed the rule of the Democratic party. Why turn them off then? Is not Buxton a Radical? Did he not join that party for office, and did he not get it? Will he not be the tool and servant of the Radical party if elected? If he is so pure and good, why is he in such company? Where was Buxton in 1868-69-70? Did he not vote for the Radical candidates then? Did he not approve of all their extravagance, peculations, rascalities? When did he condemn them? When did he set his face against their course? He is with them now. Have they improved? Where is the evidence of reform? If elected, what guarantee has the people that the old rule will not be resorted to and the old carnival of corruption and rascality will be held again at the capital?

Mr. Carter is mistaken in his apprehensions, we must believe. The people are not fools. They remember the past. They know the tens of millions of dollars that were wrested from them and the mountains of debt that were piled upon them. The STAR gives it as its conviction that the Democratic State ticket will be elected by a good majority, but that it will require hard work and plenty of it. The work will be "doubt." Mr. Carter may rest assured of that. North Carolina will be all right in 1880. The State ticket and the National ticket will be elected by a majority ranging from 8,000 to 15,000. Hancock will, of course, aid the State ticket. We have no fears now, and we write with perfect candor. North Carolina will go Democratic next November, and North Carolinians when from home will create false hopes among Radicals by talking after the Lusk-Carter style.

POLITICAL AGNOSTICISM. When a religious paper, nineteen-twentieths of whose readers are Democrats, becomes so goody-goody that it can see no difference in parties and none whatever in candidates, what is to become of it? Is it a fact that Nero was as good an Emperor as Pius Antoninus, or that Mary was as just and humane a Queen as Victoria? We merely inquire. That appears to be the drift just now. It is all nonsense to inform yourselves about the important questions of Government. Government will do very well without your inquiries or aid. It is all nonsense to prefer a man of stainless escutcheon to a man of bad reputation or questionable morals. Does not God rule? Has he not always controlled the destinies of nations? What can you do about it? Fret not your soul. Sleep on, all will come out right. It was so before you were born; it will be so after you are dead. So let the Government machine run in its old grooves. All is well. The charges of corruption, of bad faith, of violations of both the spirit and letter of the Constitution, of peculations and malfeasance in office, are nothing but partisan falsehoods, started merely to deceive the unwary and ignorant. Do not believe a word of what you read in Democratic papers concerning Garfield or Arthur. They are sound and pure and of good report, despite the Congressional Reports and the official letters of Hayes and Sherman. Believe nothing. Go it blind. Be a genuine political Agnostic. You can do nothing to improve the condition of the country. The country is safe, in an excellent condition, cannot be improved. Disturb not your little soul. Garfield is lovely and Arthur is beautiful beyond compare. Elect them; they will do as well as Hancock and English would do. There can be no difference, for "Gratus is an honorable man." Grant was as pure, as elevated, as noble, as honorable in office as Washington. Why not? Grant served as long as the Father of his Country did, and is not the country safe and prosperous? What more can you ask? All is serene. There is nothing to fear. God reigns and will overrule all things, for the good of as righteous, law-abiding, pure and just a people as the American people are known to be the world over; you are an atom; you are a midge, so to speak; a speck;

worm! So be quiet. Do not read the political papers, for they will excite and corrupt your pious mind. Make it the solemn duty of your life to be blind and deaf to all questions that concern your civil rights and liberties, and the true welfare of your country. You can do nothing. The country can get along splendidly without you. So dry up!

This really seems to be the teaching of certain philosophers and theologians who are seeking to instruct the one hundred and forty thousand Democrats as to their duty towards God and themselves.

The new from New York is more encouraging. The Democracy seem to be united and Tammany in a good humor. The address of the latter encourages us to hope for the best, inasmuch as it says all embarrassing local and State distractions are removed by the nomination of General Hancock. If New York is all right and the Virginians can unite upon one Hancock ticket, we can see no cause whatever for any doubts of final success.

The markers in the Wimbledon rids practice are rascal. They give wrong scores and are bribed. This has been shown. We suspect that either some of the Louisiana or Florida Returning Boards of 1876, or possibly some of the 8, are in disguise and are "counting out" for a consideration. If not this, then they must have some apt pupils on the other side of the water.

The reason why the American schooners were fired into by Spanish war vessels is that they were violating the law of nations and the rights of the Spanish Government. Admiral Wyman throws a wet blanket upon all prospects of a little breeze with Spain by his report to our Government. The American vessels were too near the shore and were warned to get off.

It is given as a fact that Dr. Tanner is shorter by an inch or two than when he began his long fast. We saw his picture, taken before he entered upon his task, and one taken some fifteen days after. His mother would not know her son. Fasting did not improve his good looks or "personal pulchritude."

There is a new velocipede for children that is said to be a great improvement. It is a hobby horse on three wheels, and it is propelled by the hands and may be steered by either feet or hands. The Scientific American illustrates it and endorses it. It is called "Vick's Cyclopedia." Now little ones thank us.

Poor Memphis has decreased in population. In 1870 it had 40,228. In 1880 it has 33,200. Yellow fever did the sad work. It is the only city in the United States that shows a decrease. In this remark we have no reference to water-tank stations or small villages that refer to themselves as "cities."

Signed with Versigo. Capt. J. J. Ellis, of Fayetteville, well known in this city, was sitting in front of Mr. W. P. Oldham's grain store, on Water street, at a late hour yesterday afternoon, in conversation with some gentlemen, when he was suddenly seized with a severe attack of versigo, and had to be taken to his boarding-house. A physician was summoned and it was hoped he would soon recover.

The Rainfall. The amount of rainfall in this city for the eight days commencing at 12 o'clock on Saturday, the 17th inst., and ending yesterday at the same hour, footed up 6.78 inches. During Friday night the amount was about three inches, or only a little less than one-half the amount for the entire preceding week, during which it rained every day.

Bishop Atkinson. A postal card received from Baltimore on Friday, by members of the family in this city, stated that Bishop Atkinson was better, and had been able to take nourishment. Another received yesterday intimated that there had been no marked change in his condition since the previous day's report.

Getting ready for the 24th of August. A glorious time, expected. Sentimental speeches, etc. Everything is promising for one of the grandest ratification meetings here on the 24th of August that ever roused the patriotic impulses and stirred the political enthusiasm of the good people of North Carolina. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the General Committee having the matter in hand, which was held in the Mayor's office, yesterday afternoon, various reports were made, and it was found that the Committee on Subscription had performed their duty very creditably, but were still short to some extent of the amount necessary to meet all the expenditures required, and will therefore continue their efforts. It is hoped that our merchants and business men generally, who should feel a deep interest in the successful carrying out of the plans projected, may see the necessity, to say nothing of the policy, of contributing liberally when called upon.

It is designed by the Committee to make the meeting one which shall attract the attention and enlist the sympathies and earnest cooperation of not only the people of this District, but of the entire State, and this effort will be made to secure the attendance of Democratic fellow-citizens from every portion of North Carolina. In furtherance of this design arrangements will be made with all the railroad and steamboat lines to secure special rates which shall be in every way satisfactory.

Judge Fowle and P. H. Busbee, Esq., one of the Democratic electors for the State at large, have already accepted invitations to the present, which other invitations are out, which embrace eminent speakers in different sections of the country, including Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, Senators Bayard, Turman and Ransom, Hon. S. J. Gladson, Hon. J. M. Leach (another of the Democratic electors), Gov. Jarvis, J. W. Shackelford, Esq., our candidate for Congress from this District, Hon. Thomas S. Kenan and others, to say nothing of our home orators.

It is designed to make the torchlight procession an important feature of the affair, and a grand pyrotechnic performance will add its attractions to the general display. We are going to have a rousing good time, and want you all to make up your minds to be on hand on Tuesday, the 24th of August, and help us to give our noble standard-bearers, State and National a good send off.

Fish Culture and Propagation—Suggestions to our Fishermen, &c. We note that Dr. H. H. Cary, Superintendent of the Fish Commission of Georgia, expects to be able during the coming fall to make a large distribution of the "German Carp" in that State. In order to reply to the many inquiries that have been proffered to him by those who propose to stock, he puts forth the following queries, to which answers are to be given: "Approximate extent and depth of water, characteristics of the bottom, whether mud, sand or gravel." Prof. Baird, the U. S. Commissioner, says: "Carp will excel all other fresh water fish for purposes of propagation in ponds and other sluggish waters. Their qualities are hardness in all stages of growth, rapid growth, good table quality, hardiness as to other fish, ability to populate streams to great extent, and the fact that it lives largely on vegetable diet." Experiments have been made in some parts of Georgia which have proven successful so far under favorable conditions that it is felt that the weight from fifteen to twenty pounds.

Could not the experiment of the culture of this fish be made in this city? We have several mill ponds and sluggish streams, and it does seem that with proper care and some patience the time would come when it would bring its reward; or has Nature been so lavish of her gifts in this line that we will still sit with folded hands and continue to draw from her abundant waters, and not assist in replenishing them? When will our people wake up and commence in earnest the propagation of fish and oysters, in which there is such a wide and almost limitless field for the most diligent effort by exercising the proper industry and perseverance they could in a few years produce an abundance of the best of fish, not only for home consumption, but for shipment to other less fortunate neighbors, and then, by exercising the proper industry and perseverance they could in a few years produce an abundance of the best of fish, not only for home consumption, but for shipment to other less fortunate neighbors, and then, by exercising the proper industry and perseverance they could in a few years produce an abundance of the best of fish, not only for home consumption, but for shipment to other less fortunate neighbors.

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Murder in Columbus County. In the early part of the present week a difficulty occurred in Tatum's Township, Columbus county, between two colored men named Lovett and Og. Williams, during which the former cut the throat of the latter with a knife. Williams lingered until Thursday, when he died from the effects of the wound. Lovett was subsequently arrested and is now in Whiteville jail. The cause of the trouble is unknown.

An Embracing Newspaper Agency. He was a stranger here a few weeks ago, who gave his name as S. C. Carr, and said he belonged in Raleigh, who was getting up subscribers for a family paper, purporting to be published in Augusta, Maine, called the Illustrated Weekly Herald. He was armed with a supply of sample copies of the paper and a brilliant array of specimen chromos, which were to be given away with the paper, for which he offered the moderate figure of \$1 for five months. The agent got up a pretty good cargo of subscriptions, and the money for the same, when he suddenly ran off the track and hasn't been seen since that date. The subscribers waited patiently for their paper, but it failed to put in its appearance. Finally Mr. A. G. Hawkins, who had paid his dollar and held his receipt, which was dated the 31st of May, he has been assured that he would receive the first number in eight days at the farthest, wrote to the reputed proprietor, "True & Co.," and in due course of mail received the following reply, accompanied by his own letter:

"We have received no orders from S. C. Carr, or sent him any receipts, and none are going out on our printed blanks and signed by us. We should like much to see the receipts given you. Mr. Carr may be working for some of our agents. We do not wish to injure him if innocent."

The receipts have every appearance of being genuine, being printed and stamped. Carr said he had been working for True & Co. two years, and had recently worked at Raleigh. He is a sickly looking, middle-aged man. Either the proprietors are frauds or their so-called agent is one, and we hope this notice may prevent people elsewhere from being swindled.

Farmers' Dinner and Festival. We are requested to state that the Farmers' Dinner and Festival of the Sampson County Agricultural Society will be held at Clinton August 6th, 1880. The following gentlemen constitute the Committee of Arrangements: A. B. Chesnut, L. A. Powell, J. R. Beaman, W. A. Johnson, Wm. Bar-den, Abram Hobbs, Jerry Pearsall, James H. Stevens.

Col. John Ashford, Chief Marshal, and his First Assistant, Capt. W. L. Faison, will be present and look to the preservation of order. Our thanks are tendered to the President, Mr. W. K. Pigford, for an invitation to attend.

Reported for the Star. WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE. In Session at Zion Church, Brunswick County—First Two Days' Proceedings. Zion Church, Brunswick County, July 22, 1880. This body convened to-day at Zion Church, Brunswick county, some ten miles southwest of Wilmington, Rev. L. S. Parkhead, D. D., in the chair.

The hour appointed for the opening of the Conference was 10 o'clock, but owing to the rain, which poured in torrents, preachers and delegates were late arriving, so that the services were not opened until 12 o'clock. The services were conducted by the President.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Bishop the Conference hours were fixed at 9 to 11 in the morning, and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Preaching at 11 o'clock daily, and at 8 o'clock each night.

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Spirits Turbentine. The Landmark of Statesville, has completed its sixth volume. It was never so good as under its present management.

Charlotte Observer: Payson, a twelve-year old son of Mr. P. A. Payson, living on E. between Ninth and Tenth streets, was seriously injured last Tuesday near the Richmond & Danville depot last Tuesday.

Warrenton Gazette: The storm of the 15th was the most severe that has been for a number of years—it washed up cotton and corn and washed away fences. A chimney fell at Warrenton, injuring two boys, breaking the thigh of one.

Tarboro Southern: Plam Bachelor forecloses the New is a bull dog is a deadly weapon. That depends on the distance of the dog, the distance and height of the fence and whether a fellow's trousers are abraded with the claws of a Bull Terrier, proceeding from the mouth of Jones in the dog's bag.

Charlotte Democrat: A young white man in Mallard Creek township, this county, named O. J. Jones, a German, accidentally shot and killed himself with his own gun while hunting a rabbit. The same old story of pulling up the gun by the muzzle. J. B. Hussey, Jr., an experienced politician and prolific writer, is now engaged in the editorial staff of the Charlotte Observer. Chambers, Hassey and Jones make a strong team with the pen.

Charlotte Observer: We have received the following notice from Maj. J. S. Wilson, now in New York on business connected with the management of the road: "From unforeseen circumstances Mr. Best has been delayed in meeting his obligations in connection with the Western North Carolina Railroad. It is a necessity in saying that his contract will be carried out and payments made in a few days." This assurance from Maj. Wilson ought to put the matter at rest.

Mr. W. L. Gilbert writes the Statesville Landmark: "The owner of the crop of wheat on the field worked and sowed 18 acres, all of which he cut himself with a reaper. He made on the 18 acres 501 bushels of wheat, being 27 1/2 bushels to the acre. Mr. Lowrance made on one acre 1,187 bushels of wheat. He threshed a crop where there were 92 acres sown, and it made 269 bushels. This shows which pays the best—to work a little land and work it well and improve it, or work all you can and improve none."

The "Long range case" at Raleigh was decided yesterday. The verdict developed that in November, 1849, the plaintiff, S. G. Hayes, was keeping hotel in Henderson, N. C., and the defendant, R. S. Findley, who has since become a resident of Raleigh (a merchant), stopped at the house. The next day, Findley's horse being lame, he hired a horse from the plaintiff and left. Three months later Findley wrote to Hayes to sell (Findley's) horse, the proceeds to be applied to pay said horse. Findley had done. Findley wrote nothing about Hayes' horse, never returned or accounted for him, and Hayes, after repeated efforts, was never able to get any response from Findley on that head. About a year ago, however, for the first time since 1849, Hayes and Findley met in the Yarrowhouse. Hayes recovered the value of the horse with interest from November, 1849.

Oxford Torchlight: We have in our possession a sweet potato that is twenty years old. It is of the Oxley variety and was raised on Mrs. Martha Taylor's farm near Oxford. It was dug on the 24th of October, 1854, and then weighed ten and three-quarter pounds. It now weighs but one and a half pounds. Taylor kept this potato on the mantelpiece, in her sitting room for five or six years, during which time the vines grew and ran over the clock up to the ceiling. This same potato was shown at the Dixon Agricultural Fair in 1855, and is now on its way to the Agricultural Museum at Raleigh.

Raleigh Observer: Mark Williams, one of the oldest residents of the city, died yesterday, aged 84 years. He was born in Franklin County, Va., and we learn from Capt. Geo. Watt that Mr. F. M. H. Sherrod, a young man of Norfolk, died in Goldsboro on Tuesday, and was buried yesterday. Mr. M. H. Sherrod was connected with the State Institute as superintendent of domestic duties for many years, died in Richmond, Virginia, on Sunday. She died of dropsy. There are in the State 250,541 acres of land liable to tax, valued at \$38,024,885. The value of town lots in the State is \$18,704,339. The total value of all the landed property is \$101,799,433.