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dangers, hidden or open. It is too late after the election is over to avoid mistakes.

As to the Legislature this may be said; it is important that the Democrats should nominate in all the counties their best men. Let men of high moral, of decided intelligence, of good education, of practical sense be selected whenever possible.

The Star has at heart the welfare of North Carolina. It desires to see it prosper and flourish. It would be glad to know that its Legislature equals the best. It will rejoice in its heart of hearts if all is well in November, and the Democratic ticket all through is elected.

In the Congressional election it is surely very important that our ablest men be presented. North Carolina does not stand high in Washington. We may flatter ourselves that it is otherwise. But it is a fact that North Carolina is not a high rank.

With the last ten years more bills of a dangerous character have been introduced into Congress perhaps than during the preceding fifty years. Bills of all kinds the tendency of which is to strip the States of power and build up a grand Centralized Government with all power.

There is a number of bills before the Congress looking to the regulation of the press of the country. These bills undertake to dictate what shall not appear in the public prints.

of Congress, and get him to give them a course of reading in the history of the great contest in England between a free press and its enemies.

The friends of freedom are silent while their rights are being stealthily invaded and destroyed. Paternalism is on top. It lays its great hand upon the States and all their interests. It may be desirable not to have lotteries. It may be desirable to have newspapers exclude all patent medicines and raffish games and walking matches and lottery drawings and gift enterprises from their columns.

The Washington Post discusses vigorously and tellingly this monstrous attempt to gag the press of the country. What it says is timely and unanswerable. If under the specious plea of curing a real or an imaginary evil the right to publish is either infringed or removed at all together—a dagger is driven deep into the very heart of liberty itself.

Among the pleasant features of the occasion was the presentation of a basket of beautiful flowers and a bunch of violets to Mrs. Cleveland, by little Julia Norton Parsley, daughter of Mr. Walter Parsley and grand-daughter of Mr. D. MacRae.

At about 10 o'clock the President and Mrs. Cleveland left for the Atlantic Coast Line. The train was crowded to its utmost capacity of ninety, the 11.30 a. m. train had on 150 for the same destination, and a special excursion train followed from New York with 100 more.

The matter of the selection of the place of meeting of the Convention came up and excited warm and prolonged debate. Large delegations were present from the charming summer resort near Wilmington, which has a wealth of fine old country seats where hospitality reigns supreme.

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Spirts Turpentine. Concord Times: The report comes from Charlotte, pretty well substantiated, that Col. Chas. M. Jones will soon reconstruct the Charlotte Observer.

Charlotte Democrat: Mr. T. W. Mann of the Mint Hill neighborhood, this county, informs us that he worked one male and made ten bales cotton. \$25 bales, 24 gals. syrup, and some wheat, oats and potatoes.

Graham Gleason: There are twelve and one candidate for the legislature in Alamogordo that we have heard mentioned thus far, and not full returns from all the precincts are not yet in. Mr. James P. Pomroy, President of Big Falls Cotton Mills, returned to Graham.

Warrenton Gazette: We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. James Montgomery on Tuesday last, at her husband's residence on the turnpike, of pneumonia after a short illness.

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NATIONAL DEMOCRACY. The Committee's Reasons for Selecting to hold in the City of Washington, D. C., the National Democratic Convention, etc.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The National Democratic Convention will convene this morning at 10 o'clock. At the opening of the session, Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, moved that the current business of balloting for the selection of the place which the next Democratic National Convention shall be held, be suspended, so that a motion might be made to reconsider the vote by which July 3d was decided upon as the date for holding the Convention.

After other remarks a vote was taken upon the motion, which was carried by a majority of 23 for and 24 against. The result was declared lost. Balloting was resumed for a place for holding the Convention. The result was: Chicago, 15; St. Louis, 19; Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 19; New York, 1; Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 19; New York, 1.

At this point a recess was taken for fifteen minutes, after which Senator Gorman arose and said, in an appeal to those who, like himself, had voted for San Francisco, that he was of the opinion, as a delegate to the Democratic party, political sentiment, and as a citizen, that the Democratic party should be strengthened.

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INTER-STATE COMMERCE. Decision Concerning Discriminations by Railroads in Favor of the Standard Oil Co.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day promulgated an elaborate opinion in the case of George Rice, of Marietta, Ohio, against the Louisville & Nashville and several other railroads, charging among other things discrimination in favor of the Standard Oil Co.

The complaint was held to be well founded, and the Commission ordered the Louisville & Nashville R. R. to order that defendants cease their unjust discrimination; that they cease to make tank rates which differ in capacity, and that they conform their charges on tank-car and barrel shipments to the rates prescribed in the decision.

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