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THE MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

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SETTLING ITSELF.

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MOVING FOR A TOBACCO MARKET.

ROCKY MOUNT, September 3. Editor Star.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens Monday night considered and discussed the tobacco interest of this place. Resolutions were adopted in which all the merchants and business men pledged themselves to use their influence and co-operate with the warehouse men...

AN INSULT TO THEIR INTELLIGENCE.

The Monroe Register, an organ of the Farmers' Alliance of Union county, does not think that the editor of the Progressive Farmer is doing the Alliance any good in reopening the war on Senator Vance, as is evidenced by the following extract, which we clip from the last issue:

STATE CONVENTION.

Call for a Meeting of Democratic Clubs at Raleigh, Sept. 24th. Raleigh, September 6.—President Julian S. Carr to-day called a State Convention of the Democratic Clubs, to meet in Raleigh September 24th. President Cleveland, Senators Ransom, Vance and other distinguished Democrats are expected. All of the Clubs are requested to send State delegates.

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THE WEEKLY STAR.

STATE TOPICS.

The Progressive Farmer seems to have turned its batteries on Senator Vance again, renewing the charge for the same reason that the first assault was made some weeks ago, because the Senator refuses to support the sub-treasury bill, which it alleges he had led his friends to the belief he would support, and for the further reason that he is not in favor of abolishing the national banks, the abolition of which is one of the planks in the platform of the Democratic party adopted at the recent convention in Raleigh. Senator Vance wrote last May in reply to some questions by Secretary Biddingfield, of the Alliance, that he was not in favor of the abolition of the national banks, but he went a long way in the direction of abolishing them in his bill to repeal the ten per cent. tax on other banks, if that bill should pass. Since the first assault on the Senator, the State Convention has met, a Convention in which the Alliance was fully represented, and that Convention without a dissenting voice, endorsed Senator Vance and favored his re-election. What is to be gained now by this renewal of the fight by the Progressive Farmer, is not apparent. If its purpose is to defeat the Senator, it should have the candor to say so, if not, it shows poor judgment in stirring up discord and throwing bricks just for the purpose of throwing them. The Progressive Farmer could do the cause it advocates more good by showing better judgment.

THE GRADING COMPLETED.

On the Yadkin Valley to the Virginia Lino-Oil, Steel and Iron Projects. A special to the Richmond Dispatch, from Greensboro, says: "The work of grading the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad to the Virginia line to the point where it is connected with the Cripple Creek or North Carolina extension of the Norfolk and Western was completed to-day. (Wednesday), and the large force of convicts employed on the work passed through on their way back to the penitentiary. As soon as the work on the Norfolk & Western is finished the track will be laid and Greensboro will be directly connected with the Poconahontas fields."

REPUBLICAN POLITICS.

Disappointed With Ring Rule.—A Formidable Independent Movement. The independent Republicans are becoming restive. They say they are tired of "ring rule" and will under no circumstances support the so-called "regular" ticket now in the field. A meeting of colored Republicans has already been held, and which it is estimated will take about 7,000 balls. The scene was an animated one. The large force of employees—some two hundred or more—all moving with a rush, and yet everything is so systematically arranged that there was not the least confusion or delay.

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BLADEN COUNTY.

Democratic Convention at Elizabethtown.—Nomination, Etc. A special dispatch to the STAR from Elizabethtown, Bladen county, says that the Democratic Senatorial Convention for the Thirteenth district met at that place yesterday. C. C. Lyon was chairman and R. S. White secretary. R. P. Allen, merchant and farmer, was nominated for State Senator by acclamation. The county convention was also held yesterday, and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever assembled. C. N. Kelly was chairman and A. M. McNeill and K. B. Council were secretaries. The nominees are: Clerk of Court—G. F. Melvin. Sheriff—W. S. Clark. Register of Deeds—W. J. McKay. Treasurer—J. M. Benson. Surveyor—A. A. Troy. Coroner—J. A. Register. Dr. M. McI. Tatum, an Alliance man, was nominated for the Legislature. Senator Vance was enthusiastically endorsed and instructed for. Perfect harmony prevailed.

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RAILROAD NOTES.

Atlantic Coast Line—Georgia, Carolina and Northern—Cape Fear and Cincinnati—Railroads in Which Wilmington is Interested. The railroad notes given below concerning the extension of the Atlantic Coast Line southward from Fayetteville are taken from the last issue of the Observer. Twenty car loads of seventy pound steel rails have arrived here for the southern extension of the Atlantic Coast Line South, between this city and Rowland, with others soon to follow. As soon as the track is all laid between these points, it is the purpose of the company to either double track or substitute 70 lb rails for the remainder of the entire line between Charleston and Richmond. Thus Fayetteville becomes the intermediate point between New York and Jacksonville.

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MISSISSIPPI.

The Constitutional Convention in Session at Jackson. JACKSON, MISS., Sept. 4.—The Constitutional Convention met at 9.30 a. m. Judge Wiley P. Harris, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted a report from that committee in response to an inquiry of the Convention as to its constitutional right to enact a constitution without submitting the same to the people for ratification. The committee say the Convention has a right, and the theory that a vote of the people is necessary to its validity has no support in any principle of constitutional law, and is merely a political theory of a doctrine which has in some States acquired authority from usage. The doctrine has never prevailed in Mississippi, and has no sanction there from usage. The report was filed without action, and the Convention resumed consideration of the penitentiary question. Debate is still in progress.

THE ARKANSAS ELECTION.

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 4.—Returns from 556 out of the 1,070 townships in the State give Eagle (Democrat) for Governor a gain of 9,820 over his majority in the same places two years ago. This includes losses in Greene, Faulkner, DeShea, Benton, Lincoln, Craighead, Jefferson, Pointsette and Crittenden counties, and includes partial returns from forty counties. If the same ratio holds up Eagle's majority will approximate 34,000. Conservative estimates give 28,000 as the minimum.

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SPIRITS TURBULENCE.

—Charlotte News: Mrs. Chas. G. Pettus died at her home on South B. Street, at 12:30 o'clock last night, after an illness of a couple of weeks. —Greensboro Patriot: Deputy Sheriff Peyton Bilbro, who suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, is reported as being still in a very critical condition, and fears are entertained that he will not recover. —Concord Times: Mr. Rufus W. Kriminger was in to see us yesterday. He brought with him some fine hen eggs, some of which were nearly as large as goose eggs. He has a pair of young, young of the year, which he has had some time at 12 1/2 cents a pair. —Asheville Journal: An insane man was arrested on the street this morning. Attention to his condition was called by his ravings on religious matters. His name is John C. Collier, of Reems Creek, and his insanity is attributed to grief over the recent death of a daughter. —Kinston Free Press: Mrs. R. E. Davis sent us a very fine lemon and two bananas grown by her in Lenoir county. The lemons weigh 1 1/2 ounces, and Mrs. Davis has 100 like it on the tree from which it was taken. The bananas were fully matured but the plant is yet to be grown further South. The flavor was delicious. —Raleigh Visitor: We regret to learn that the son of Mr. Peter Pool, who lives near Auburn, Wake county, had his hand and arm severely torn to pieces, on yesterday evening, in the cotton gin of Messrs. Watts & Co., at Auburn. It is reported that his wounds are so severe that there are doubts as to his recovery. —Rockingham Rocket: The wife of John B. Smith, Esq., died of typhoid fever near the Elber Springs on Monday night last. She had been in operation but not in full blast yet. The machinery all works smoothly and does the work satisfactorily except the machine that cuts the water-gate valves, which defect will soon be remedied. —Durham Recorder: Mr. W. J. Kirkland writes to us from Blackwood town, Orange county, as follows: "While working in a coal mine in operation, three miles south of University Station, I found some very strong specimens of gold. Some of the rock that were blasted are nearly covered with metal on the face. People that have seen it say it is the strongest they ever saw." —Wilson Mirror: We are glad to see that steps are being taken by some of our liberal minded and public spirited business men that will lead to the establishment of a smoking tobacco factory in this place. —Dr. King had the misfortune of breaking his collar bone on Saturday last. He and Dr. Brothers were in a buggy together, and while going up that steep hill near Sid Clark's, the horse slipped and fell into a small ditch on the right side of the road, and the buggy was turned over. Dr. Brothers fell upon Dr. King, and this, it is thought, broke his collar bone. —Scotland Neck Democrat: From the tax list as taken this year, a falling off of voters in the county since June last year has been very great. In 1889 the white polls were 1,588. In 1890 the white polls were 1,520. In 1889 the colored polls were 2,544. In 1890 the colored polls were 2,022. This shows a decrease of 38 white polls and 522 colored in polls. It is estimated that the number of colored voters in the county is about 700 less than last year. —Rev. Thos. Dixon of New York has been elected to the office of Weldon Fair. He has consented to be elected, and will speak on October 30th. —Raleigh Chronicle: Ex-Gov. Holden is seriously ill at his home, corner McDowell and Hargett street, having been prostrated by a severe attack of paralysis. —A negro woman, hailing from Henderson, stepped into L. Levy's store last night to make some trifling purchase. She was carrying a counting over her money, which he placed in an old-fashioned leather pocket book. While waiting on the negro he stepped away to the shop, and she slipped out of the pocket-book and slipped out with sixty dollars. No tidings further from this dusky excursion. —Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Dr. R. B. Twitty died at his home in Camilla, Ga., August 21st. Dr. Twitty was once a resident of this county, but left here about twenty years ago. For the year ended August 30th, 1890, there was sold on the Wadesboro market 6,878 bales of cotton. Some idea of the shortness of the season may be gained from these figures when it is stated that our usual receipts are about 12,000 bales. Our estimate is that 10,000 bales of cotton will be sold in Wadesboro during the season. —Mount Airy News: The best and largest crop of corn ever raised in Surry will be gathered this fall. —Mr. Clinton Wilson, of Greensboro, says he is the only man in the State who knows the secret of welding copper. He is the inventor of the wonderful three-piston engine. —There are rumors in the air of the early extension of the Danville and New River railroad to this place. This road has been sold to the Richmond and Danville, and it is said the R. & D. will at once extend the road to our town. —Goldboro Argus: The Clover Bloom Farmers' Alliance had a barbecue and picnic on Mr. Barney Daniel's farm, about three miles from town, last Saturday. Mr. B. F. Grady, of Duplin, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was invited to come and make a speech. He did so, and those who heard it say it was a good one. It was both Democratic and Alliance in sentiment, and he was claiming that the two are similar if not identical in character. —Miss Adick Royall, a young lady who had been sick for several months, died at her home, her parents on West Centre street, opposite the ice factory, at 11 o'clock to-day. Miss Royall was from Sampson county but later resided in Durham, and came to this city about a year ago. —Elizabeth City Economist: We have recently seen the commission of the first collector of the town of Edenton after our war of independence, signed by G. Washington, President of the United States, and issued to Thomas Benbury, Edenton's first collector, who had been Commissary General of North Carolina, during the war the Revolution. It is the property of Gen. Benbury's great-granddaughter. —Our old friend, Riley Murray, of Hurd county, has a work sheet that weighs 2,200 pounds the heaviest thing but grass, so Prof. Sheep tells us. We suppose, if it was fattened to obesity he would nearly double his present weight. Dr. Murray is a sporting 90, and is sprightly and sound of mind, but entirely blind and physically infirm. —Raleigh Chronicle: The directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum met at Oxford Tuesday. Rev. J. T. Harris was elected superintendent, and G. Rosenthal, of Raleigh, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Col. Thos. S. Kenan. It was decided to limit the number of pupils to two hundred. There are more than this number in the institution now but Dr. Dixon has secured homes for the excess. There was a full meeting of the board, and their work gives general satisfaction. Rev. J. T. Harris is a prominent Methodist, having been Presiding Elder for some time, and of considerable ability. The Agricultural and Mechanical College will open Thursday, September 4th, and not on the 30th day of October, as has been stated. The prospects for an increased attendance are very good.