

PRESIDENTIAL SPECULATIONS.

The result of the late election not only retired divers Republican congressional aspirants but also knocked the pins from under several Presidential aspirants.

If Mr. Harrison entertained any second term dreams it has effectively put an end to them, for he stands no more chance of a nomination than his private secretary does.

When Tom Reed succeeded in having himself re-elected he returned to Washington very much inflated and his man Boutelle and other scoundrels began to boom him lustily.

COME TO STAY.

We are among those who believe the recent election was the first step in the departure which will anchor several States which have heretofore been Republican permanently in the Democratic party.

There were two things, aside from the large amounts of money which the Republican managers could command in every important election, which enabled the Republican party to retain its hold on those States which broke away from it in the late election.

Another gentleman whose ambition received a very severe setback was Mr. Wm. McKinley, Jr., the man who sired and gave his name to the monstrosity which opened the floodgates and caused the cataclysm in which he and the g. o. p. were submerged.

Several of those States are, naturally, Democratic and were at one time as solidly so as North Carolina to-day. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, on a fair test of the sentiments of their people, are Democratic, and they have been kept out of the Democratic party in recent years by false issues, a liberal use of money, and the colored vote, which the Republican party managers have always been able to control.

General Alger, of Michigan, has been nursing his pet hope for some time, and was placing his reliance on the backing which he would get from the G. A. R., for which he has been playing strong. Hence he favored not only all the extravagant pension legislation which had been enacted, but all that was contemplated. The soldiers heretofore have been a mighty factor in our politics, and he, reasoning from the past, naturally concluded they would be again. But he did not anticipate the mighty Democratic tidal wave which reached such proportions that the soldiers' vote dwindled into insignificance, a tidal wave which swept even his own State of Michigan.

Mr. Allison, of Iowa, also had his backers, but he proved false to the people, and regardless of his own declarations, when he sustained the McKinley bill, he pledged himself before his re-election to support a tariff bill in conformity with the "altered circumstances of the times and the demands of the people."

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The Criminal Court convenes tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT-MAKING.

While, since the recent election, the Republican machine-managers are anxiously enquiring who can lead them out of the wilderness, the Democratic press are naming the man who, according to the opinions of the respective editors, is to lead the Democratic hosts.

While there is no scarcity of men in the Democratic party qualified to fill such a position acceptably, expediency confines the choice of the candidate to the State of New York, whose electoral vote is, or has been, necessary to the election of the Democratic candidate.

Following up these precedents and still influenced by the same assumption the choice is still narrowed down to that State, and to two citizens of that State, Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill.

Like all positive men who aspire to getting above the dead level, each of these has strong friends and strong enemies, and these strong friends and strong enemies command a following too powerful to be despised.

In 1880 when Cleveland's name went before the Democratic National Convention, it was, as far as national politics went, a new name, but he went before it with the prestige of having carried New York, in the gubernatorial contest, by a phenomenal majority, and this, in spite of the stubborn resistance of the Tammany forces, gave him the nomination.

After the late election, and when it became an assured fact that the Democrats had carried the Legislature, the friends of Cleveland thought they might now escape from the impending conflict between these rival candidates by naming Gov. Hill for the United States Senate to succeed Mr. Everts, but his friends thought they smelt a long tailed mouse in the trap and did not propose to have it called Hill. Accordingly it has been authoritatively announced that Mr. Hill will not accept the United States Senatorship if tendered him, but will be a candidate for the Presidency.

While it will require a few days more to ascertain definitely the views of every member of both houses of the General Assembly of North Carolina on the question of United States Senator, the complexity of that body is sufficiently obvious to render the re-election of Vance certain. It is doubtful that any other name will be submitted to the caucus.

A certain well-to-do Moore county manery who gets on a spree repeats his house. He has repeated it a half dozen times and the color is not always red. The last time he painted his new frames and wood in black and the whole building now wears an aspect of deep mourning. He is a good Democrat and the last act cannot be accounted for.

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Whatever the sentiment in New York may be the sentiment of the Democracy of the country at large is now and has been for Cleveland. Outside of New York, if the convention were held now, he would carry five-sixths of the delegations and divide the remainder. But possibly in the time which intervenes, before

holding the convention the friends of the Governor by active efforts may bring some recruits to their standard from other States and lend some variety to the proceedings after the balloting begins.

The indications are that they are working in this line now, and that they propose to follow it up vigorously until the convention meets and does its work. And when it does, however spirited the contest may be, Grover Cleveland will be named as the standard bearer of the Democracy.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Siebert Tarrah, the winner of the recent international chess tournament at Manchester, and by virtue of his victory champion of the world, is a German physician but twenty-eight years of age.

Emperor William has sent to his humble little province in Heligoland—the first child and German recruit born there since the cession of the island to Germany—a gold mug, bearing his majesty's portrait on it.

Gen. Von Kaltenborn Stachan, the new German Minister of War, served on the general staff in the Austrian-French wars and is extremely popular with his fellow countrymen.

A description of Will Carleton, the popular poet, says he looks more like a soldier than like a poet, as he is tall, broad-shouldered, handsome and always well dressed.

Baron Hirsch's coreligionists have little sympathy for the present thirst for greatness, as they attribute the prevailing anti-Semitic movement in Vienna, which gains ground every day, to his financial and social imprudence.

James A. Seacord, of New Rochelle, N. Y., is carrying a watch that keeps good time, as he, he says, ever since it was brought over from England six years ago. It's queer that a movement that has been going all that time isn't gone by this time.

The young Viscount Belgrave, grandson of the Duke of Westminster, who heaves to inherit his patrimony, will be married in the near future. At the time he attains his majority his income will amount to between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a day.

George M. Pullman, the palace car man, does not believe in the mercenary man, does not believe in the man who buys seats in the United States Senate. Mr. Pullman spends much time in Washington, where he is recognized as the richest man in the country, and no one has ever accused him of paying a cent for the privilege.

There was born in Wabash, Indiana, a few days ago, "to the wife of Frank Stone, a baby weighing exactly one pound and six ounces. The infant, a girl, is perfectly formed in every respect, and is but six inches in length, while its head will fit easily into an ordinary teacup."

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CUMBERLAND FAIR.

A Gratifying Success—Hope Mills Display Farmers' Hall—Trotting and Running Races.

The Cumberland County Fair is, as regards the exhibition, a very gratifying success. The magnificent weather has greatly diminished the attendance from all points. Your correspondent has been a reporter of Cumberland Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial Expositions for many years, and without exaggeration, can put the display of 1890 as, perhaps, with the exception of fruits, the best in the history of the Society.

The Hope Mills Manufacturing Company occupies with its various manufactured products a large space in the central building. Its exhibit has been arranged with rare skill and faultless taste, and forms the cynosure of all eyes.

Yesterday a good entertainment was given on the race course, both in running and trotting. Maj. McKethan, the efficient treasurer of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, says that the gate receipts were greater than those of 1888, but less than those of 1889. Of course the Centennial last year swelled the crowd to immense numbers.

The Hi Henry Minstrels played to an immense audience last night, in Williams Hall. A resolution, introduced by Rev. J. A. Taylor, of Warrenton, was then passed, asking the churches to lend their pastors to the State Mission for a week or ten days to do mission work in destitute fields, at such times as may be convenient during the coming year.

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THE BAPTISTS.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION.

Addresses on State Missions—Ministerial Education—Wako Forest College, Etc.

SHIELDS, Nov. 13.—The morning session was chiefly devoted to the subject of State missions. Elaborate and eloquent addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. W. R. Gouthney, W. A. Pool, T. E. Skinner, J. D. Huffman, Thomas Hume and C. Durham. Mr. Gouthney showed how the rapid growth of the denomination in the State was due to this work, fifty-two new churches having been organized by the missionaries of this Board during the past year, the whole number of additions to the churches aggregating about ten thousand.

Mr. Pool read some interesting extracts from the records of a session of the Yadkin Association, held with Eaton's church, Davie county, one hundred years ago, and written with a pen. Instead of printed with type, the secretary sending one copy to each constituent church.

Dr. Skinner gave a number of amusing and affecting anecdotes of the trials and experience of the fathers of the connection in the earlier years of its history. Dr. Hume, in chaste and classical English, spoke in the most charming style of the simplicity and beauty of the distinguishing tenets of the Baptists, adapting themselves to the tastes and wants of the common people; while Dr. Durham showed by many striking illustrations how the State work was founded upon the Bible, affecting directly the interests of foreign missions, Sunday schools and education, and the whole discussion was closed with a collection of \$25.00 to meet the deficit of the Board.

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ROCKY MOUNT FAIR.

A Great Success—Thousands Present—Fine Displays of Home Products of All Descriptions.

ROCKY MOUNT, Nov. 14.—To-day (Friday) the fair closed. A large number of entries were made, and in the agricultural department the exhibit though small, was good. Farmers being busy housing their crops did not give it any attention, hence the small display.

The fair was handsomely decorated with the fine display of numerous kinds of needlework. The hall was a marvel of beauty, being represented by various kinds of handiwork of the ladies of Halifax and Edgecombe counties. A large quantity of home made work of the farm, such as cloth, carpets, &c., and last but not least an elegant display of crazy quilts, all kinds of embroidery and many other articles too numerous to mention.

The stock department was thinly represented, but good what there was of it was exhibited anywhere. This display satisfies the people that this section cannot be beaten.

The racing was much better than usual, and there was more of it—both running and trotting. The best feature of the occasion was the exclusion of gamblers; they were prohibited on the grounds and on the streets, hence none to defraud the innocent of their money.

Thursday was the biggest day. The town had more people than ever seen by the oldest citizen in it at one time. From six to seven thousand were on the ground and as many on the streets, making the way of going and coming a financial fair was a big success.

Thursday's gate receipts showed over four thousand tickets, besides a large amount received at the gate. The net proceeds will be about twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars.

Several gentlemen of this city, in conjunction with citizens of Onslow county living near Stone's Bay, contemplate the formation of a stock company for the purpose of developing the oyster industry in Onslow.

Gen. N. P. Banks and wife are spending a few days in Portland, Me., during the engagement of their daughter, Miss Maude Banks, at the Portland theater.

Castelar has written to the Spanish papers to deny the rumors of his engagement to the Countess of Castelar. He is a fitter subject for an interment than for a marriage.

Mr. Tennant has taken refuge upon his ranch in Texas from the importunate press. He is sufficiently scared to have his name mentioned in any newspaper.

The election is over. Let Democrats and Republicans now join hands in building up our waste places and furnishing honorable and lucrative employment to our deserving poor laborers.

SPRITIS TURPENTINE.

Louisburg Times: Mrs. A. L. King, of Louisburg, died Wednesday morning at Henderson, where she had gone to visit relatives.

Concord Times: A great deal of coal is being bought by poor people. They say it is cheaper than wood. The sweet potato crop is simply immense and the price is accordingly low.

Concord Standard: Mr. Black-welder gave us a potato of a horrible shape. If it were straight it would be nearly three feet long, but it is knobby, twisted, jointed, plated, angled and conglomerated.

Greensboro Workman: A revival is in progress at Brown Summit under the pastoral charge of Rev. R. H. Willis. Up to Wednesday night, 1000 people had been converted.

Statesville Landmark: Under the eaves of the Methodist Church is a favorite resort for English sparrows, and people were interested in seeing one of these birds hanging by a string from the eaves of the church, dead, dead, dead. Its fellows went in and out of the window, but it was not dead, but merely, but not the dead bird down. The question is whether it committed suicide or was hanged by a malefactor.

Concord Standard: While hunting for deer just across the county line recently, a party of hunters killed a man's colt. A man scared up the colt from where it was shot, and he and the others thinking it was a deer shot it down. There will be nothing done with the party or either one of them, because the colt was not shot and did not die, and does not know who did.

Charlotte Chronicle: Superintendent Graham, of the Graded Schools, has secured an accomplished graduate of the St. Louis Normal School, who has several years' successful experience in teaching manual training, to take charge of the manual training department of the Graded Schools.

Elizabeth City Economist: Big blue fish have returned to our coast and the fishermen are happy. The bankers are rejoicing, and the fishermen are happy. Of Dare is the best place in the world to make a living, but a man develops claws like a sandfisher.

Charlotte Chronicle: Thomasville Orphan Asylum now has 12 children under its charge, 67 of these are girls, and 60 boys. The orphanage is divided into five families, with 25 children in each family. Each family has its own matron and teachers.

Sanford Express: There is not a white Republican in Sand Hills township. It is reported that there is much cotton in the fields, and it is very scarce. Much of the staple will be lost.

Rockingham Rocket: Mr. H. C. Dockery has the greatest curiosity in the way of a sweet potato that we ever saw. It is an almost perfect figure of a child except that it has no arms, neck, body and legs are almost as perfect in every detail as the child.

There is a great want of all Christians who have not suffered. Some flowers must be broken or bruised before they enter any fragrance. All the wounds of Christ sent out sweetness: the sorrows of Christians do the same. To me there is something sacred and sweet in suffering; it is such akin to the "Man of Sorrows."—Purcell.