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GREENSBORO CONVENTION.—The Secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Conservative party, has been in correspondence with the various Rail Road officials of the State, and requests us to say, that in every instance, where responses have been received, that they will issue return tickets, for one fare, to parties attending the Greensboro Convention on My 1st ensuing.

REVENUE MATTERS.—The Deputy Collectors are out in the counties, seeking whom they may devour somebody.

A LEGAL ADMONITION.—During the progress of the trial of Mark Williams, "trespass and assault and battery" upon Mrs. Tassely, on Saturday, and while the lady was giving in her evidence, she was thus admonished by the Williams' Counsel: "Mrs. Tassely, allow me to advise you on feeling to consider with exactitude whether you had ocular demonstration of the fact that Mr. Williams manipulated the axe in such close proximity to your person as to make a physical impression either upon the abdominal or any other portion of your body, or any other part of your person."

FASHION CHIT-CHAT.—BLACK THREAD NET BONNETS.—Real thread net, perfectly plain—that is, without dot, or figure wrought in it—is the material for those black bonnets that ladies living in cities consider not only most stylish, but most economical.

TEMPERANCE.—Bro. Whitaker purposes to organize a Temperance Council at Weldon, and Bro. Carraway, one at Warrenton. When these feats are accomplished, then may we reasonably expect a prohibition, or Maine Law in North Carolina.

QUENT BRYANT.—We are pained to learn that the above named gentleman, wounded by J. Marshall Wooding, in the street shooting affair, on Wednesday last, has taken a relapse, and his condition pronounced very critical by his physicians.

WARRENTON ITEMS.—A letter from Warrenton, under date of yesterday, gives the following items from that vicinity: Col. Hopkins, a son-in-law of Wm. Eaton, died Monday morning of paralysis, at the advanced age of 65 years.

OXFORD ITEMS.—Our Oxford correspondent furnishes us the following under Saturday's date: In the April number of the Eastern Farmer we notice the names which were read before the Goodwyn Agricultural Club, on the occasion of its Club dinner at J. C. Cooper's, on Saturday evening. One of these essays was upon grass, and was by N. V. Watkins. The other was on the cultivation of the yellow tobacco, by J. S. B. Hobgood. Essays highly spoken of by members of the Club, were taken up at the residence of Dr. Thomas B. Long.

THE LATE FIRE AT HALIFAX.—We learn that we were led into error in speaking of the extent of the late fire in the town of Halifax. The telegram we received did not state what buildings were destroyed, and some comparatively important buildings in the rear, were destroyed, causing a loss of some \$3,000.

REVENUE SEIZURES.—Deputy Collector Upchurch seized on Saturday last, nine miles West of Rocky Mount, in Nash county, one horse and wagon, 450 pounds manufactured tobacco stamped, being smoking stoves, stoves, &c. The owner of the outfit is, &c. &c. was brought to this city yesterday morning.

EMIGRATION.—Through the energetic efforts of Captain Samuel J. Parham, a prominent and influential citizen of Granville county, we learn that a large number of Northern settlers have recently purchased land in the vicinity of the town of Henderson, and that others will follow their example soon. We welcome in our midst immigrants from every quarter, who come to North Carolina with their energy, skill and capital, to earn an honest living, but we have no respect for the hungry carpet-baggers who are in quest of office and spoils.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN GRANVILLE.

A synopsis of the proceedings of a Democratic meeting which took place at Oxford, on Saturday last, is published in another part of our columns under the head of Oxford Items, N. E. Cannady, Esq., who is a gentleman of sterling integrity and a wheel-horse in Granville, presided over the deliberations of the meeting; and excellent speeches were made by those able champions of our cause, Messrs. Edwards, Amis and Littlejohn. From what we know of the trenchant abilities of Edwards, the impressive force of Amis and the acute logic of Littlejohn, we feel warranted in saying that the monstrosities of Radicalism were exhibited in their most revolting aspect to the gaze of all who had the good fortune to be present at the Oxford meeting.

Grand Liberal Republican Meeting. New York, April 13. The World, in speaking of the meeting at Cooper Institute, says, last evening the first gun of the coming Presidential campaign was fired in New York under imperial auspices.

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GEN. ALFRED M. SCALES DECLINES TO BE A CANDIDATE.

We publish below a letter from Gen. Alfred M. Scales, of Rockingham, declining to allow his name to go before the Greensboro Convention as the Democratic candidate for Governor. The letter was published in the Tobaccoian, and is as follows: WESTWORTH, March 30th, 1872.

Mr. Elliot.—My attention has just been called to an article in your paper of the 21st inst., headed "Is He Banned?" I fully endorse all you say relative to the duty of the Greensboro convention in nominating gentlemen for the various State offices who are free from all political disabilities.

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THE PATRONAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN CONFLICT WITH THE FREEDOM OF ELECTIONS.

We were exceedingly gratified with the hearty approbation and applause with which the remarks of the Hon. D. M. Barringer, on the subject of the interference of office-holders, both State and Federal, in elections, were received in our County Convention on Saturday last.

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THE GREENSBORO CONVENTION.

This body to assemble on the 1st of May, is destined to be a grand success. It will be composed of good and true men from every portion of the State. Already most of the counties have either held or given notice of meetings to appoint delegates. We urge those counties which have not yet done so, to attend to this duty, without delay.

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OUR MURFREESBORO LETTER.

You have placed your readers under renewed obligations to you for having published the characteristic and able address of Gov. Vance, recently delivered at Stateville. We say characteristic, because no man, perhaps, in the South, certainly not in our State, could deliver just such a speech, except John V. Moore, the great man, as Daniel, of the Richmond Esmince, once said, delivered by the war. Unlike other men we know of, Gov. Vance's greatness did not desert him with the capitulation of the Confederate armies, but he is, to-day, with the white people, the man of all to whom they look with most pride and confidence.

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THE RADICAL CONVENTION.

The office-holders' Convention meets to-day—and to prove to our readers that we have not lightly given this body a *whimsical*, we beg them to examine the list of delegates, especially the whites, and see how many there are who are holding office, either State or Federal. See too, how many in office are from Washington, who, if not actually delegates, come to manipulate the proceedings in the interests of office-holders and for the mere purpose of public good.

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HORRIBLE MURDER—A WOMAN'S HEAD NEARLY SEVERED FROM HER BODY.

A horrible crime was committed at an early hour this morning at a house in the Nineteenth ward, occupied by a German cattle broker, named Peter Weise. The woman was his wife, and she was discovered in what was supposed to have been murdered. The woman lay on a bed and presented a horrible spectacle. There was a deep ragged gash on the throat extending almost from ear to ear, nearly two inches wide, which had penetrated the wind pipe. In addition there was a terrible sawing cut on the back of the neck extending to the spinal column, and, with that on her throat, almost severing the head from its trunk.

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