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THERSDAY. BREENSBORO CONVENTION .- The Secetry of the Central Executive Commice of the Democratic Conservative outy, has been in correspondence with th various Rail Road officials of the Site, and requests us to say, that in very instance where responses have bim received, that they will issue re ton tickets, for one fare, to parties at tedling the Greensboro Convention or

My 1st ensuing. Return tickets must be procured on le starting point.

WE STATED a few days since that \$1500 had been paid to the Penitentiarupon a requisition from the Governor slorsed by the Caldwell Board of Dirctors. Such was not the case. The quisition was made by the Legislawe Board, approved by the Governor, ad though it was endorsed by the aldwell Board, yet this fact was never

nown to the Legislative Board. REVENUE MATTERS.-The Deputy collectors are out in the counties, seeking whom they may devour" some

J. W. Douglass, Collector Internal Revenue, deeming it important to the oper conduct of the revenue intests of the country that his office should oe advised of the approximate quantiy of spirits in the country, May 1st, 1872, has instructed the assistant Assesars to call upon each distiller, rectifier, and wholesale and retail liquor dealer, r other person, for a statement of spirits in his possession or owner of other-

"A LEGAL ADMONITION;"-During the progress of the trial of Mark Williams, 'trespass and assault and battery" upon Mrs. Teasely, on Saturday, and while this lady was giving in her evidence, she was thus admonished by the Williams' Coansel: "Mrs. Teasely, allow me to ad manish you feelingly to consider with exectitude whether you had ocular denonstration of the fact that Mr. Willated the axe in such close proximity to your person as to make a physical impression either upon the abdominal or ventral portion of your corporal organization." Answer, "I'll do no such thing, Sir."

FASHION CHIT-CHAT- BLACK THREAD NET BONNETS. - Real thread net, perfetly 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 econimical. This net is more substanttal than tulle, but less heavy, and with smaller meshes than Brussels net. It is made up over lace frames, often being laid plainly on the frame, and is piped with black fur quoise silk. Real thread lace in its garniture, with coronets, latice bands, and lintterflies of the finely cut jet, spirited algrettes and wings, short curled os trich tips of light color, and above all wreaths of leaves. The trimming is massed in front in Alsation fashion; one bonnet has the great bow of two leaves of lace with a jet butterfly in the centre, another has a cluster of ivy leaves in front with trailing vines, a third has tea-roses, and all have drooping ends of the net hanging low be hind. Wide lace strings are prefered with these bonnets. A black net bonnet can be made youthful looking by putting a pale blue faille bow in front, and a Pompadour rose of natural color tipped with blue on the crown, with trailing buds at the back. A palegray rose, streaded with flame tints, and a tea-rose with black marks, as if partly charred, trim another.

OXFORD ITEMS.—Our Oxford corre sponpent furnishes us the following uu-In the April number of the Roomstructed Farmer we notice the Essays which were read before the Goodwyn

Agricultural Ciub on the occasion of Agricultural Ciub on the occasion of Schob dinner at J. C. Coopers, on no 28711 of 5 musry. One of these essays was upon grees, and was reed by on the cultivation and curing of yellow to have hear in both of these essays ciub. The hear in both of these essays ciub.

The views expressed by R. W. Lassi-Ar. Esq., at the late Republican meetheld here, were distasteful to some of the leading members of his party who do not hesitate to express their disapprobation of his course.

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 we, as stated, judged from the location of the buildings that the fire was more extensive than it proved to be, Fortunately, no building on Main street was burned, the wind not blowing in that direction at the time; the gin house, the buildings adjoining, and some comparatively unimportant buildings in the rear, were destroyed, causing a loss of some \$3,000.

IMMIGRATION.—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 fellow 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.

REVENUE SEIZURES .- Deputy Collector. Upchurch seized on Saturday last, nine miles West of Rocky Mount. in Nash county, one horse and wagon, 150 pounds manufactured tobacco nutamped, bed clothing cooking utensils, e., &c. The owner of the outfit essped to the woods. The wagon, b.orse, &c., was brought to this city yesterday morning.

The "fool killer" alter finishing up not the We Know office in this city departed for Weldon-vide Roanoke News and

RALLIGH, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1872.

VOL. I.

OXFORD ITEMS .- Our Oxford corre pondent, under date of Monday, gives us the following items :

Democratic Meeting in Granville .-Pursuant to the notice published in the News, there was a freeting of a portion of the Democrats of this county at this place on Saturday. N. E. Cannady, Esq., was selected as Chairman, and Maj. N. A. Gregory as Secretary. On the retirement of the Committee, appointed to draft resolutions, &c., Col. L. C. Edwards was called on to address the meeting. He gave a short account of his stewardship as State Senator, and in a brief but pointed manner dealt some bard blows to Radicalism. At the conclusion of his remarks, Col. J. S. Amis was called on, who entertained his audience with a most appropriate and sensible talk.

When Col. Amis concluded, Major J. I. Littlejohn was called for, and respondod to the call with his accustomed ability. The delivery of Maj. Little-john's speech was interrupted by the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was read by Mr. J. S. Peace. The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the NEWS and Sentinel requested to ublish the same.

The names of the delegates appointed to the Greensborough and Congressional Conventions will be published. Major J. T. Littlejohn was recommended as the choice of Granville for the Congressional nomination, but no preferences were indicated for the nomination of particular individuals to fill any of the

Republican Meeting .- A Republican neeting was held in the courthouse in Oxford, on Saturday night, to nominate candidates for Mayor and town Commissioners, B. H. Cozart, Esq., was chosen chairman and Bourbon Smith, Esq., Secretary. After the exhibition of considerable confusion, and the display of much spontaneous eloquence, which elicited rounds of applause, the following named ticket was nominated, viz : Dr. L. C. Taylor, for Mayor, John G. Jones, Manly B. Jones, William Cotton and Dawson Weight, for town Commissioners. The three first names are whites, and the two last named are colored. The election for Mayor and Commissioners takes place May 6th, but it is important with all who wish to vote in the town election, to register by the 26th of April, as the registration books will be closed at that time.

To be Enlarged .- L. C. Taylor & Son intend enlarging the size of their tobaco warehouse as early as practicable. It is generally anticipated that too or three new warehouses will be opened

Herry Loss .- We regret to learn that James C. Cozart, Esq., a most estimable citizen of this county, recently sustained a heavy loss by the burning of a barn containing some 2500 or 30 00 lbs. of excellent tobacco. The fire was the result of accident.

TEMPERANCE, -Bro. Whitaker pur poses to organize a Temperance Council at Weldon, and Bro. Carraway, one at Warrenton. When these feats are accomplished, then may we resonable expect a prohibition, or Maine Liquor Law in North Carolina. The main strong holds of the enemy will have

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 cruical by

WARRENTON ITEMS. - A letter from Warrenton, under date of yesterday, gives us the following items from that

Col. Hopkins, a son-in-law of Wm. Eaton, dee'd., died Monday morning of paralysis, at the advanced age of 65

Thos. E. Greene, Esq., an aged and nost respected citizen of this county, died suddenly this morning of apo

OXFORD ITEMS -Our Oxford corres pondent, under date of yesterday, gives ns the following items :

Messrs: Hammett and Day were it our town on Monday stopping at the Osborn House. They were in quest of one hundred laborers to work in the Factory of W. T. Blackwell, Esq., of Durham's.

On Sunday night M. V. Lanier, Esq. delivered a very learned discourse in the Presbyterian church. He explained with much clearness various portions of Revelations, and maintained with marked ability, the position that we are on the eve of the millennium. Some of his thrusts at the Pope and Catholics were plied with unsparing severity. Mr. Lanier is an Elder in the Presbyteri an church, is one of the ablest lawyers in North Carolina, and is, moreover, a fine classical scholar, who is throughly em-Bued with a knowledge of the Scrip tures and Biblical literature. He occupied the pulpit in consequence of the temporary absence of the Pastor, Rev.

THE POSTAL ROUTE AND THE "NEWS."-We are pleased to know that within the last two weeks the NEWS has been reaching quite regularly, our subscribers upon the different roads throughout the State. We have hitherto had great cause to complain of the uncertainty with which our patrons were served with the paper, but hope that the evil has now been to a great extent corrected, through the efforts that have been made to this end by Col. Thomas B. Long, the general postal route agent for North Carolina, Though differing from us in politics, we are pleased to state that we believe the Colonel will faithfully perform his duty in correcting errors when the matter is brought before him.

ATTEMPT TO PASS COUNTERFEIT Money .- On Saturpay evening last a white man named James Johnson, and claiming to be from Harnett county, attempted to pass a note on Wm. H. Lyon, a merchant on Person street, said note proving to be a one dollar note with the figures 20 posted upon the face of it in such a manner as to make the appearance fair. Mr. Lyon detected the change, and charged it upon Johnson, but the latter preferred leaving before a policeman could be obtained.

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 wheelhorse in Granville, presided over the deliberations of the meeting; and excellent speeches were made by those able chan pions of our cause, Messrs. Edwards, Amis and Littlejohn, From what we know of the trenchant abilties of Edwards, the impressive force of Amis and the acute logic of Littlejohn, we feel warranted in saying that the monstrosities of Radicalism were exhiblfed in their most revolting aspect to the gaze of all who had the good fortune to be present at the Oxford

It will be seen that Maj. Jas. T. Lit. tlejohn was recommended as the choice of that county for Congress.

Grand Liberal Republican Meeting.

NEW YORK, April 13. The World, in speaking of the meet ing at Cooper Institute, says, last evening the first gun of the coming Presidential campaign was fired in New York under imposing circumstances. The great tide of national reform, which has swelled and surged for months past through the length and breadth of the land with irresistible volume, rose to its highest point and swept everything before it. The announcement that sev eral honorable United States Senators, would expound the principles of this movement, in tayor of sound statesmanship and against the abuse of good government, attracted an immense concourse of people to hear their eloquent words in behalf of the new reform programme. Never since the Institute was built has such a tremendous audience filled the large hall of that building, in the square and on the sidewalk in front of the Institute.

dense crowd congregated at an arly hour and strove, long after it was announced that the Hall was filled, to gain an entrance within; the firing of cannons and explosion of fire works attracted still greater numbers to join the multitude already collected, but they came only to be disappointed.

At seven o'clock the police refused to admit any more persons within the door way, and the stairways were then jammed to suffication, outlets to main ball blockaded, while the hall itself was densely excited, cheering the mass of struggling humanity. To estimate the size of the crowd would be impossible, but its enough to say there were thousands present and almost as many turned away without gaining admission,

The hall was utterly inadequate for the occasion, and it is evident that if the news of the campaign are to be consulted, we must have another and far larger meeting place in New York to contain them when they meet in council. The crowd was as respectable as it was large, and comprised many of our most prominent citizens, they were well dressed and well to do, including merchants and professional men, mechanics and politicians, Democrats. and Republicans, Germans and Americans, without regard to opinion or condition. It was an audience comprising the wealth, respectability and intelligence of the city, and was truly representative in character. The hall was decorated with American flags and a number of small streamers, while the brass band played appropriate airs at intervals. The meeting was opened promptly at 8 o'clock, by selecting Frederick Conkling, chairman, which position he filled with excellent judgment and good sense, pacifying the audience when disturbance occurred owing to efforts of the crowd on the outside to force their way into the room, preserving order in spite, of the difficulties under which he labored. The usual reading of the names of officers then followed, and the Secretary, Professor Glanbenskee, read the resolutions, which were brief, weighty and emphatic.

Senator Trumbull was next introduced and was received with cheering, which, however, was surpassed by the enthusiastic applause from all sides when Horace Greeley appeared on the platform and took a seat near the speaker's stand. Trumbull, spoke with great energy and fire, and not only electrified but also instructed his audience by his eloquence, and his assaults on the centralizing tendency of present administration was hailed with indignant cheers. He astonished his hearers by showing them the despotism which threatens the safety of the republic, which he upheld in unqualified language, and whilst denouncing rebels as traitors, he yet said they were never thieves. He warned his audience against the dangers of a centralized authority, which has arleady been established in different parts of the Union. Tribunals for the adjudication of the property and lives of the people were subject to its own centrol, and he said this power was in great danger oi

Senator Schurz next took the stand, and amidst similar overwheling ovation to that of Trumbull, as the lion of the occasion, and the leading light of the reform movement. His speech was eagerly anticipated, and attracted many persons expressly to hear it. He spoke brilliant notes. His manner was no full of fire and fury, signifying nothing but clear logic, and convincing, dispassionate arguments. He did not carry away the feelings of his audience, but appealed to their reasen, and held their attention closely. His voice ranged loud and clear, through the vaulted Hall, and throughout the packed, yet silent throng, like the notes of a clarion, the audience seemed spell bound, and only at intervals recovered themselves sufficiently to applaud this effort. However, they did repeatedly and with vigor, showing the eloquence of the orator was fully appre ciated. Each word was received with

The call for a Liberal Republican meeting at Austin, Texas, is headed by ex-Governor Pease end A, J. Hamilton, of that State.

attention, and every strong point made

against the administration was fully

appreciated.

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

We publish below a letter from Gen. Aifred 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 Robesonian, and is as follows: WENTWORTH, March 30th, 1872. Mr. Editor: - My attention has just been called to an article in your paper The 21st inst., headed "Is He Banned?" I tully endorse all you say relative to the duty of the Greensboro convention in

GEN. ALFRED M. SCALES DE-CLINES TO BE A CANDIDATE.

nominating gentlemen for the various State offices who are free from all political disabilities. My disabilities have never been removed, and I can't say that I have now any well grounded expectations that they will be during this session of Congress. I am deeply grateful to my friends in various parts of the State for the kindness and partiality, unsolicited, which they have manifested in bringing my name so prominently forward at this time for the gubernatorial office, but I presume they all did so, either upon the idea that my disabiliamnesty bill would pass before the meeting of the convention. However this may be, I would urge upon them and upon all with whom I have any influence, to come up to the Greensboro Convention resolved to nominate no man unless he has been freed from al disabilites, We want no difficulty with the general government. We want peace and quiet and a union of all who are pledged to retrenchment and reform. both in the State and National governments. Let our standard bearers be men that will inspire confidence--moderate though reliable-and extreme in nothing, save in devotion to the best interests of their State. With such, unencombered by disabilities, we must and will be triumphant.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, A. M. SCALES. Prominently mentioned in connection with the Gubernatorial chair, in every way fitted, by education and natural ability, for this distinguished position, he, yet, declines the proffered honor to the great interests of his native State, furnishes a noble example of purity of action and patriotic principles.

The numerous friends of Gen. Scales would be proud to see him in this exalted station, but that injustice which has fallen to the lot of so many of the sons of the South, has not spared him. His political disabilties are a bar to those offices of trust which he would fill with honor to binself, and credit to

The example of this d stinguished son of the old North State, is worthy of emulation, and such principles should be the guide of our representatives to the Greensboro Convention. As he well says in his letter: " let all come up to the Greensbore Convention, resolved to nommate no man unless he has been freed from all political disabilities."

The people of North Carolina have too much at stake to be guilty of such folly as to-make any one a standard bearer who will not be allowed to serve it elected and should they take such a false step, they will learn a bitter lesson, alas, too late. Many-of the most distinguished citizens of the State are banned, which is no fault of theirs; still, there are others, equally so, against whom no ob-

jection can be raised by the opposition This is an all-important subject, and one which should receive the attention of our delegates to the State Convention, Burying all minor considerations. keeping all personal motives in the back ground, let them nominate the best man of our party who is under no disabilities, and, then, with continued, untiring energy and work, victory will be the been of the Democracy. An era of prosperity will dawn upon our down-trodden people such as has not blessed them for many weary years, and posterity will not fail to award them their meed of praise.

BECOMING UNEASY. When Judge Davis was first nominated as the candidate of the Labor Reformers for the Presidency, and the Cincinnati Convention began to be dis cussed in the political world, Republicans laughed at the idea, scouting, as absurd, the plan of the liberal men of their party to hurl from power the moral lepers who have so long cursed the American people with fraud, corruption and all other ills to which the body politic is heir. With the increasing tide of public favor which has greeted this movement, they are being brought to realize the fact that this is no myth, the truth that this step, which perhaps, was not very insignificant in its inception, is gaining ground with the honest men of the Republican party, is causing an uneasicalmly, and yet earne tly, using very North, particularly, they have reason to nominations of State, Congressional, dread the consequences. Disguise the fact, sneer at it, as they will, the proportions of its popularity are too large, the leaders are men of too much respectability, for even Republicans to hurl their shafts of ridicule at it.

In this may be seen the first step towards the downfall of dishonesty and incompetency, for, even should it prove unsuccessful now, it is the initiative in that system of reform which will finally develope itself into irresistible strength. The sceptre is departing from the hands of our enemies and we may look and Commissioners down to the lowest forward, in the no distant future, to an subordinates, in the judicial department

We were exceedingly gratified with he 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. It is one of the crying evils of the times, this prostitution of official power and patronage, to control the freedom of elections. The elective tranchise, in its perfect purity and independence, lies at the foundation of popular government, and if corrupt at its fountain and controlled by any other than motives for the real welfare of the people, it becomes a source of infin ite evil, and of certain destruction to true popular government and well-regulated civil liberty. This interference of officeholders, both State and Federal, is one of the most conspicuous and alarming signs of the times in which we live.

Look where you will, and these men, who live by the taxes paid by the people, are the most active, zealous and unscrupulous, of all partizans in these partizan times. Whether you have National, State, County or Town Convention or meetings of the people for any purpose, these pestiferous agents of the party in power, are always present in force and ready and determined to control results that they may con tique in place, and live by official plunder from the hard earnings of the peo ple, who have to labor and pay the taxes to support these reprobates as well as the Government. They are brazen, unsgrupulous, and resolute. They work for their daily bread and live by, and are held together by the hope of public plunder. They are the "dear friends" of the people, only because by the toil and sweat, and hard earnings of the people, they live, and move, and hav

Anything that money can accomplish, and official influence can effect, however mean, unpatriotic or degrading, they are ready to attempt, because their official lives depend on the success.of their base efforts.

They establish, or buy up, or subsi dize the public press, whenever they can, and thus weaken and destroy one of the chief defences of popular rights, and free government. They attend and control popular meetings in the interest of the party in power, and at elections, are ever ready and anxious to buy votes. and thus destroy the freedom of elections, with the very money wrung from the people, under pretence of taxation for the support of the government, and thus infamously used for corrupt, oppressive and basest ends.

If any of our readers in North Carolina think this picture overdrawn or exaggerated, let him look for a moment at the conduct of these office-holders in North Carolina, both State and National, since the late civil war between the States. Most of them, to be sure, have been strangers to us, both in interest and ympathy-commonly called carpetbaggers-but some, to their eternal in famy be it spoken, are natives "to the manor-born "- "Séalawags," so-called in appropriate popular phrase, but all radicals, without a spark of liberal sentiment or human sympathy for the wrongs, oppressions, injustice and humiliation to which their own unhappy and impoverished Southern country flas most unjustly been subjected. Let the people look and see who attend and control and manipulate all the Conventions of the Radical party, State, county or town, in this State? Who keep up and regulate the "loyal" leagues and solidify the vote of the deceived and confiding colored voters in one united phalanx against the virtue, intelligence and tax-paying property of the State? Who are the leaders that dictate nominations of candidates to be voted for, without question, by the duped, the ignorant or the corrupt of the Radical party? Who are most active and unscrupulous in all the elections, State, county or town, and who, whether strangers or resident voters, are most busy on the day of elections-that day, of all days, when the citizen voter ought to be most free and independent? There is but one answer to al! these questions, ness to pervade their ranks, and in the to be, held in our State, whether for

and that is, the office holders. By their base prostitution of power, the right of suffrage is turned into a curse, and the freedom of opinion becomes the slave of power. We ask our readers to think of these things and then look at the Conventions now being, and others soon county, or municipal officers, and then say if we are not right in declaring that the mass of the Radical party is not free to think and act for itself and for the public good-but is ignominiously managed in the mere interest of office holders, who are held together only by the "cohesive power of public plunder." Look at the hordes of Revenue officers, Supervisors, Assessors, Collectors, Detectives and spies, and

era of good government and political of the United States, with power to call upon the army and send out its officers A lot on Main street, Richmond, Va., and men to act as "common police."

Sold at auction, on Thursday for \$575

Look at the vast multitude of State and county officials, who are at all these

mostly of the "baser sort," Look at

the array of officers, from the Marshal

conventions of the people, so called, and THE GREENSBORO CONVEN taking the most carnest and conspicuous part in the canvass of elections. And see, too the judicial ermine itself, with few honorable exceptions, besmeated in the filth of party politics in this State and elsewhere, and then ask yourselves, how long can civil liberty live, and the rights of the people survive this gross perversion of the most sacred principles of fice government! Let the people be warned in time and preserve the ark of our liberties, for ourselves and our posterity. Beware of making our government and country but another illustration of that sad philosophy of history which teaches by example. Public liberty cannot exist without public virtue .-The liberties of the omnipotent Roman Republic were at first so impaired, by official corruption and the loss of public virtue, and then so completely destroyed by military usurpation and domina-

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tion, that the once proud mistress of

the world sank so low in the dust, that

even the pretorian guards of the palace

could depose an .Emperor and dictate

his successor.

MURFREESBORO, N. C., April 12th, 1872 You have placed your readers under renewed obligations to you for having published the characteristic and able address of Gov. Vance, recently delivered at Statesville. We say characteristic, because no man, perhaps, in the South, certainly not in our State, could deliver just such a speech, except Zeb. Vancethe model Governor during the war, and the great man, as Daniel, of the Richmond Examiner, once said, developed 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, today, with the white people, the man of all to whom they look with most pride and confidence. Our enemies are not ignorant of the hold he has upon the affections of our people, and it is mainly due to this fact, that they so persistently refuse to remove his disabilities. They fear his power as a leader, and well they may, for did they dare to unchain him, he would, as our candidate for Governor, set the State on fire with enthusiasm. We are glad he has spoken, and most admirably, according to our opinion, has he touched upon the question of Whiggery, which seems to b disturbing certain sore-headed, crossroads politicians in different portions of the State. Without manliness enough to take their stand bold'y with the plunderers, they would fain conceal their desire to share the polls under an intense leve of the old whig party. Such a subterfuge will not serve their ignoble purpose. The cloth is entirely too thin to cover up the deformity of their base intenions. More honorable would it be for them to go over at once with bag and baggage to the Radicals, than thus to slander the good name of a once great and honest party. These are a number of "small beer" politicans who estimate

in Heaven.". To all such, we cheerfully extend the parting hand, for we hope we are too good a soldier to counternance spics and disaffected persons in Persons in attendance at thates court ast week inform us that they had over there during the week what might well be termed a free fight. Our neighbors just over the Chowan are a chivalrous set, and have a quantity of good fighting material, as the late war well attested, for the Confederacy had no better soldiers than those lead by Eure, Rober s. Boothe, Taylor and others. It is contrary to their code to use any wear ons save those which God and Nature have given them, and in this we think they set a good example to those who attempt to settle difficulties with pistols and knives. When they fight, the victory depends upon muscies, and though there may be many bruises,

which they are constious of possessing,

but who, having despaired of being

leaders in our ranks, are preparing to

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nothing serious results from the encounter. It is scarcely necessary to add that Gates is largely Conservative in politics, and our friends over there are confidently claiming four or five hundred majority at the coming election. Prominent old line Whigs over there are the strongest Conservatives, because they are too honorable to hunger and thirst after the stealings of radicalism. In this connection, we think we but express the sentiment of the Conservative party of this county when we declare our preference for that accomplished lawyer and elegant gentleman, Mills Eure, Esq., of Gates county, for State Senator, The people of Hertford know him well, and would most gladly give him their sup-

The present good weather came very opportunely for our farming population, and they seem industriously disposed to make the best of it. Corn planting is being pushed forward with commendable despatch, and that in portant part of their duty will soon be disposed of. Judging from the signs, a large quantity of land will be devoted to cotton, and we are serry to see a large quantity of fertilizers brought to this section.

It will hardly be considered premature to announce that, at the approach ing commencement of Chowan Female Institute in July, Rev. Levi Thorne, of Newbern, will preach the sermon, and Rev. J. C. Hiden, of Wilmington, will deliver the annual address: Mr. Hiden had consented to do so last year but was providentially prevented. HERTFORD.

George Mantello has been tried Richmond, Va., for shooting W. S. Mays, some time since, and acquitted. Fourteen thousand dollars in taxes

were paid into the Treasury last year by Fredericksburg, Va. The remains of Mr. John D. Ragland were buried in Blanford Cemetery, Petersburg, on Thursday,

Mrs. Susan Williams died suddenly in Portsmouth, Vs., on Thursday. Gortschakoff will succeed M. Giers as Rossian minister to Switzerland. NO. 7

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. We desire every county in the State to be well represented, and if it is not possible to do so, by delegates in person, then see to it, that prories be sent to delegates who will attend. We wish to see a large, patriotic, carnest, and enthusiastic representation of the true and honest people, of our good Old North State, such a representation as will give a clear an Funmistakable reflex of public opinion on the various questions, now of such deep and vital interest to our people. We are convinced that the delegates will assemble in no spirit of faction, dissension, sectional teeling or mere personal advantage, but that all things will be done to insu.e, harmony, energy of action in the contest, and a triumphant result for law and order, and good government in North Caroli na, by the decision in August next .-We have suffered, enough already by Radical misrule and for the want of harmonious action in the different departments of our State Government. Let us resolve, by fair argument and an bonest exposure of the truth, to get clear, as far as, possible, of the evils which fraud, corruption and a wicked misgovernment of our affairs have imposed on the people-destroyed their prosperity and rained the public credit. At this Convention none but good men must be our standard bearers -men "honest and farthful "-men of known integrity, capacity and devotion to the best interests of North Carolina. Personal preferences must be yielded and mere sectional Jifferences sacrificed to the public good. We believe all this will be done. We have confidence in the patriotic delegates who will meet in the Greensboro Convention, and we anticipate the most happy results from their labors -results that will tend to restore the lost credit of the State and add greatly to the prosperity and happiness of all our people in every condi-

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 misnomer, 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 their services in proportion to the brass | are from Washington, who, if not actually delegates, come to manipulate the proceedings in the interests of office holders and for the merest purposes of party, without the least reference to public good. All the departments of the State and Federal governments, in a greater or less degree, executive, legislative and judicial, will be represented. As for the people, pure and simple, they will be paorly off in delegates. except among the colored members, who have little to do with the offices that pay-dut are, always made to fitt the baskets for those who are ready to devour all the loaves and fishes. Wait -and you will see some curious things in this Radical pow-wow.

TERRIBLE MORTALITY FROM MEN INGITIS .- From a private letter from a physician residing near Memphis, Tenn, we make the following-extract concern ing the prevalence and fatal results of meningitis, throughout that section :

"This country is now suffering troin wo epidemics, the small pox and meningitis. The latter is very fatal, in fact it is alarming. Nearly all that take it die-those that recover are an exception. It is worse than the Egyptian plague, as it is termed by some. So far, it has baffled the skill of the medical fraternity and they stand paralyzed and powerless to do any good. The mortality in Memphis is greater than it ever was during an epidemic of cholera or vellow fever. We buried, to day, one of the most amiable young ladies it ever was my fortune to meet; her mother preceded her by a few days.

PURCHASE OF LEAF TOBACCO.-The Commissioner of Internal Revenue rules that one member of the firm may purchase lest tobacco in one locality, and another member of the same firm may purchase leaf tobacco in another locality, under one special license in the name of the firm; provided they ship all the tobacco so purchased to commission merchants to be sold on their account and make no sales indi vidually. Inasmsuch as the firm only buy leaf tobacco, the Revenue Office is of opinion that one special tax receipt taken out in the name of the firm will cover their business .- Was ington Patriot.

In Michigan University, a tall girl by the name of Miss White, whom the students call Alba Longa, has solved every problem in the mathematical course, including one which has re-mained unsolved by the graduating classes for fifteen years.

Joseph B. Agnew, who recently died in Appanoose township, Hancock county, Ill., at the age of 58 years, is said to have been the person who fired the Nauvoo temple at the time of the Mor-

A member of the Virginia House of Delegates has brought suit for mileage to the extra session of the Legislature The new hotel at Richmond, Va. has

dollars pledged towards its erection.

RATES OF ADVERTISING. One square, one insertion... One square, three insertions. One square, four insertions. One square, three months.... One square, twelve months

For larger advertisements liberal con-tracts will be made. Ten lines solid non-parell constitute one square.

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 victim was his wife. When she was discovered it was supposed she had been murdered. The wome lay on a bed and presented a horrible spectacle. There was a deep ragged gash on the throat extending almost from ear to car, 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 into the spinal column, and, with that on her throat, almost severing the head from its trunk. The quantity of blood ost must have been enormous, and the wonder is how the wowan lived an hour after her tearful wounds were inflisted. The deed is supposed to have been committed at about midnight, as about that time the occupants of the second story of the house were alarmed by Weise calling and informing them

that his wife had cut her throat.

On the arrival of the police and physicians they asked her who committed the act, and though unable to reply she appeared to be perfectly conscious of all that was occurring around her, and, raising her hand as an answer to the question, pointed toward her · leusband. The windpipe is so badly cut that her attempts to speak were smothered in a gurgling sound, and doubtless she inhaled the greater part of the air. Once they endeavored to give her water, but it was lost through the opening. Weise was found in an outhouse attached to the building. He appeared to take the matter with the greatest ledifference, lying down on a ped and sleeping within an hour afterwards! While be was sleeping and the officers were standing near the bedside looking at the woman, she glanced at them, lifted her right hand, drew it across her throat, as if in the act of cutting it, and then pointed at her hus band. Putting a pencil in her hand the officer held a piece of paper for her, on which she wrote as the murderer. "Peter Weise," What makes it one of the most queer circumstances is what followed. The husband states he came home at eleven o'clock last night, entered the bedroom, and finding no light in it, approached the bed for the purpose of retiring. His wife then kissed him and remarked, "Peter that is the last kiss you will everget from me' He told her not be foolish. She then kissed him again, and fell down on the floor. He lifted her up, placed her on the bed, and striking a light, discovered that she had cut her throat. During the int rview, which the Deputy Mayor had with her this morning, in which she fixed the butchery on her husband, Weise appeared' at last to realize that he was in danger. Being accused of the crime he became much agitated, fell down on his knees at the bedside, and implored his wife to save him from being hanged. He denied by signs that he had done it, and intimated as far as possible under the circumstances. that she was her own murderess. Blood was found on the door in considerable quantities, and the razor, badly nicked, with which the cutting had been done. was discoved in a corner of the room, and he was covered with blood. The neighbors say the two were in the habit of quarrelling. The woman, at a late hour if t night, was still alive; but the physicians are of opinion that she caunot live more than a few hours .- Pittsburg (Pa.) dispatch of the 13th to the. N. Y. Herald.

A circular is assued in London, inviting subscriptions for forty five shares in the Great Western Telegraph Company, which proposes to lay cables direct from England t New York, and thence to the West Indies.

The sem of \$125 000 has been paid e Trustee of the Core oran Art Gallery. the Personal the Treatury, it eing the appearant awarded. Mr. Corceran as rent i - the Ludding for decu pancy for more than four years, by the. Dr. Kennedy, of this country, bus

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Congress, which convenes at St. Petersburg, on the 20th of August. Arzeredo, the British Postmaster at it. Thomas, has been arrested on sas-

picion of being a defeater to the amount President Guzman Basso, has imposed forced contributions of from \$5.

300 to \$15,000 on the merchants of Cindad, Bolivar. A lump of metal, containing seven ounces of gold and copper, has been

ound by a little colored boy, at the foot of Willis' mountain, Buckingham county, Va. The bone phosphate works of Baugh and Soas, Philadelphia, have been des-

troyed by fire. Loss \$100,000, fully in-The will of Daniel Miller, of Lynchburg, Va., has been decided to be valid, by the Circuit Court of Rich-

The foil permitting persons accused of minor crimes to tearly in their own behalf, has been st ned by Governor

Geary, of Pennsylvania. Tampa. Pla., will support no man for Governor who is not in favor of internal improvements and will not give

them a rail road. Two horse thickes had a difficulty over a game of cards in the jail at Bow-

ling Green, Ky, in which one was A family named Springer have put in claim to \$80,000,000 worth of real

estate in the city of Wilmington, Del. A drunken man refused to leave the rail road track in Pennsylvania, where he was sleeping, and was killed by the

cars. Lydia Thompson's, engagement in Richmond, Va., was, financially, a fail-

Mr. William B. Harriss, an old- gen ticman of Norfold, Va., died suddenly on Wednesday night. Mrs. Dr. Mary Walker says she in-

tends to settle at Fairlax Court House The Conservatives of Richmond, Va.

are preparing for the coming elections The Berger Bell Ringers will be in Richmond to-day. had over one hundred and ten throusand