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The Milton Chronicle copies, with comment, an item from our "Political Notes" in relation to the probable democratic gubernatorial nomination in this state and attributes it to Hon. Josiah Turner. This is not so. Mr. Turner did not write the paragraph. The St. Louis Times, in a recent insne, contained an item concerning the certainty of the nomination of Hop, Z. B. Vance for Governor by our ensning State Convention. The locum tenens copied the item and reproduced it with the comment alluded to by the Chronicle.

At the impeachment trial on June 1st, Carpenter, Belknap's counsel, flew off at the handlo and questioned the right of the Senate to require Belkuap to make his plea to the charges. He was severe on the Senate, telling the Senate that they had not proceeded legally, and that witnesses could not be punished for perjury before them. He was so caustic that Senator Thurman became indignant at his conduct, and proposed to repel the insinuations cast so relentlessly on the Senate, but when he rose to administer a castigation to the heated counsel the point was made on him that it was not in order for a Senator to speak. It is thought now that Belknap will submit his case without making any defence.

In the 6th congressional district we see that Gov. Vance having declined to oppose Mr. Ashe's renomination, Col. Steele comes to the front and enters his name on the list of candidates. We would regret very much for our delegation to lose Mr. Ashe just now, and hope that the convention which assembles at Wadesboro, on the 7th inst., will decide to retain his valuable services at Washington City. It is said that the candidature of Col. Walter Steele is being preased by a portion of the delegates from some of the upper counties in the district with the expectation of bringing in a "dark horse." We shall see what we will see. But if this report be true, Col. Steele on ascertaining it will probably be indignant at such attempted usage, and if he finds that his support is a mere by-play we may expect him to give his influence for Mr. Ashe and thus defeat the schemes of those who would ride on his back.

Apropos of new members in Congress is the thought that congressmen who have the experience which three or more ses sions give receive higher consideration and are more influential for good, than new members. In the first place they enjoy the advantage of an acquaintance with all the older members and are

roellent men, but were new hands at the bellows. They had great national matters to become familiar with before they could properly go to work. The

magnitude of governmental operations, the vast machinery of the government, the details of the departments, all those matters that are of vital interest to the people of the whole country, required time and study and thought for the new member to thoroughly master before he could attain to the level of his duty. An ordinary man let loose in Congress now would be like a bull in a china-shop if he is not careful he will be certain to do some damage. Under these circumstances, there being so large a proper tion of our friends in the House new members, it was necessary to pro-

ceed slowly. If, then, there has been but little haste, we may be thankful, for in that case we have probably but little to regret in their action. The country is better off, and particularly we of the south are better off if the democratic party has by its want of undue haste secured the passage of only wise and wholesome measures.

HARD AND SOFT.

It has been announced that a reselution will be introduced into our State Convention favoring inflation. We trust not., However we may feel on the subject of finances we cannot forget that the policy of the democratic party on that matter will, before the expiration of this month, be definitely settled at St. Louis. Our friends at St. Louis should not be hampered. They will strike for success, and the money question is a delicate one for them to handle.

Tennessee apparently favors soft money.

Missouri pursues a wiser course and submits the matter to the National Convention. It is apparent that the soft money movement has but little strength. Ohio was its birth place. At their convention of 1875 the democrats of Ohio pronounced almost solidly for inflation. Thurman alone undertook to hold fast to the old democratic doctrine of hard money, and he was completely overwhelmed. In 1876, at the late Ohio convention, where there were assembled 666 delegates, representative Ohio democrats, 300 of them had gone back on the inflation movement of last year, and Allen got his resolution through by only 66 majority; that is, where Thurman had 9 Allen had about

10 votes. In Indiana and Illinois there is also to some extent, an inflation element among the democrats, but the leading men and the bulk of the party no longer favor the movement.

The democrats of Wisconsin, Michivery limited territory, and has but a shadow of strength. "Soft money" has never yet carried a single state, and now that its strength is broken by Thurman in Ohio it has no hopes of generally a small potato, unless he has signal failure. We do not care about great parts or a previous national repu-tation. The northern states understand the fact alone is important, and that is clearly established.

name in every district, are very clever, other candidates besides the or ernor, and we hope that our ti be composed of men entirely una ble. But we do not begin to un we that the only men who can be e' ted are old Union men who opposecall for the convention,

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The "Prince of Parthia" was written by Thomas Godfrey. Godfrey was a young officer in the Pennsylvan'a troops sent against Fort Duquesne in .1758. Major Waddell commanded the North Carolina troops in the same expedition. When these troops were disbanded in 1760, Godfrey came on to Wilmington and permanently located there. He died three years after, at the ear's ige of 26, in consequence of violen 217cise on a hot day. He was a " considerable power and sweetnes md wrote "The Court of Fancy ;" but 1 ; is particularly distinguished as the author were published in 1765. What North Carolinian has a copy of this book, ontaining the first lays of North Ca. Sina minstrelsy?

The book also contains a sk-tet Godfrey's life, and may be valua' I presenting a contemporaneous and accurate picture of life on the Cape Fear in those colonial times.

CINCINNATI The New York Tribune figures it ou s follows: Whole vote of Convention Necessary to a choice, Blaine, Morton, Bristow, Conkling, Hartranft, (Pennsylvania), Hayes, (Ohio), Jewell, (Connecticut), Washburn, Unknown,

North Carolina is put down : Blaine, Morton, 2; Conkling, 2; unknown, 8. Bristow is from the south and too scrupulous to obtain support at the polls. Morton is sick and the bloody shirt has weakened him. Blaine also is indisposed ; he took letters while in heat. Grant came in on "Let us have peace," but letters have killed the ex speaker. The race is between Conkling, Hayes and Washburn, the latter is thought to be the dark horse.

MAJOR JOS. A. ENGELHARD.

We had not proposed to give an editorial endorsement to any candidate seeking a nomination at the hands of our State Convention, but we think under the circumstances that we may depart from this general rule in the case of Major Engelhard, who solicits the more familiar with the rules and with gan and Iowa are for hard money. So nomination for Secretary of State. Maj. measures than one without congressional that the inflation element occupies a Engelhard is too well known to need introduction to the conservative party of North Carolina. His record is, a record of hard work for party supremacy, and for the advancement of the material interests of North Carolina. tive during his first term in Congress is success. The movement has been a He has every recommendation, and would make an efficient and faithful officer.

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experience. As a consequence they carry more weight with them, and their opinions, views and wishes are consulted while those of new members are not much regarded. In fact a representathis matter much better than we of the south do. They generally return their consequence they have efficient representatives. Our North Carolina delegation is so good we trust it may be reany of the weight it is justly entitled to by substituting inexperienced members for our well-known ones. There is Waddell, the soldier, schols and statesman ; Vance, the indefaligable, now chairman of an important committee ; Scales, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs ; Asho, a lead- there. ing member of the Judiciary Committee, whose learning, high character, judgment and prudence have given him an enviable place among our friends in try,

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and to mise objections, even when there House looking to a reduction of the last general election our congress very obvious reason why Congress has

The delegates to the St. Louis con congressmen for many terms, and as a vention from these northwestern states are, many of them, warm supporters of Tilden and Bayard, and it is said that a majority of delegates from Ohio, repturned as it is, and that it may not lose resenting the congressional districts. are in favor of Thurman and hard money.

> This being so what possible good can come from a discussion of the question at this time in our convention i Our success depends measurably on New York ; inflation has no supporters

CANDIDATES.

Our friends of the News seem to think Congress. Robbins, the soul of indus- it indispensable for our success in the try, and Yeates, the inimitable-what approaching canvass that we should have could we do without Yeates in Congress ? as a candidate for Governor an old Truly, we have a delegation to be Union man and one, too, who opposed the proud of and we trust that all may be constitutional convention. We do not doubt that such a candidate, if accepta-

ble in other respects, would poll as large There seems to be a disposition in a vote as nearly any other man. The some quarters to find fault with Con- fact of his being an old Union man would gress for not doing more in the way of not lose him a vote-and the other fact legislation. It is easy to be captions of his having, from patriotic motives or and to raise objections, even when there party expediency, opposed the calling of are no just grounds for adverse criticism. the convention would certainly not lose The truth is we could not reasonably him any votes if he now favors the adopexpect much from the present Congress tion of the amendments. But while this for two obvious reasons : First, the is so, we certainly do not admit that Houses of Congress are in antagonism and such a candidate alone can bring us sucthe republican Senate is an insuperable cess. We think that North Carolina is a e in the way of those great meas- democratic state, and that any democrat ures of practical reform which the dem- of fair record can carry it. That the ocratic House has originated. The re- Union element do not treasure their publicans of the Senate have put their former differences to any great extent is veto on the bills that have passed the partially proved by the fact that at the enormous expenses of the government. who were all more or less connected The hands of our friends have therefore with the army, carried the state by near been practically tied. There is another 20,000 majority. That a majority of the people were opposed to the convention been obliged to proceed slowly in its is frankly admitted, but none can state work : The House of Bepresentatives that a majority are opposed to the pro-that assembled last December was, on posed amendments, whose adoption can the democratic side, composed almost wholly of new members. These gentle-men, like a hundred that any one can We think a great deal depends on the POLITICAL NOTES.

Congressman Hill, of Georgia, is out in a letter favoring Senator Bayard for the presidency.

The names of ex-Gov. Walker, of Va., and ex-Senator Wm. T. Hamilton, of Md., are being urged for the demo cratic nomination for Vice-President.

The President has appointed the bankers Seligman government financial agents at London. They subscribed 1,000 to pay Babcock's whisky trial

By the rate of proportion there should have been eight colored citizens on the list of the delegates from Missouri to Cincinnati, but the republicans hold that eight negroes make a man, and so sent one.

Gov. Hendricks has a strong follow ing in the middle western states for the St. Louis nomination. His strength in the convention will depend on the ac-tion of the southern delegates.

The Minnesota democratic conven-tion recommended Tilden for the presi dency and nominated delegates, and agreed that specie payments should be resumed as soon as the business interests of the country permit.

The Rev. Green Clay Smith says he shall accept the Prohibition nomination for the presidency, and shall expect to receive 800,000 votes. Mr. Smith +a /8 he was a Union democrat, but he opposed to the present democratic power.

The Alabama democratic convention nominated J. L. Pugh and J. T. Morgan as electors for the state at large and E. S. Shorter, L. P. Walker, J. F. Morgan C. C. Langdon delegates at large to St. Louis. The delegates to St. Louis are uninstructed.

Congressman Caulfield, of Iltipois favors the nomination of Judge David Davis, and is reported as saying, "I most positively know him to be conservative in everything, and I can speak authoritatively. He is in full cord with the leading principles of the democratic party."

The oath of office was administered The oath of office was administered to Mr. J. Donald Cameron, the new Secretary of War, by Judge MacArthur, of the District Supreme Court, at Wash-ington, Thursday, and he soon after began his duties at the War Depart-ment. The coremony took place at the White House. At the same time Judge Taft qualified as Attorney Gen-eral