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State Republican Ticket
For Superintendent Public Instruction:
THOMAS R. PURNELL,
OF FORSYTH.

NOTICE.
Persons desiring to recommend, through the columns of the "Era," any friend for office of any description, must pay advertising rates for the notice, in advance, whether the articles (after the first communication, which will be inserted gratis), will not appear.

Our Nominee.
We to-day run up to our masthead the name of THOMAS R. PURNELL, as the Republican nominee for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Armed with the sword of Truth, he will proudly bear our flag in the coming contest, and the people, on the first Thursday in August, will elect him by a rousing majority.

The President has nominated Benjamin P. Avery as Minister to China, vice Low.

The Republican who panders to Democratic principles by appointing Democrats to office, must look to those he serves for future honors.

In justice to Maj. W. A. Hearne, Superintendent, and to Hon. C. L. Cobb and Judge Thomas, it is proper to state for the information of the Republican party, that Maj. W. A. Smith announces that he avows is responsible for the appointment of John Spelman to a clerkship under the United States government.

The Commission de lunatico inq. has pronounced Col. Mayo, the defaulting Virginia Treasurer, insane and ordered his commitment to an Asylum.—Daily News.

Strange, oh, how strange. When a Democrat has been caught laying violent hands on public funds, how soon the press of that party raise the cry of insanity; but let a Republican do the same and he is hounded down as if he were an incendiary or murderer. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

A WORD WITH OUR READERS.—Soon you will be called upon in convention assembled to name men to represent us in Congress, in the Legislature and to wear the Judicial ermine.—Tobacco Plant.

"Now, look-a-her, Bro. Green, ain't you joking? You don't really mean to say that you are going to have men to represent you and your readers in "Congress," the "Legislature" and in the "Judicial ermine?" And your readers are going to meet in Convention and name them, eh? How many Congressmen does the law allow you and your readers? Do you require your representatives to chaw? Must the men who wear the ermine be good judges of Tobacco? Do tell!

Another Secret Political Organization.

Ten, out of the sixty-four, of the so-called Trustees of the University of North Carolina met in Raleigh, on Thursday, April 9th, for what purpose the public has no information. It was a close concert, doors closed and none but the ten allowed to enter the secret conclave. The common people of North Carolina are to be kept in ignorance of what this select body of the elite of the State are doing, except in so far as the ten may graciously permit them to be informed. Why did only ten out of the sixty-four attend this important meeting? Have the fifty-four absent ones concluded that the Governor was right in pronouncing the Board an unconstitutional and an illegal body; or have they been wise enough to see that the people are opposed to allowing the public money to be spent to build up an institution for the education of the rich men's sons, until ample provision shall be made for common schools throughout the State, where the children of the poor as well as the rich can be educated?

Financial Demagoguism.

What a serious loss it is to the good people of the State of North Carolina, that those sapient financiers of the Conservative press—the Neckars of this day and generation—who are engaged in discussing the possible future effects of the recent legislation of Congress, by which the circulation of greenbacks is increased in volume,—we say, what a great pity it is, that our monetary Solomons cannot condescend to consider our own financial embarrassments, and give to the legislators of their party the benefit of so much profound and incomprehensible wisdom.

For four or more years these sagacious economists have had the opportunity of devising some plan, by which the debt of the State could be arranged, at least so far as to make the situation intelligible to our people; four or more years have they had, to suggest some means of compromise with our creditors, a majority of whom are willing and anxious to come to some definite understanding with the State in regard to the bonds they hold, and for such definite understanding are equally willing, and expect that the claims will be adjusted on a liberal and satisfactory basis. The creditors of the State, for four years have asked the Conservative Legislature, "What are you willing to assume to pay on these bonds? Let us know, say they, and if it is anything in reason, we will accept it. But the Conservative Legislators and the Conservative political economists of the press are too busy in the investigation of Federal finances to bestow any attention upon those of the State, affecting as the latter does the interest and prosperity of only twelve hundred thousand people, and amounting only to some thirty or more millions of dollars. No, say our Conservative Legislators, this is a matter of but little importance, compared to the inflation of the currency; let the State creditors sue the Public Treasurer and the Auditor, and cripple the administration of the government, and heap costs upon fees and fees (our political friends pocket them) upon costs, we will wait; there is plenty of time, and as soon as we settle the inflation of the currency, we will turn our august and profound attention to this little matter the people are so foolishly clamorous about.

Since the above was penciled, we have seen the News of a late date, which paper, in an article on the State debt, consoles itself that a large portion of it was created by a Republican Legislature. True, and for the recklessness of allowing it to be created by prominent men of both parties, the Republican party paid, by losing the legislative supremacy in the State. That is the price we paid for that; and although we do not pretend to be prophets, yet we can tell the News, that the Conservative party will be called upon, and that too in the coming election, to account for its delay and procrastination in arranging the debt they found, as well as the debt they too have created since coming into accidental power. If we are not mistaken, the people will consider that party which, by cowardly inaction, attempts nothing to relieve the people from their embarrassments, as guilty of a breach of trust, as the party which allowed the debt to be created. Will the News inform its readers of the exact number of dollars and cents which has been added to the debt of the State, by reason of the refusal of the Conservative party to enter into some kind of arrangement with our public creditors? If the News refuses to do this, we shall have to do it ourselves, though figures and cyphering are not amongst our most successful accomplishments.

How the Democrats Respect the Constitution.

The Democrats of North Carolina could not lie easy in their beds until they got the Constitution of the State amended so as to prevent any person holding any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this State or any other State, or government, from holding or exercising any other office or place of trust or profit under the authority of this State, &c., &c. Now see how the last Democratic Legislature stand to and abide by the Constitution as amended. On the 29th day of January, 1874, but a little more than 30 days after this amendment went into operation, the General Assembly, in violation of another provision of the Constitution, undertook to elect 64 Trustees for the University, and among the number elected Col. W. L. Saunders, Chief Clerk of the Senate. Is not this a clear and undoubted violation of the above quoted amendment? Is not the position of Chief Clerk of the Senate an office? If not an office is it not a place both of trust and profit? Is not the position of Trustee of the University an office? If not an office, is it not, as the name itself shows, "a place of trust?" No sophistry can establish the contrary. How, then, can Mr. Saunders be a

Trustee and Clerk of the Senate without violating the Constitution? It takes under the law, as enacted by the last General Assembly, ten Trustees to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. On Thursday, at their meeting, there were just ten present, but one of the ten was Mr. Saunders who is ineligible on account of his being an incumbent of another lucrative office. Of course as the matter stands whatever business was transacted on that day was void because it was done by less than a quorum.

Amusing.

It is amusing to hear Democrats prate of "corruption," when it is well known that the expenses of running that party was for years paid out of the stealings from the people of New York.

It is amusing to hear Democrats raving about their "honesty," when their chief manager, Boss Tweed, is in a New York Penitentiary for stealing.

It is amusing to hear Democrats tell what a glorious time we are all to have when they get into power, when we remember the dark days from 1861 to 1865 when they were in power.

It is amusing to see the Democrats of Virginia sending a defaulting State Treasurer to the Lunatic Asylum instead of the Penitentiary in order to save the reputation of the "all honesty" party.

It is amusing to hear Democrats crowing over the result of the election in Connecticut, when it is remembered that is the place where all the "wooden nutmeg yankees" live, whom the Democracy have been cursing so bitterly for years as "thieves."

Almost every town under Radical rule has its "poor boy" whose education was neglected so sadly that when he comes to reckon up his accounts with the government he invariably finds a small error from \$10,000 upwards.—Piedmont Press.

Yes, and they are sending the Democratic F. F. V's. to the Lunatic Asylum to keep them out of the Penitentiary for the same neglect.

The success of the Republican party in North Carolina does not depend on any one man. It can live without the support of any one man, and if there are those who imagine that they are of more consequence to the party than the party is to them, it will be well for them to "unload" their minds of such delusion.

The Era of this city has grown exceedingly sensitive as to the virtue of its party. It does not even want to water the sheep that may find their way into its folds.—Daily News.

No, the Era don't object to "sheep" having water, but it does object to wolves or wolves in sheep's clothing feeding at the expense of the sheep.

Some Southern and Northern States.

During the last three or four years the Democratic organs and orators, in Congress and out of it, have found in the alleged corruption and wickedness of the Republican party of the South a never-failing topic of abuse and assault against Republican management, and administration. The Southern States in which Republicans have been in the ascendancy have been pointed to as so many blots and blurs upon the body politic, and the people have been again and again called upon to drive from power the infamous administration, which, it was falsely reported, sustained and fostered them. To a certain extent the Republican press and many of the leading men in the Republican party have followed in the line, marked out for them by the opposition, and joined in the wild howl which has been raised against the Republicans of the South. We have no desire to defend all that has been done in the Southern States, but a careful consideration of the whole situation—a review of the entire field—cannot fail to convince anybody that the condition of the South during the last five years has had its parallel in the North and West; that even those sections of the country in which the Democracy have had the exclusive control have been robbed and plundered and misgoverned to a greater degree than all the Southern States put together.

Take New York, for instance. It is only a few years since Tammany was overthrown, since the city and State succeeded in freeing themselves from a gang of the worst men who ever held office in any age or in any country. Admitting, for argument's sake, that the charges against Southern Republicans which have been dinned into our ears are all true, which is by no means the case, the Democracy of New York under the leadership of William M. Tweed have been guilty of more corruption than all the Southern politicians put together. Not to go back into history, the condition of affairs in the Southern States to-day is quite as good, so far as good government goes, as in the North or West. Let us look at Missouri. For two years that State has been in the supreme control of the Democracy. It has a Democratic Legislature and a Democratic Governor. If the promises of the opposition were worth anything, which they are not; if the Democratic reformers were really sincere in their professions, which they are not, here was the State where the golden pledges, so freely and loudly proclaimed, might be redeemed and fulfilled. But what is the result? The State has been robbed and plundered in the most shameful way; the city of St. Louis has been the worst governed community in the country, and apparently, so far as the protection of life and property is concerned, there has been no more restraint, no more fear of the law within her borders, than upon the Indian frontier.

It is true there was an end of these attacks upon the Southern States and their Southern politicians; that Northern statesmen and politicians should reform the abuses in their own section and leave the States of the South to take care of themselves; to manage their own affairs in their own way. The whole policy of appealing to Congress and to Washington upon the one hand and of Congressional interference upon the other is all wrong, contrary to the spirit of our government and to Republican ideas and principles. The policy is impertinent upon the part of Northern politicians. The States of the South are not so many vassals, to be bound and unbound by Congressional enactment. They are the peers of every other State in the Union, and should be treated as peers. We have said that they are in quite as good condition to-day as many of the States of the North. In Mississippi, for instance, Governor Ames is carrying out more substantial reforms, so far as the welfare of the State as Dix in New York or Hartranft in Pennsylvania. Let the Northern politicians look to New York and Connecticut and New Hampshire and Ohio and Illinois. There is work enough for them at home. The constant irritation of the "Southern question," as it is called, is mischievous and calculated to work more of injury than of good. It subserves no useful purpose whatever, and aids only the opposition. Hands off the South.—Washington Republican.

State Items.

There are twenty prisoners in the Charlotte jail.

Meningitis is prevailing in Cleveland county.

Mad dogs have made their appearance in Madison county.

The Mayor of Wilmington was still confined to bed at last accounts.

Hon. A. M. Waddell has returned home from his lecturing tour.

Fires are alarmingly frequent in Wilmington.

Miss Buie, the celebrated philanthropist, is in Wilmington.

The young men of Charlotte amuse themselves with gauder pulling.

Peanuts are selling in Wilmington at \$2.10 to \$2.40 for new, and \$2.00 to \$2.15 for old.

Nathan's Creek has been designated as a new Postoffice in Ashe county.

The Postoffice at Lilesville, N. C., has been discontinued for the present.

A fine of ten dollars is enforced against any person who shoots on the streets of Monroe.

A new depot to be called Devineville, has been established on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

Col. A. A. McKoy, of Sampson, will deliver the memorial address in Wilmington on the 10th of May.

Judge Gresham, late of Ohio, has gone to Asheville, N. C., with the expectation of locating there.

Hugh F. Murray will deliver the memorial address in Wilson, on 10th of May.

Mrs. John Ferrell, of Chatham, hung herself recently with her husband's suspenders.

The Old North State Minstrels lighted the Durhamites on the 10th of the 9th inst.

People of Greensboro are locally crying for a fire company and engine.

Strawberries from Charlotte have made their appearance in the Wilmington market.

Prof. De Verdiere is performing on the tight rope in Salem, to the great delight of the citizens.

Mr. Archibald A. Campbell, an influential citizen of Robeson Co., died on the 5th inst.

Several persons were severely shocked in Wilmington by lightning, on the 7th inst.

The telegraph line between Cape Hatteras and Portsmouth is completed.

The Sampson county Agricultural Society has resolved to offer no premiums on wines, liquors, &c.

The editor of the Franklin Courier has an old paper printed at the office of Mr. Gates, seventy years ago.

An oak tree in Nash county measures 37 feet around the body and its branches cover an area of 114 feet.

Ninety-five thousand dollars have been subscribed to the Wilmington cotton mill.

H. C. Moss, late representative from Wilson county, declines to be a candidate for re-election.

Hail stones as large as common size marbles, fell in Wilmington on the 7th inst.

The Cherokee Herald is published at a point distant 120 miles from any other office in the State.

Capt. W. H. Green, Master of Transportation on the North Carolina R. R., has gone north on business.

Merchants of this State are now required to make returns of their purchases only twice a year, January and July.

Three workmen on the new Greensboro Opera House lately received severe injuries by the falling of a scaffold.

The ringleader of the Charlotte burglars has been captured, and made a confession implicating many others.

Five thousand dollars were invested by citizens of Charlotte in the Louisville lottery scheme, and not a cent was drawn.

A little son of D. D. Hardin, Esq., of Cleveland county, fell into a gum spring a few days ago and was drowned.

At the Catholic church in Wilmington on Good Friday night, a relic of the Cross on which Christ was crucified was exposed.

A box containing \$1,000 in money and papers of value, was stolen from Dr. J. T. Schonwald, of Wilmington, on the 3d inst.

A young man named McCorkle, attempted to commit suicide one day last week at Hickory Tavern by shooting himself with a pistol.

Judge Duxton has announced himself a candidate for re-election as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District.

The dwelling house of A. L. Stipe, Esq., former editor of the Winston Republican, was destroyed by fire some time since.

The people of Wilmington are determined to build the Seaside R. R. in spite of the vote recently taken.

A ground hog has been killed in Burke county. It is said to be the first one seen in that section by the present generation.

Four farmers of Orange county, who went West two years ago with their families, are coming back. They are convinced that the old State is good enough to live in yet.

Col. John M. Scales, of Rockingham, had his shoulder blade badly fractured by being thrown from the stage near Monroe, on the 7th inst.

On the 24th ult., the stable and corn crib of J. Ramsay Dills, of Webster, Jackson county, was destroyed by fire and 150 bushels of corn lost.

The wife of Rev. Geo. W. Price, of Wilmington, dropped dead in her bed-room on Friday night, 3d. Heart disease was the probable cause.

On Friday, the 10th inst., the kitchen of Capt. Rufus Jones, who lives on College street, between 5th and 6th, in Charlotte, was entered by a thief who stole all the provisions therein, together with a small sum of money.

Henderson Nelson, a venerable and highly respected colored citizen, died on the 1st inst., in Fayetteville, at the age of 83 years. He was sixty years ago, the drummer of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry. He was buried with military honors, by a squad of men under the command of Capt. W. F. Campbell.

On the 3d inst., the citizens of Beaver Dam district, in Bladen county, voted on the question of annexation to Cumberland, with the following result: For annexation 84; against 3.

On Friday, the 3d inst., the train on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad was thrown from the track. On examination, it was found that a rail had been removed, evidently with the intention of causing a serious accident. Fortunately but little damage resulted.

Mr. Gilbert Tennent, of Asheville, has in his possession a watch which has been in his family over two hundred and sixty years. In form it is what is known as "a bull's eye." The dial is of silver with the figures and the manufacturer's name, Wm. W. Wren, engraved upon it. It was formerly the property of the Earl of Cassilis, and from him descended to his relative, Wm. Tennent, then a student of Duplin University, whose name is on the inside of the case, with the date 1716. From him it passed to Gilbert Tennent, Esq., the great-uncle of the present possessor. The watch is in a good state of preservation, and is said to be an excellent time-piece.

CONVENTIONS.

Judicial Convention—6th District.

A Convention of the Republicans of the Sixth Judicial District will be held in Warrenton on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of May next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Solicitor of the District, to appoint a Committee for the District, consisting of one from each county, and to transact such other business as the Convention may deem best for the interests of the party.

According to the plan of organization as adopted by the State Convention in April, 1872, representation of the several counties in the District Convention will be as follows:

Franklin, 1 vote; Granville, 2 votes; Halifax, 2 votes; Johnston, 2 votes; Northampton, 1 vote; Nash, 1 vote; Warren, 2 votes; Wake, 4 votes—total, 15.

The Chairmen of the County Executive Committees are requested to issue immediate calls for County Conventions to elect delegates to the District Convention.