

The State Convention of the Democratic party has been called to meet at Raleigh, on the 5th day of next July. We suppose that the executive committees of the several counties will at once take steps for the holding of county conventions for the purpose of appointing delegates. These committees should not delay in this matter. The nominees of the State convention should be the choice of the masses of the party, and not a "State" previously prepared by the politicians, and in order that their choice should be selected the people must have the fullest and freest opportunity of expressing it. Ample notice of the time and place of holding the township meetings should be given in every county, so that the people can attend and consult together. Let us avoid in every county even the appearance of packed conventions. Let us not work so much in the interest of any particular aspirant, as in the interest of the party. The success of our party should be our aim, and not the promotion of any particular individual.

The dead bodies of Capt. De Long and ten men of the exploring steamer, Jeannette, have been found near the mouth of the Lena, on the Siberian coast. It will be remembered, that Capt. De Long was the commander of the Arctic exploring expedition that was fitted out three years ago by James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald. Last winter tidings were received that the Jeannette had been crushed by the ice and sunk, and that a portion of the crew had arrived safely at the Russian outposts in Siberia. Relief parties were at once sent in search of the remainder of the crew—only to find their dead bodies!

Instead of encouraging these Arctic expeditions our government should prohibit them. Little or no benefit to science or commerce is derived from them, and hundreds of valuable lives are cruelly sacrificed. We have societies established by law "for the prevention of cruelty to animals," and we would suggest also the establishment of societies "for the prevention of Arctic expeditions."

The annual Indian outbreak has taken place. This time the Apaches in Arizona were on the war path, but fortunately they were soon checked, not however until many lives were lost. These Indian outbreaks will continue to occur as long as the government so mismanages our Indian affairs. At one time these Indians are treated as if they were foreign nations and solemn treaties are made with them—to be speedily violated by the white man's greed and rapacity; at another time these Indians are treated partially as citizens though not allowed any of the rights of citizens and Congress legislates for them. Millions of dollars are annually wasted in the support of Indians throughout the winter, and in keeping them quiet throughout the summer. Our Indian policy is in striking contrast to that of the Canadian government, and it is a pity that we could not follow their example.

The Irish are by no means pacified, and the English government may yet be compelled to adopt harsher measures to quiet them. The latest excitement from the unhappy isle is the assassination of Lord Cavendish, the newly appointed Chief Secretary, and Mr. Burke, the Under Secretary. They were taking a walk, on last Friday evening, through one of the parks in Dublin, when they were suddenly attacked and stabbed to death. The people of Ireland cannot hope to receive the sympathy of civilized nations by the perpetration of such outrages.

Partial justice has at last been rendered to Gen. Fitz John Porter. The President has issued an order relieving him of so much of the court-martial sentence as debased him from holding any office of trust under the United States. This was all the President could legally do, according to the opinion of Attorney General Brewster, because the remainder of the sentence (dismissal from the army) had been executed. This case of Gen. Porter's will ever remain a disgrace upon the court-martial that so unjustly condemned him.

We are pleased to learn that Gen. Seales has introduced into the House of Representatives a bill providing that the homestead and personal property exemption, as provided for under the laws of each State, shall not be liable to execution on judgment obtained on any claim due the United States. This will protect our citizens against Judge Dick's extraordinary decision, recently rendered in a case from this county, to which we have heretofore referred.

THE ANTI-PROHIBITION executive committee met in Raleigh last week and decided to hold a state convention, on the 7th day of June. Mr. T. N. Cooper resigned his place as chairman of the committee, and Col. Wm. Johnson, of Charlotte, was elected as his successor. Mr. F. M. Sorrell was elected Secretary. This attempt of the republicans to divide the democratic party is too thinly disguised and will fail. We copy from the Wilmington Star, a paper that most vigorously opposed the Prohibition movement last year, the following timely and pertinent lines:

"The people of North Carolina had a fair and open fight on the prohibition question last year. At the election then held there was no other issue presented. The vote polled was a large one, and prohibition was defeated by over one hundred and sixteen thousand majority. If this does not make it a dead issue in North Carolina we are unable to comprehend the meaning and effect of a crushing defeat. We warn all Democrats, whether for or against prohibition, to frown down every attempt to drag the question into our State politics now.

Nine-tenths of those who voted against prohibition last year will let Col. Wm. Johnson and his so-called liberal independent movement severely alone in the coming campaign. Democrats and Republicans will fall into line under their old banners, and all side-shows will be forgotten while the grand performance is going on in the big tent. We earnestly opposed the prohibition bill last year, but we shall oppose with still more energy the nondescript movement headed by Col. Johnson and Mr. Sorrell. The sorrell horse will be distanced in the race.

Personnel of the Press.

Brother Creevy, of the Elizabeth City Economist, in his interesting account of the late Prohibition Convention thus describes some of the brethren: "Most of the old familiar faces of the Press were here with all their old time good qualities. Ashe, of the Observer, was on time, looking lamb-like and as innocent of fun as if he had never smiled a smile. 'Old Iron,' of the News, was also up to time, with beard somewhat elongated since last we met and parted. Brother Stone was on hand too, indefatigable, patient and pleasant brother Jonathan, with the papers in his hands. Dear old brother Cameron, saintly, solid and courteous, was here too. Square and level headed brother London was here, with eye of hawk and beard of crow. And there was brother Bradshaw, of the Courier the new Press, with enough poise of dignity for twice his years. And Bremer, of the Watchman, so little fishes! Nature had put its goggles for beauty when she put that fellow up. And Foote, of the Gazette, manly-looking Foote. And all the others we are unable now to mention."

Methodist Statistics.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met last week at Nashville. The Bishop's address was read by Bishop McPeck. It gave a review of the church for the four years past, and a statement of its present condition and prospects, and the causes for gratulation. It shows an increase of 247 itinerant ministers and an increase of membership to 860,687. Fifteen thousand were added to the communion last year. The mission fund in the four years has increased \$1,143,878. There are over 5,000 members in the Indian mission, 1,000 in the Mexican Border mission and the same number in the Central Mexican mission. There has been an increase in Sunday schools to 267,000 pupils, and the circulation of Sunday school literature is now over 400,000. The address also shows a healthy financial condition in the publishing house at Nashville.

An Important Investment.

A telegram to the New York Times from Raleigh says: Senators Don Cameron and Wm. Mahone have decided to invest in real estate and water power at Weldon, this state, for the purpose of erecting works for building of railroad cars of every description and for spinning cotton. It is stated that the property of the Roanoke Navigation Company, which years ago built the canal from Weldon to Gaston, is to be sold very soon by order of the Supreme Court to the highest bidder. It was sold a few weeks ago, and the sale was set aside and a resale ordered. It is understood that Senators Cameron and Mahone have decided to buy that property, and that extensive car works will be immediately put up and that a large cotton factory will be also erected at Weldon. The canal will be cleaned out and a dam thrown across the river at Gaston high enough to turn the whole river into the canal. Water privileges from Weldon to Gaston will be purchasable, so that the canal may be lined with mills and factories.

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Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6th, 1882.

There has never been a more unanimous raid, so to speak, in the direction of appropriations for public buildings than is being made this session. Bills for the erection of eight of these structures were passed under a suspension of the rules on Monday last. The amount appropriated by these bills is about a million and a half, representing, according to the scale usually applicable to such cases, an ultimate expenditure of some six Million Dollars. And these are but eight out of one hundred and twenty or thereabouts which await recognition. One or two feeble protests were made against the summary method in which these bills are put through, but as nearly every member of the House has, or expects to have, a bill for a public building in his pocket, the desire to oblige those who were fortunate enough to be recognized by the Speaker rose superior to all considerations of party or of public duty. Mr. Holman was about the only member who stood up boldly in opposition to all of the appropriations, and he said it was not so much against the bills themselves as against the log-rolling method of putting them through. He thought there ought to be some demand for the buildings indorsed by a committee and by the Secretary of the Treasury. The buildings voted are: one in Detroit, \$600,000; one in Denver, \$300,000; one in Jackson Tenn., \$600,000; one in Council Bluffs, \$100,000; one in Peoria, Ill., \$100,000; and others in Lynchburg, Va., Galveston, Texas, and Greensboro, N. C., the first costing \$100,000 and the other two \$50,000 each. The point of the thing is that there is very little use for Government buildings in most of these places.

It is to be hoped that the bill agreed upon by the House Judiciary Committee to fix the salary of the Supreme Court reporter and hereafter issue the volumes of reports by public authority, will become a law. The present arrangement is a striking illustration of what snags nests come to cling around the caves of the temple of justice and have to be knocked down by the broom of legislation. For many years the reporter for the Supreme Court has enjoyed what in street parlance would be called a pretty "soft snap." Under the present arrangement he is paid a salary of \$10,000 per annum and is allowed in addition to make his own contracts with the publishers of the volumes, who enjoy a complete monopoly in the profession so indispensable to the reporter and so important to the people. As a result, \$5 and \$6 per volume is extorted for books that could be sold at a profit for \$1.50 and \$2. The sales of these reports are very large, and it will be seen that the profits to be divided between publisher and reporter are simply enormous. It is estimated that the reporter probably pockets \$50,000 per annum as his share. This it must be confessed, is tolerable comfort for a job for which that would be gladly done by any number of competent men for \$5,000 or less. Last year, under a score of threatened legislation, such as is now proposed, the price of the volumes was hastily put down to \$3, and the beneficiaries of the present system could easily have afforded a further reduction. The attorney for the publishers, when before the Judiciary Committee recently, refused to give any information as to the number of volumes sold or the amount of royalty allowed the reporter. It is time for a reform in this matter. Several of the States are already ahead of the General Government in respect to it, their court reporters being salaried and the reports belonging to the State to be issued at a moderate price above costs for the general good. But courts themselves are usually unable or unwilling to introduce any reforms of this kind, judges being apparently governed by a strong fellow-feeling of kindness for all their appointees and dependents. Mr. Otto and his publishers will continue to pocket their snug little fortunes every year, at the expense of the legal fraternity and the public, unless Congress positively relieves them of the responsibility.

This session of Congress so far has been remarkable for its freedom from exciting political discussions. It has really been a period of peace, so to speak. A leading Senator remarked to day in conversation that there had scarcely been a ripple of political antagonism stirred up on the floor of the Senate, and ascribed this result to the absence of the Senators who have heretofore been eminently conspicuous in fomenting discord. One of these, Mr. Conkling, is no longer a member of the Senate, and the other two, Senators Edmunds and Hill, have been absent most of the time on account of sickness of themselves or their families. Speaking of Senator Hill, the late reports as to his condition have been very unfavorable. He is now at Eureka Springs, and his condition is reported so critical that his friends may anticipate the worst at any moment. His wound is still unhealed, and he can eat no solid food. He is very much depressed, and will scarcely take the liquid food that his attendants prepare for him. It is stated that his physicians have said there is no hope for his recovery beyond the miraculous cures that are said to have been effected at Eureka Springs. While very much depressed, Mr. Hill is represented as being perfectly resigned to the worst. Senator Hill is a man of distinguished ability, and one of the leading debaters in the Senate, and will be sadly missed notwithstanding the peculiarity referred to above, which is due to constitutional excitability.

Concord San: In Coleburg there is a double house, one end of which Jones Montgomery and family occupy, and Albert Ellis and his wife stay in the other. On last Thursday night Ellis and his wife got into a furious fight, and made such a hideous noise that Montgomery's child, an infant of 18 months, was frightened into fits, and died before morning.

Fayetteville Examiner: Captain David Jones has recently been to Charleston and Savannah for the purpose of inspecting the operation of manufacturing oil from cotton seed. He was treated with much kindness by the managers of the factories, and obtained valuable information in relation to the practical working of an oil factory. Having already a steam engine of great power, a gin and a huller, he has determined to add a press and other machinery necessary for the expression of oil from cotton seed, and will be prepared to commence operations in this line at his place in the suburbs of Fayetteville early in the Fall.

Statesville Landmark: At the spring term, 1880 of Iredell Superior Court, the case Mark Young, and others vs. W. W. Rollins and others, being an application for a receiver for the Western North Carolina Railroad, was heard before Gilmer. The petition was granted and the court appointed Mr. B. Long, of this place, receiver. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court and the case has just come back judgment in the court below affirmed. Mr. Long thereupon proceeded to file his bond in the sum of \$20,000, with the clerk of the Superior Court of McDowell county, and it has been approved. He is now ready to enter upon a discharge of the duties of the receivership. — Mr. Jas. F. Harbin, of this place, has a hen which daily makes a pretense of laying an egg, but which breaks to the ear the promise which she makes to the hope. Daily, for four weeks past, has this gay deceiver gone upon her nest with every outward sign of business intentions, and as regularly has she come off with delusive cackles and other demonstrations of the sort in which her kind indulges when their work is finished. But when her master examines the nest he finds in it what the Irishman found between his fingers after he had reached for the hen; and Mr. Harbin now submits to the readers of the Landmark to know whether the hen is deceived herself or whether she is merely a practical joker. — Mrs. Henry Setzer, of this county, has a tie which was made from silk which was produced entirely on her own premises. She raised the cocoons, from which sprang the silk worms, these spun the silk, and she made it into a tie. She believes that silk raising could be profitably pursued in this county.

Guitem's sister, Mrs. Seoville, has become insane.

The prospect for an abundant crop of peaches in Delaware is reported as being good.

The coal miners' strike in the Cumberland (Md.) region still continues, about three thousand men having been idle there for the past two months.

Near Leone, Kansas, a farmer's wife shot her husband and then killed herself because she believed that the former was going to disinherit their son.

Bills for the restoration of Fitz John Porter to his rank in the army and authorizing the President to retire him have been introduced in the Senate and House.

Gen. D. H. Hill, formerly of Ch. r. lotte, and later President of the Arkansas Industrial University, has resigned his position and expects to return to North Carolina.

Lilian Bryant, aged 14, saved a man who had fallen into New river, Montgomery county, Va., from drowning the other day. She paddled to him in a canoe, seized him and held him above the water, and with the aid of a companion dragged him into the boat.

It is announced that a wonderful discovery of native copper and silver, twelve miles southeast of Laramie, Wyoming Ter., has just been made. The ore contains from 60 to 100 per cent of copper, with gold and silver in paying quantities. Mr. John London, late of Wilmington, N. C., is one of the owners.

At Opelika, Ala., at one o'clock on the morning of 4th inst., Henry Hart and Willy Williams, a policeman, were shot; Hart mortally and Williams slightly. It is alleged that Samuel and Robert Love, T. J. Key and W. H. Hausen did the shooting, and that the trouble grew out of an old feud between Hart and the Loves. The Loves and Hausen are in jail; Key free.

Dr. R. E. Buckner was killed at Greenville, Miss., last Friday night, by a man named Wentworth. It appears that the doctor entered a room where Wentworth was sleeping. It was very dark, and Wentworth not being able to discern who it was, called out to halt. The doctor paid no attention to the command, and Wentworth fired, killing Buckner almost instantly.

A decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court in the case of Sergeant John A. Mason, petitioner upon application for a writ of habeas corpus. The court in a carefully prepared opinion by the Chief Justice, decided that the court martial had full jurisdiction to try Mason for the offence charged; that its proceedings were all within its proper jurisdiction, and that the sentence pronounced was not in excess of its power.

The reported slaughter of seventy-eight Indians by Mexican troops near our border is confirmed.

The committee of investigation into the affairs of the sixth district, consists of Senators Vance, Platt and McMill.

New labor troubles are cropping up at Newburg, N. Y., Chattanooga, Tenn., and elsewhere throughout the country.

A destructive fire visited Racine, Wisconsin, last Friday night, burning seven blocks of buildings, valued at \$750,000.

Congress passed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a United States Court and Postoffice building at Greensboro, N. C.

Five hundred miners at the Pratt mines, Ala., are on a strike, on account of a proposed reduction of ten per cent in their wages.

A man and two of his children were drowned together by breaking through the ice on a lake which they were attempting to cross near Ottawa, Ontario.

John Davidson, while under the influence of drink, murdered his mother, in Philadelphia, by breaking her skull with the butt of a carpenter's hatchet.

The President has signed the last anti-Chinese bill, recently passed by Congress. This bill forbids the immigration of Chinese laborers for a period of ten years.

A negro named Milton Frye has poisoned eight persons of his own color and a white man at Pittsburgh, Pa. All will probably die, excepting one woman.

A careful summary shows a total of 141 whites and Mexicans killed by the Indians in Arizona and New Mexico during the past two weeks, 500 head of stock killed and captured, and the destruction of over \$75,000 worth of property.

The county jail at Brook Haven, Miss., was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Three colored prisoners were burned to death. The fire originated in the cell in which they were confined, and it is believed they set it on fire in the hope of making their escape.

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