

With this issue the Record begins volume VII, and enters upon the seventh year of its existence. Six years in the life of a newspaper is a long time, especially in North Carolina. Not one-half of the newspapers that were published in this State six years ago (when the Record was established), are now in existence and under the same management as then. This State has been said to be a graveyard for newspapers, and the saying seems to be true. The Record therefore feels that it has much cause for thankfulness in having avoided thus far the fate of so many of its contemporaries, and in having attained a success somewhat remarkable in North Carolina journalism. It has prospered more and more each succeeding year, its receipts increasing year after year, and is now in a more prosperous condition than ever before, the receipts for the past year having been larger than during any previous year of its existence. This is a matter of some surprise, as well as gratification to us, because the stringency in money matters and other circumstances might be supposed to have operated unfavorably. We have also cause to be proud of the Record's success, because of the successful attempts to publish other papers in this county, all of its predecessors having disastrously failed after a very brief existence.

The Record was established six years ago at the urgent request of the leading citizens of Chatham, in order to fill a want long felt. It was such a hazardous undertaking that even its well-wishers predicted its failure, and they kindly pitied the rash individual who would venture on such an enterprise. But the intelligent citizens of Chatham at once rallied to its support. They well knew that a properly conducted newspaper would be a great advantage to them and their county, and in the most substantial manner have they expressed their appreciation of that fact, until now the Record is regarded as an institution in the county. We are pleased to know that its weekly visits to hundreds of happy homes are welcomed with pleasure, and its columns eagerly read by the old and young alike.

We have no new promises to make for the future. We proudly refer to our past, and will say that we will continue to give the people of Chatham county a paper, of which they shall not be ashamed; and that we will in the future, as in the past, do our utmost to promote in every way the prosperity of our countrymen, to build up and stimulate their industrial enterprises, to aid them in the development of our county's resources, and in every way to continue to deserve their encouragement and patronage.

BOSS RULE.

We showed last week, how the republican party in this State is ruled by a few leaders. The nominations are dictated by the "bosses," and the voters of that party are allowed no choice in the nomination of their candidates. Another instance of this occurred last week when the republican convention of this district met at Raleigh for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. Instead of the convention nominating a candidate, the whole matter was referred to the district executive committee, and that body will say who the republicans of this district must vote for. And just here we cannot refrain from contrasting this republican convention with the democratic district convention that nominated Gen. Cox. We happened to be in Raleigh on the day (the 3rd inst.) when the republican convention was held, and it was composed of seventeen delegates, of whom eleven were negroes and six were white men, three of the latter being revenue officers. It was a representative body of the republican party in North Carolina, which is composed chiefly of negroes and revenue officers. There were two delegates from this (Chatham) county, and both were negroes. What a difference between this convention of negroes and revenue officers, and that convention of white men that nominated Cox for Congress! The latter was the largest and most respectable district convention ever held in Raleigh, and the delegates from Chatham were not two negroes, but forty-one of our best white citizens. And yet these two conventions fifty represented the two parties!

It is not time that the few respectable white men, who have been voting the republican ticket in North Carolina, should abandon such a party and such associates! And surely no democrat can now be thinking of mixing in with such a set!

THE STATE EXPOSITION.

We are pleased to know that amid all the excitement of a political campaign there is still much interest manifested throughout the State in our approaching Exposition. From all portions of the State are received the most encouraging reports as to the preparation and collection of articles to be exhibited and everybody is talking about attending the Exposition. It will be a greater success in every respect than its most sanguine promoters anticipated at its inception. There are numerous demands by exhibitors for additional space, and the fear now is, not that there will not be a large enough display, but that there will not be sufficient room to display all the articles intended for exhibition.

On the 4th inst. the directors of the Exposition held their last regular monthly meeting prior to the opening, and made their final arrangements. A force of 24 policemen will be employed with Gen. W. G. Lewis as chief, and quite a little army of ticket-sellers, gate-keepers and other employees. Everything will be done for the protection and comfort of visitors. The railroads will cut their excursion rates at greatly reduced rates. A "bureau of information" has been established by which cheap and comfortable board and lodging will be provided for all visitors. And for the information of visitors we would here state that when a visitor arrives on any train he can take a hack to the office of the chief of this bureau (who is Mr. A. M. M. Hester) and he will hand you a card stating where you can obtain board and what prices and the hackmen will drive you there, and as a whole to charge you only 25 cents for the entire ride. If our readers will remember this when they attend the Exposition it will save them some trouble and expense. If any do not care to go into the city of Raleigh they can get off the cars at the grounds, just as heretofore at the State Fairs.

While attending the directors' meeting last week we visited the Exposition grounds and were as much pleased as surprised to find the condition of affairs there. In the area surrounded by the race track is a model farm of 12 or 13 acres, on which are planted more than twenty different crops, including corn, cotton, tobacco, rice, potatoes, turnips, &c. Considering what a very barren soil it was these crops seem remarkable, and will afford the Northern visitor a good field of Southern crops. The main building was entirely finished and ready for the reception of exhibitors. And it is an imposing structure. In entering it one can hardly realize that he is in North Carolina, a being on a so touchy ground as this has ever before assembled in this State. We venture the prediction that every North Carolinian who visits it next month will leave it with a profound feeling of his State than ever before.

"The Poor Man's Child."

Opening the campaign at Newton, Dr. York said it had been his policy to keep the poor man in the saddle, the eddish aristocracy proposed to educate their own children, but they did not propose to educate the poor man's child. No, the poor man must be kept at the foot of the saddle, lower of wood and drawer of water for the rich men of the country. In every speech since Newton speech, Dr. York has repeated this statement, only more offensively.

When the Democratic party came into power in North Carolina in 1877 the number of children of schoolage was 408,200, and the number enrolled as attending the public schools, was 98,754. In 1883, the number attending school was 259,944.

When Dr. York's party controlled the State the value of public school property was reduced to nothing. In 1883, the value of school houses put up under Democratic rule for the accommodation of "the poor man's child" was \$290,008.50.

When Dr. York's party was in power nothing was expended for school houses, there being no need for houses when there were no schools, and there being no schools because Dr. York's party in the Legislature used the poor children's school money to pay for board and lodging. In 1883, \$74,742.37 were used by the Democratic administration to build school houses for the "poor man's child," and during the seven years of Democratic rule \$390,008.50 have been used for that purpose.

Our Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6, 84. Finding the Capital very dull, with the government distributed around amongst the various waiting places, you corresponded took a flying visit to New York, and saw more sights than you had seen in Washington just now. Everybody has heard, but you have not yet seen it, though judging from the stream of travel in that direction, this season of the year, every body will have seen it some of these days. Having had my interest aroused by the enthusiastic accounts of friends who have been there, I concluded I would just take time enough to make a trip to the new world, and I have never taken a similar journey which proved more enjoyable and more profitable with interesting features, not even excepting my first trip to Niagara.

Washington is one of the greatest natural wonders on this continent. It is a city of a million people, and it is a city of a million wonders. It is a city of a million beauties, and it is a city of a million beauties. It is a city of a million beauties, and it is a city of a million beauties. It is a city of a million beauties, and it is a city of a million beauties.

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