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EDITORIAL:

FOSTER PRINTS OF A. H. McNEILL.

The above headline appeared in the last issue of the Sanford Express in an attempted answer to a short article which appeared in the BLADE of Feb. 29th. We have no doubt that the Express editor has not yet ceased to hug himself with delight at discovering that his shallow, murky brain could invent such an unequalled pun and such a *stupendous lie*. In our short article we did not intend to, nor did we, defend Buchanan or Mrs. Denning, but being acquainted with and being from the same section of the State as Judge Phillips, we knew him to be a man far above the dirty insinuations of the Express.

As to Mr. McNeill having anything to do with our last article in any manner whatever, we will state that he knew nothing at all about it until after its publication, and if the Express says he did, in the language of the Tarboro Southern, "he was, either misinformed or LIED," and we think the latter.

A Fish, Oyster and Game Fair will be held at Newberne, N. C., the 13, 14 and 15 of this month. Special rates have been made over all the railroad and steamer lines in the State.

The Tariff Bill as reported by the Ways and Means Committee reduces the tariff about \$50,000,000, and takes off about \$20,000,000 of the Internal Revenue, making in all a reduction in taxation of about \$70,000,000, which is a great stride in the right direction.

The Charlotte and Weldon Railroad.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22, 1888.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city have had under consideration the very great importance of a Railroad from the city of Charlotte to the town of Weldon, N. C. At a recent meeting of the Chamber the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads of the Chamber of Commerce be instructed to issue a circular letter to the citizens of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Durham, Wake, Randolph, Warren, Franklin, Halifax and Northampton, asking them to have delegates appointed to represent their respective counties in a railroad meeting to be held in the city of Charlotte on the 15th of March, 1888, and that a circular letter be issued by the Committee explaining the object of the meeting and calling attention to the different routes proposed.

The Committee appointed at that meeting for the purpose of carrying out the object of the resolution, respectfully submit to you the great advantage of this line.

From Charlotte it will pass through part of Cabarrus county, through the center of Stanly county to Troy in Montgomery county, and from this point it will run in the direction of either Raleigh or Durham, then on through the co. of Franklin to Louisburg, and through the center of Halifax county to Weldon, N. C.

This line will run through a territory entirely unexplored by railroads, rich in mineral and agricultural products; shortening the distance from Charlotte to Weldon at least seventy-five miles. The various counties mentioned in the resolution are more or less interested in the enterprise, as the road will pass through some part of them.

The Company will be organized under a charter obtained in 1873, known as the "Great Western Air Line R. R. Company," most liberal in its provisions.

The Committee respectfully sug-

gest that all the counties referred to in this resolution send delegates to the meeting to be held here on the 15th of March, 1888. We trust that representative men to give some estimate of what aid the cities, towns, townships and counties will subscribe to the construction of this important line.

The company will be under the control of our own people, and will be "free and independent of any other corporation." If sufficient assurance can be had of liberal aid by the counties through which it will run, an organization will be effected and a corps of engineers will be put on the route at an early day.

We have assurance of most favorable connections North, South and West, and it must ultimately be a grand trunk line North.

The Committee would suggest that a full delegation be appointed by a public meeting of your citizens.

The people of the city of Charlotte and the county of Mecklenburg are deeply in earnest on this subject, and will do their part most liberally.

Win. Johnston, J. L. Brown, J. H. McAden, J. S. Spencer, Jno. Wilkes, Walter Brem, J. W. Wadsworth,

Committee.

[Commissioners at their meeting this week appointed the following delegates to attend the above meeting:

Carthage—W. J. Adams, J. D. McIver, W. T. Jones, J. C. Black and A. V. Dockery.

Sanford—D. E. McIver, Jno. D. McIver, J. B. Makepeace, J. M. Stephens, D. F. Sinclair.

Jonesboro—K. H. Worthy, Jas. Dalrymple, J. L. Watson, J. A. McIver and Alvin Sloane.

Democratic State Executive Committee

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 25th, 1888.

To the Democratic Party of N. C.:

At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee, held in this city, on the 23rd of February, it was resolved that the Democratic State Convention be held in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, 1888.

The said Convention will be held for the nomination of candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Supt. of Public Instruction, Attorney General, three Justices of the Supreme Court—one for the vacancy now filled by appointment of the Governor, and two to take their seats in case the number of justices shall be increased by the vote of the people—and of two Electors for the State at large, and for the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in the city of St. Louis on the 5th day of June next. Also for the adoption of a platform of principles and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

It will be observed that the State Convention is to be held earlier this year than usual. This necessary in order that the delegates to the National Convention, to be held the week after, may be selected. The National Convention is called earlier than usual in order that the party may be better organized and a more thorough campaign made in behalf of its nominees and its great principles. The same advantage attends the earlier meeting of our State Convention and nomination of its candidates.

The State Committee respectfully urge upon the county committees throughout the State to take early action for the call of their county conventions, in accordance with the plan of organization, giving full notice of meetings in the different townships, so that primaries may be fairly held and fully attended. Thus the fairness of all nominations and other business done must be conceded. It is obviously important that every county shall be represented in the State Convention by one or more of its own citizens, but if for any reason one cannot attend, provision has been made for the representation of the county by any person appointed by the Chairman of the County Convention, or in case of his failure to appoint, by one appointed by its Secretary. For purposes of efficient organization it is desirable that all vacancies in the different committees be filled at once by active and zealous men.

At the recent meeting of the State Committee it was made my duty to call special attention of the Chairmen of

County and Congressional Executive Committees to the necessity of an immediate step to provide for the election of delegates to the National Convention from the different districts. If it shall seem impracticable to call the conventions to meet in some of the districts for this purpose, it is suggested that the that the end may be effected by authorizing delegates to the State Convention from such districts to meet in Raleigh on or about the 20 of May in district conventions and elect delegates to represent the districts at St. Louis.

We have reason to know that our adversaries will make desperate efforts this year to restore the State to Radical rule with all its attendant evils. Let true men and good Democrats attend the conventions of our party, resolved to present for the suffrages of the people men of character, integrity and recognized fitness for the offices to which they are nominated, and only such, and the continued supremacy of the white race, which is synonymous in North Carolina with the supremacy of the Democratic party, will be assured for another term of years.

R. H. BATTLE, Chm'n. B. C. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

It has for some years been a standing complaint of the Senate that the House holds back appropriation bills so as, near the end of the session, to prevent the Senate from giving them due consideration. Senator Blackburn, who was a member of the House committee on appropriations, recently submitted an amendment to the Senate rules, so as to prohibit the appropriation committee from reporting back any appropriation bill—unless it be an urgent deficiency—within less than ten day after its reference to the committee. In other words, to bind the Senate committee so that it must, under the rules, have time to properly consider these bills. The Senate committee on rules, at a meeting to-day, amended Mr. Blackburn's resolution so as to make the time five days, and then adopted it. There seems to be no question that the Senate will adopt the new rule. It will be a virtual notification to the House that no sine die adjournment can be agreed upon until the Senate shall have reasonable time to consider appropriation bills.

A report was circulated in the War Department last week that Secretary Endicott had received a letter from a clerk who resigned from the Adjutant General's Office several months since, stating the reason he resigned was that he had been flooded by several clerks of that office who did a brokerage business, charging a usurious rate of interest, namely, 5 per cent. a month, or 60 per cent. a year. The letter contained the names of the "clerk brokers," and also gave the names of some of their customers. The writer said he had paid one of them nearly the amount he owed him, without decreasing the debt any, as it went in interest, and that, as he saw no prospect of getting out of their clutches, and as nearly all his salary went to them in interest he resigned to start life anew in New York. He closed the letter by stating he wrote it to relieve if possible, the unfortunate who were now in their clutches, and requesting that they be investigated. He says he is willing to substantiate his allegations at any time.

It is learned at the Navy Department that not more than fifteen of the twenty-five members of the class of Naval cadets which graduates in June next will receive commissions in the Navy. There are now less than ten vacancies, including the two or three that depend upon the action of the President in pending court-martial cases, and considering prospective unforeseen casualties it is not expected that the number above mentioned will be exceeded. The appointments will be altogether in the line, as the Marine Corps has a ready-made second lieutenant than the line, contemplates and the number of assistant engineers exceeds by fifteen the authorized quota.

The person who goes into charitable work in Washington gets an admission ticket with reserved seat to some very interesting performances. Such good Samaritans are inclined to think, after a lengthy experience, that the best actors never appear on any stage. The ingenuity, the persevering effort, and the rare talents that are displayed by some of the "objects of charity" would make their success assured if they should adopt the dramatic profession,

but probably it would be as lucrative if pursued in the regular way upon the boards as it is in private life.

Perhaps all are not so fortunate in encountering the "stars" of this off-stage acting as a lady recently met by a woman who sought assistance to pay the funeral expenses of her husband. This was nothing new: the mortality among the relatives of these people is appalling. The lady having a real desire to help the really needy, had long ceased the careless giving that costs little trouble to the giver and usually does "as little good to the recipient. She told the woman that she would come to her house and if her necessities were real she would assist her. Accordingly she got some of the other good ladies of her acquaintance interested in the case, and two or three of them went to the address given by the applicant. She was there in deep grief and apparently subject poverty, and after some little conversation asked the visitors if they would look at the "remains." In the next room was the body of the man, duly laid out, with pannies on his eyelids, and evidently as much preparation for the grave as his poor afflicted wife had been able to muster. There was no resisting this sight, and the visitors gave the woman a substantial donation to wards defraying the expenses of her husband's funeral, and departed with the gratifying sense of charity worthily bestowed. Unfortunately after walking a little way one of the ladies missed her umbrella; she had left it at the house. How can people be so forgetful? She returned for it in haste, opened the door herself, as she had been absent but a moment, and saw through the door into the next room, carelessly left open, the late corpse sitting up counting the money she and her friends had just left.

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