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EDITORIAL:

The Conventions.

The different Democratic Conventions will be held at following places and times:

National.

At St. Louis, Mo., June 5th.

State.

At Raleigh on Wednesday, the 30th day of May.

Congressional.

For the 3rd district, at Goldsboro, May 23rd.

County.

At Carthage, on Thursday, May 17th.

Township.

At the voting place in each township, Saturday, May 12th.

The condition of the German Emperor was reported slightly improved yesterday.

The President has nominated Melville W. Fuller, of Illinois, to be Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. The knowing ones say that a better appointment could not have been made.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, the able editor of the "State Chronicle," was on yesterday united in marriage to Miss Addie Worth Bagley, of Raleigh. We tender our heartiest congratulations to our happy brother "quill driver" and his fair better half.

It is rumored in Washington circles that Secretary of State Bayard will resign his Cabinet position, and stand for re-election to the Senate. There is the place where he can use his abilities to the best advantage. We trust the report may be more than rumor.

During our recent term of court we talked to a great many men about the gubernatorial nomination, in order to find out who was the strongest man in the county. And there is no doubt in our mind that Fowle is the man. About nine of every ten men we talked to on the subject favor him. He is eminently qualified for the position, and faithfulness to the party in the past, entitles him to some recognition at its hands. He can beat Duckery as bad as Vance beat Settle in 1876.

In the Raleigh "Biblical Recorder" of May 9th Prof. W. L. Potrat, of Wake Forest College will have an introductory to a series of articles, the subject of which will be "Religion in Science." Prof. Potrat is known as one of the most progressive scientists of the country. He is a deep and careful thinker, and in view of the fact that many articles of a skeptical nature are being printed with view to establishing a conflict between the Bible and science, his articles should be read by every one.

Now it is said that Hon. Sid B. Alexander avows that he will not accept the second place on the ticket for Governor. Sorry! Does this show a democratic spirit? It don't seem to us that it does. Suppose every man in all the parties who fails to get precise by the office he wants should pull out, there would soon be a great independent party of malecontents. We would like to be President, but it we don't get the nomination, we are not going to kick out of our Democratic harness by a very large majority. Party principles should never be sacrificed to one's ambition.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor:—I wish to say a few words as to who should be our nominee for Governor. Some claim Moore for Steadman, others for Fowle. I have nothing to say

against these men, I admit their ability, and they would no doubt make good Governors. But that is not all to be thought of. Nominate Fowle, say some, and we will have a brilliant canvass. I do not doubt that, he is an able man. I would like to vote for him for Supreme Court Judge, or make him elector at large for the State, then elect him to succeed Ransom as United States Senator.

It is evident to every seeing, reading and thinking man that the political body is to some extent diseased. What is the matter? right or wrong, which, I shall not discuss here. The fact nevertheless exists that there is considerable dissatisfaction among farmers and working men; it is widespread—all over the country. They are sick. The disease is a complicated one, made up of Bossism, Railroad and monopolistic influence, Lawyers and Politicians thrown in every time. Now, what shall we do about it, pour down the throats of this large number of voters the same old dose which their stomachs will no longer retain, or prepare something different that will invigorate the party with new life? I like a brilliant canvass, but it must be something more than brilliant. I have known many men to be defeated after a brilliant canvass, because the masses were not with them. It must be a canvass to enthrone and electrify the mass of voters among that large class depended on to elect whoever is nominated. Fowle nor any other man can elect himself, the people do that. I have seen and talked with many farmers and working men in the county, a large majority of whom want S. B. Alexander for Governor. No one questions his fitness in an eminent degree for the position. He is universally respected, where known over the State; a man of fine practical sense, judgment, and decision of character, with varied experience in legislation and finances, and he is a practical, working farmer—one of us. What better man does any one want for our Governor? They all admit that he is O. K., but say he is nothing but a farmer.

He can't make a brilliant canvass, but you have got to elect the man nominated, I do not care who he is, he can't elect himself. If you want Alexander, nominate him and then see to his election, and you can make a canvass something more than brilliant—you can make it a brilliant success. Then go to the primaries, your rights and work commence there, it is your duty to go and work for what you want. Then, through your delegate, go to the Convention and boldly, with dignity, demand your rights, without disparagement to any other man. And when Alexander comes around on the canvass next summer, let all turn out and give him a regular farmer's and workingman's log cabin, coon skin and hard cider rousing reception that will bring success, if not brilliant.

ONE OF YOU.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Plans for the summer are now generally considered in this city. Nowadays nearly everybody makes some kind of a change for the heated term. Even if it all ends in staying at home it is an interesting subject to talk over. The respective advantages of the mountains and the seashore, of a location near to or at a distance from the city, are some of the elements that lend to this matter an importance of absorbing interest. For instance, the financial question, and then the more delicate one of how to dispose of the husband, father and brothers, who are obliged to remain at home for the greater part of the summer. Can these members of the family circle be left exposed for two or three months to the trials and temptations of bachelor life in the city? On the other hand, will it be conducive to domestic happiness for the unprotected wife and daughters to engage in the gayeties and excitements of the summer resorts? These are great questions in the family circle just now, and an effort is made sometimes to dodge these issues and try and find a middle course. This is thought to be accomplished by selecting some place near the city where the wife and children can enjoy the pure country air and the male members of the family can join them after business hours, or at least once a week. This is, perhaps, one reason for the rapid growth of subur-

ban settlements surrounding the city. The number of people who spend a portion of each year in the country near the city is now very great. Each year adds to the number. The consequence is that the country for a radius of some miles is dotted with country homes and the beginning of small settlements. Along the lines of the railroads the stations are increasing in number, and it does not require the eye of prophecy to perceive that it is only a matter of a few years when it may be said that the city has extended out in these directions.

The scientific library of the Patent Office is a place scarcely recognized by visitors to the city, and yet there are many interesting things contained within its hundreds of volumes. In looking over some old English patents recently I found one granted to James Puckering, gentleman, in 1715. The invention is a portable gun to be used on ships of war, and embodies the first principles of the Colt's revolver, the Hotchkiss and the Maxim guns. The gun, it is stated, has two plates, one with round chambers for shooting at Christians, the other with square chambers for killing Turks. There is very little description to the drawing, but the use of square and round bullets is very plainly stated. The inventor was evidently bent on the total annihilation of the Turks, the bullets being designed to inflict wounds that would be sure to kill, while the round ones gave a Christian enemy a chance to get well.

The freedom with which the ladies now roam about the halls of hotels in Washington is one of the most curious illustrations of the way in which manners change. A few years ago no lady would think of being seen in the hall proper of a hotel. Now you can see them passing with considerable freedom about the precincts formerly sacred to the male sex, looking at the list of arrivals, buying papers at the news-stands, and even writing in the men's reading room. These fashions first came in vogue at summer hotels, and whether there appearance in the mid-winter season of the Washington hotels should be regarded as a recognition of the fact that the Capital is a great winter resort, or is merely an illustration of the increased freedom of manners born of the women's rights movement and the general march of modern progress, is something which each observer of social phenomena must decide as he pleases.

After an earnest and thoughtful consideration of the charges of fraud in the presidential election of 1876, and of the statistics showing that the taxable value of guns, pistols, and dirks exceeds that of libraries in some of the southern States, and of other relative arguments for and against the making of new states, the Senate decided by a party vote that no good reason had been submitted why South Dakota should not be admitted into the Union. If the bill comes up in the House during the present Congress that body will decide after a like consideration of similar pertinent topics, that South Dakota should not be admitted. In other words, the admission of Dakota is treated as a party question, and the debates upon it, while they may incidentally develop the strength of the territory's case, as happened in the recent Senate discussion, will be especially valuable to the compilers of this summer's party hand-books.

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State News.

As culled from our Exchanges.

Goldsboro is building an ice factory. Peter M. Wilson, Esq., has been elected secretary of the State Fair Association, vice John Nichols, resigned.

Cross and White, the Raleigh Bank bootlers, have been admitted to bail in the sum of \$15,000 each.

The Rev. Mr. Pearson goes to Asheville next, and will begin a series of meetings there the first Sunday in May.

The costs in the Stone-Hearn libel suit amounted to \$858, which Stone had to pay.

A Baptist revival has just closed in Warrenton, which resulted in the conversion of 50 souls.

A mad dog was killed on the streets in Raleigh last Wednesday. He had previously bitten several other dogs.

Among the features mapped out for the Teachers' Assembly this summer is a grand excursion to Nag's Head, Baltimore, Washington, New York, Boston, Coney Island Long Branch, and probably Martha's Vineyard and Niagara.

The Convention of the diocese of Eastern North Carolina will assemble in Fayetteville on May 23rd.

\$25,000 worth of cigarettes were shipped from Duke's factory in Durham in one day recently.

Oxford's railroad celebration last week was a grand success. It is estimated that ten thousand people were present.

The Franklin county Superior Court Clerk has been indicted for imbecilement on four counts.

A flock of ravens visited Danbury a few days ago and were a source of considerable attraction.

Recently Tarboro subscribed \$50,000 within 24 hours to offer northern capitalists to establish a cotton factory there.

The Rev. Wayland Hoyt, of Philadelphia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Chapel Hill commencement this year.

The people of Wilson have subscribed enough money to re-build the residence of Judge Connor, which was recently destroyed by fire.

Ex President Jefferson Davis was forced to decline an invitation to attend the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead at Washington this month.

Mrs. Webster, of Old Richmond Township, of that county, gave birth on last Tuesday night to three bouncing boy babies. Total weight of which was 35 pounds.

The Baptist throughout the State will be gratified to learn that N. R. Broughton is likely to be the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Raleigh district.

There is a natural rock house in Swain county, which is used as a church. Seats have been placed in it by citizens in the vicinity and regular services are conducted.

A mass meeting will be held at Louisburg on the 1st Monday in this month to determine what shall be done by Franklin county relative to the Charlotte and Weldon railroad.

The local option campaign in Raleigh is warming up. The fight this year will be a hard fought one, as the result will settle the question for two years to come.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that all persons having claims against the broken State National Bank must present them, with proofs, within three months from date.

An exchange says that a new gem has been discovered in Western North Carolina even more valuable than diamond or Hiddelite. The name of it is Alexandrite and it is found in the Hiddelite fields.

Editors as a rule are kind-hearted and liberal. An exchange tells us of a subscriber to a paper who died and left fourteen years subscription unpaid. The editor appeared at the grave when the lid was being screwed down for the last time and put in a palm leaf fan, a linen duster and a recipe for making ice.

Eleven prisoners, two white, broke out of Nash county jail recently. They filed the iron gratings out and then let themselves down on their bed clothes. One of the white men was a U. S. prisoner, being charged with passing counterfeit money. None of them have been recaptured.

Durham Plant: The patent medicine man was egged, rotten-egged, and had to quit his stand. Fine commentary on Durham. Some village on the slope of the Rockies might be guilty of it, but surely not Durham! Didn't the patent medicine man get his license, didn't he give a free show? If you didn't want to hear him, or to hear his music, why didn't you stay at home?

Goldsboro Arzuz: Our good friend Mr. J. F. Hill related to us yesterday a rather novel and bold robbery perpetrated by a colored woman on a helpless old colored man in his neighborhood. The old man is perfectly helpless and is cared for by his colored neighbors in town. It seems that the woman in question was waiting on him one morning when he showed her what little money he had—some three dollars—and where he kept it. She went off and dressed up as a man and, armed with a big stick, came back and boldly robbed the old man of his little wealth and has made good her escape. It is to be hoped that she will be apprehended and brought to justice.

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