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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.

Fowle is in the lead for Governor in this section.

You can't measure meaness like you can two rat's tails. If you have two rats trapped and their tails through the wires you can tell which has the longest tail. But you can't tell which is the meanest, John Sherman or James G. Blaine.—*Hounon (Texas) Age.*

Jewhillikins! but didn't Voorhes wipe up the floor of the U. S. Senate with the carcass of that dirty blackguard, Ingalls, in debate last week. He characterized him as a "liar and a dirty dog." He was just recovering from a severe tongue lashing inflicted by the gallant Senator Blackburn. He will learn some discretion if not sense, after a few more such disastrous encounters.

The Republicans in the House have been so loudly and vigorously denounced as obstructionists that they are beginning to feel of shame. The talk now is that under McKinley's lead a Tariff bill will be offered by the Protectionists. They begin to realize that the over-burdened and unwisely taxed people are fearfully in earnest in their demand for relief. The New York *Star* does not give a very encouraging account of McKinley's success with his brother Republicans and the Ways and Means Committee. It says:

"The Republican party is so widely divided on the question of taxation reform that Mr McKinley found it impossible to secure agreement between the five Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, even to a measure having no prospect of passage, and only designed for political effect. If the Ohio protectionist should succeed in bringing his four colleages into line, he will still find it impossible to secure the assent of Republican Congressmen generally."

It is a divided as well a rotten party.—*Star.*

EXHAUSTIVE PROPOSITIONS.

The Tariff debate continues with unabated zeal and interest. Representative Stone, of Missouri, laid down some 'propositions that are as true as important. They cover the ground exactly and are true enough to be axiomatic. The STAR has again and again discussed these propositions, believing them to be exhaustive and true. These propositions are:

"That any article on which a tariff duty was levied was necessarily increased in cost to the extent of the duty; that a high tariff by accumulating a surplus contracted circulation; that the American manufacturer had nothing to fear from foreign competition on equal terms; that the tariff had nothing to do with maintaining a high rate of wages; that a protected system tended to concentrate wealth into a few hands, and that the increase of national wealth during the last thirty years was in no possible sense due to protection."

Campaign speakers would be wise to take these propositions as the basis of an argument, and by enforcing them they would be giving the people all the light needed to an intelligent comprehension of the great question in which they are all so necessarily and inevitably interested. A thorough discussion of these points would be convincing to intelligent minds. The voter need not to know any more concerning the Tariff system in order to casting a wise, just vote. Experts and political economists who must study the system with reference to its wide application and in order to adjust a schedule of taxes covering thousands of articles so that the proper discrimination shall be made, must of course take a wider range, but the great principles of the Tariff which chiefly concern the tax-payer are covered by the above propositions.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, Republican, was hot for protection. He was amusing. He said that Free Trade "had no more right to supplant protection than the Confederate Constitution had to supplant the Constitution of the United States."

Let us see for a moment how much there is in this talk. First, no one proposes free trade. The Democratic bill is extremely moderate. If adopted in full, it would leave the country with a Tariff some 14 per cent. higher than the Tariff the illustrious Henry Clay favored, and he was the father of what is known as "the American System"—that is the reviver of the Tariff system. Second, free trade has never been pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. But Protection has been so pronounced and by a Court composed wholly of Republicans with one solitary exception. Third, it may be said but it is irrelevant, that the Confederate Constitution is a decided improvement on the Federal Constitution, as all competent students will admit.

The Protective advocates are very disingenuous and unfair in their arguments. They know that much they say is absurd and fallacious and misleading. They know that a tax makes articles higher, or they would not blow and beg for the tax. They know that the present system is dangerous, because it makes the poor poorer, and the rich richer. They know it is unequal, unjust, oppressive and ruinous to all but the bounty fed. They know that a surplus is a very dangerous, demoralizing thing for any people, and that it causes a wild, reckless expenditure and waste of the people's money.

They know that with the great advantages enjoyed by American manufacturers over foreign competitors that they have really nothing to fear with the raw material free and with the markets of the world open to them. They know that it is absolutely false that Protection regulates wages. They know this because the wages in the different States of the Union vary very greatly—being twice as high in some States as in others; and, second, because Free Trade England pays much higher wages than Protection Germany, Protection Italy and Protection France. They know that the progress of the country was greater during the Low Walker Tariff than it is or has been under the High War Tariff. These things they know and yet they deceive their constituents as far as possible by false assumptions and the advocacy of a system that been pronounced to be "robbery" by a Republican Supreme Court.

Representative Mansur, of Missouri, took the position that as long as there obligations to be met because of the war—such as the national debt, the interest thereon, and the great and growing pension burden, now more than seventy million dollars a year—that wisdom required that the war taxes should be continued also. This is evidently hinted at in the Democratic platform of 1884, and we have no doubt that the framers of the document intended to say that the war taxes must be retained to meat the war indebtedness.—*W. Star.*

COMMUNICATED.

Mr Editor:

We nominate without his knowledge or consent, our Senator Duncan E. McIver, a candidate for Congress in the 3d, District. He is a good scholar and a good farmer, and best of all a sober man. What more do we want?

HIS FRIENDS.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

The House has no presidential candidates. There may be a man here or a man there who has a sort of a notion that he might, under certain circumstances, get on the small end of the ticket, but none of them have any notion that there is the least possibility of attracting the electric fluid supposed to be generated by the evolutions of a political national convention. None of the members of the lower House have found it necessary to take the precaution of hoisting a lightning rod in shape of a "letter of declination." The science of political electricity is not yet sufficiently well understood for it to be certain whether such a "rod" is properly a non-conductor, or whether in fact it does not invite the shock.

The candidates are mostly in the Senate, assembled together in close proximity, engaged in playing the agreeable and watching each other. If the House has no candidates it has many candidate makers. The earnest workers in the interest of each aspirant for presidential honors are found in the House and most of the active work in the cause is done there. The President makers are there. The men who control the conventions deciding who shall be nominated, and who go among the people and work up politics. The most active politicians are elected to Congress by the popular vote. Yet the number of men who really have something to say as to who shall be the candidates of the respective parties is few. Many of the members are not politicians outside of their own small district, and they have no great influence in the national convention. Others are wire pullers, active statesmen, interested in all the political intrigues and schemes. Each delegation in the House has one or more men of this sort to care for the affairs of the nation. Their friendship is sought and cultivated by all those who have hearkened to the humming of the quadrennial bee. As soon as this patriotic insect gets in a Senator's ear the visits of that Senator to the House become frequent.

He becomes interested in things that interest them. With first one and then another, casually and apparently without design, he becomes confidential, patting them on the back and in every way showing the cordiality of his feeling. He sits on the sofas near the lobby on his side and makes himself sociable and agreeable in many ways. Sometimes several men suspected of having the same bee in their bonnets and the same idea in their heads may be seen at one time surrounded by little groups of Representatives, each chatting away with a gracefully assumed innocence of design and unconsciousness of the purposes. They go through the clever little comedy with gravity and an astounding repose of countenance.

Seat 64 is the geographical center of the Republican side of the House, and the seat is occupied by Congressman O'Donnell, of Michigan. It so happens that seat 64 is also the geographical center of the Democratic side, and it is occupied by Mr J. E. Campbell, of Ohio. Messrs O'Donnell and Campbell are the warmest of personal friends and get a good deal of amusement out of the fact that each one occupies the center of his side of the chamber, and Mr. Campbell claims that they do more towards maintaining the political equipoise than any other two men in the House.

State News.

As culled from our Exchanges.

Oxford is making preparations for a grand tobacco exposition about the 1st of October.

Work will commence on the Wilmington street railway.

The Durham and Oxford railroad will be completed by October 1st.

A Stokes county iron mine has recently been sold to New York men for $50,000.

It is proposed to have a reunion of ex-Confederates at Pittsboro on the 1st of July.

Arrangements are in progress for the establishment of a free hospital at Durham.

Samuel Orr, of Transylvania county, aged 80 year, recently married a 17 year old girl.

Penny Wright, living near Willis' Creek, in Cumberland county, is 129 years old.

A man was tried in Statesville for distilling in a wash-pot and using a gun barrel for a worm.

A Wake jury last week gave a verdict against the Raleigh & Gaston railroad in favor of Gray Washington for $1,5000 damages for injuries sustained by him from the railroad.

The residence of ex sheriff Gentry, at Sauratown, Stokes county, was burned on Monday, April 23d, with a total loss of both building and contents.

A new post office will open at Rena, Yadkin county, some twelve miles west of Yadkinville, with Mr. W. O. Hampton as P. M.

Ten thousand people attended the Guilford Battle ground celebration.

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The Maine girl tall and rude. Dines as though she was taking an impression in the chewing gum of her native State. The Massachusetts girl kisses in the Greek style, flavored with brown bread and baked beans. The New York girl goes at it as if she was dabbing in a Wall street speculation. The kisses of a New Jersey girl is fiery as a taste of apple jack, better known as Jersey lightening. Little Delaware's girls are as soft as the peaches which grow there. A Maryland kiss is rich and juicy as a terrapin stew. The Pennsylvania Dutch girls have to be kissed with their hands in the dough, if you don't want a slap. The Kentucky girl makes a straight, clean rush for bliss, like a racer on the home-stretch. In the Old Dominion you are met with a genuine hospitality. The girls kiss as though they wanted you to stay. A Louisiana kiss is said to be like eating sugar cane, while the North Carolina girl sticks like tar. The Ohio girl is described as possessing the comprehensive qualities of the Ohio man—she wants all she can get and get all she can.—*N. Y. Truth.*

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