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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.

THE UNIVERSITY.

We see that a special meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina is to take place at Chapel Hill on the 6th day of June. We hope that some means may be taken by which the blow given the University by the last Legislature may not seriously cripple that time honored institution. North Carolina is a great state, and there is no reason why she should take a step backward in education. For the purpose of pleasing a few rattle-brained demagogues. One of the most serious charges brought against the Republican party was the manner in which they broke up that institution during the dark days of reconstruction. Now is the time for every friend of the University to come to the aid of his Alma Mater without regard to any political affiliation. We are not an Alumnus of the University, but we as a North Carolinian, exceedingly regret that any thing has been done calculated to impair its usefulness.

It is said that Mr. M. W. Fuller receives \$25,000 a year from his law practice, as Chief Justice he would only receive \$10,000

THE MULE.

The mule certainly is not akin to religion; yet the ones who condemn the mule, like those who condemn religion, are the people who have had no experience with it, or have not given it a fair trial. From his birth he is maltreated because of a reputation not founded on any natural traits of his, but on misapprehension of his character. Let the mule be treated as is the horse and he is more docile and trustworthy than the horse. To this I can testify from personal knowledge. The best and most agreeable team I ever handled was a span of mules. They had been raised right and trained right. They never kicked at me; and I could drop the lines and leave them safely for an hour. Unless the mule's temper has been soured by abuse he will not kick so readily as the horse, because he is not so easily alarmed; and for the same reason a mule that has been properly handled is less liable to run away. The mule is not near so apt to be sick as the horse; will eat without question inferior food; will endure hardships better, being less nervous, and wastes less of its strength; eats less than the horse and will do more work. In short is much more economical and even more agreeable to handle when you know how to handle it. And the way to handle a mule is the way to handle a horse—by kindness and intelligence and firmness. The mule is longer lived than the horse. I have handled a span of mules that when thirty five years old did as much work as any team. They had been kept hard at work ever since they were two years old.

As for the longevity of the mule, who has not heard that "the mule never dies"? The mule lives longer because it frets less, being less nervous, because its breeding and conditions for many centuries have made it less subject to disease. It does not therefore break down as soon as the horse, its hoofs are tougher, so is its hide—the flies have a poorer show on it. The Southern planters found the mule just the animal for hard-work, lack of

care, abuse, and for ignorant and careless drives. The negroes were both ignorant and careless. There is no need to argue whose fault it was, the fact is certain; and for decades the mule was in the hands of men incompetent and known to be incompetent to handle horses. The negro roundly abused the mule. More than this the negro like a fur, and naturally in his then condition fun to him was often the torment of some animal; the mule from the time it first stood upon its feet was tormented.

Now the mule, though patient and docile as few animals are, under good treatment, has a wonderful memory for ill usage and a passion for revenge. Like all other animals, just as it is capable of appreciation of good treatment and of return therefor, so is it capable of appreciation of bad treatment and of return therefor; and subjected to the torment for fun humor of the darkey and his disposition to be lordly over what he could, it is not strange that the animal did many scandalous things that gave him a bad reputation extending throughout the South and into the North.

Luckily matters have been radically changed, and under decent conditions the mule is rapidly obliterating the prejudice against himself. The mule is justly reputed to be stubborn. Stubbornness is simply will power diverted to wrong uses. This diversion is due usually to some fault of man, not the mule. So long as will power is kept in proper channels, the more the animal has the better. Whenever the greater will power of the mule is kept in proper channels, by training and treating the mule properly, the mule is stubborn only in this, that it insists in wriggling the wagon out of the mud hole, that it insists in keeping the reaper rattling though the sun is low, that it won't get sick or refuse coarse fare.

The mule may be put to work—commonly is—when two years old. Up to this age it has cost less than the horse, and from two years of age will pay for its keep. But it is a common mistake to put the mule at hard work as soon as it is trained. It's work until it is three years old should be light, pulling light loads or doing easy plowing. Stunting does not pay in mule breeding any more than it does in horse breeding.—J. M. St. M., in Am. Rural Home.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

The publication stating that Blaine had written to some of his friends that he would reconsider his declination and accept the nomination, if tendered him, in the face of his desire to retire to private life, was very widely discussed by members on both sides of the House Saturday. Mr. Blaine's friends state that it is not true that he has indicated that he will re-enter the field, but they supplement this with the opinion that he will be nominated at Chicago and will accept. The supporters of other candidates express doubt of the correctness of the statement that Blaine has made any further declaration on the subject, but say that there is an undoubted effort on the part of some of his friends to bring him forward. Many of them are disposed to * * * resent this as in bad faith, but they recognize that there is a drift that way.

Mr. Milliken, who is so close to Blaine as probably any man said that he felt perfectly confident that the Chicago convention would nominate Mr. Blaine. Getting the nomination in this way it would be a command from his party, and he would not refuse to run. He said he knew nothing of any assent from Mr. Blaine to the proposition to nominate him. He did not believe that he had communication upon the subject or made any utterance to indicate a change in his feeling since his letter of declination. "I think," he said "that the drift is tending surely to the nomination of Mr. Blaine. If he keeps still, if he says nothing one way or the other, I am confident that he will lead the party in the coming campaign. He will be nominated and will accept. There is a popular demand for his nomination.

The documents being prepared at the Navy Department in compliance with the Chandler resolution of inquiry relative to the Beach cruisers, Atlanta, Boston and Chicago, will when completed, form a valuable history for future use of the way an appropriation is applied to the construction of a modern vessel of war. The work being done, together with that which has already been completed, comprises reports in

the most minute detail of expenditures for labor and material under the cognizance of the Bureau of Navigation, Steam Engineering, Ordnance, Construction and Repair, and Equipment and Recruiting. The most extensive part of the work naturally comes under the Bureau of Construction, and the accounts of this Department, together with the tables of pay and wages of steam-engineering, are now receiving the larger share of attention at the Navy Department. Pretty much all the available force in the Secretary's office is engaged on the tabulated results of the compilations submitted from construction and engineering. Early in June Mr. Whitney anticipates being able to submit the whole matter to Congress.

Many persons who view the Capitol from the east express surprise that the pediment of the portico of the Senate wing and the main or middle entrance are ornamented with statuary while that of the House portico is not so embellished. The latter is entirely plain. This difference grows out of the fact that the Senate wing was completed before the war and the House wing during the war. Plans were all prepared for bronze doors for the House wing, ornamented with historical work, as the Senate has, but no appropriation has ever been made to pay for them. The models are in possession of Architect Clark. The models contemplate six panels, one to represent the massacre of Wyoming, one of the battle of Lexington, one of the sentence of Col. Hayne at Charleston, one the Declaration of Independence, one the signing of the treaty of Paris, and the sixth Washington surrendering his commission. One of the medallions represents war in the death of Montgomery and the other peace, showing Franklin in his study. An early movement looking to an appropriation for completing the House wing in accordance with the original design is contemplated. The statuary for the pediment of the portico will be historical, and the bronze doors will be like those of the Senate wing, with the chronological representations as contained in the models.

Saturday was the twelfth day of the tariff debate, and the ninth day of the seventeen which were agreed upon as a limitation, after discussion had run along for three days without an adjournment. Eight days more of the seven-teen remain. Aside from the night-sessions the time has been remarkably evenly divided between the friends and opponents of the bill, the friends having consumed twenty-six hours and forty minutes, while the opponents have spoken for twenty-six hours and thirty-two minutes.

LENOX.

A traveler in Norway says that the horses in that country have a very sensible way of taking their food, which perhaps might be beneficially followed here. They have a bucket of water put down beside their allowance of hay. It is interesting to see with what relish they take a sip of one and a mouthful of the other alternately, sometimes only moistening their mouths, as a rational being would do while eating a dinner of such dry food. A broken winded horse is scarcely ever seen in Norway, and the question is if the mode of feeding has not something to do with the preservation of the animal's respiratory organs.—Ex.

How He Made Manure.

Students of agriculture are familiar with the experiments made by Jared Eliot in 1747. He made a long, narrow yard into which his cattle were turned at night. One a month the end fences were taken out and the whole surface of the yard well plowed. The end fences were then replaced and the cattle turned in on the plowed ground. This was kept up through the summer, and in the fall the bottom of the ground was carted out and spread upon the fields. When any field needed special manuring, this yard was made as neat as it was possible. The system of folding sheep on plowed ground and "cow-penning," is practiced in parts of the South, and is the more modern system of spreading poultry yards in quarterly and eating out the surface soil for use in farm practice.—Rural New Yorker.

The eight daughters of the new Chief-Justice Fuller have each a separate piano to practice on. One can now understand the severe course of mental training that a person has to undergo before reaching the Supreme Bench.—Philadelphia Times.

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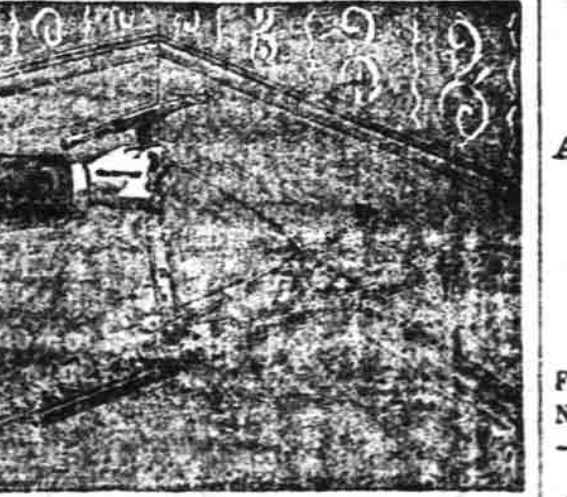
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