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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.

The German Emperor's condition has been improving for several days past.

The Congressional Convention for this (the 3rd) district met in Goldsboro yesterday. We have not heard from it.

The Government of Brazil has issued a decree emancipating all the slaves in the Empire. It is said to meet the approbation of the masses.

The differences between the U. S. and Moorish Governments have been amicably settled—by the U. S. taking water, no doubt. Any little insignificant power can insult our flag with perfect safety, we don't fight much. This is one bad effect of our civil war. They haven't forgot the terrible thrashing received at the hands of the Confederates some twenty-five years ago. "Burnt children fear fire."

*Some think* that the Gubnorterial nomination has narrowed down to Alexander, Fowle and Stedman. We believe that if either of the above named gentlemen receives the nomination he will have to get it on the first ballot. If there is a dead lock we would like to see all parties concentrate on Judge Gilmer. Alexander seems to be gaining ground every day, notwithstanding his stock-law proclivities.

We very often hear the remark that such a man will suit the 'Farmers' Alliance,' or 'Knights of Labor.' Without regard to fitness or anything else, we have to place a man in the field that will draw these societies to his aid. We hope that we will never see the day in North Carolina when a man has to belong to some secret society before he can be elected to office. Every man who has not deprived himself of the right of citizenship by some misconduct should be eligible to any office within the gift of the people. His not belonging to these secret societies should not militate against him. We have it from honorable men who are acquainted with the workings of both these orders that they are not organized for any political purpose. Any man can see that they are being used for all they are worth by designing politicians. We ask those who are trying to prostitute these worthy organizations for their personal gain to go back to the Constitution that they have sworn to support, and study the following lines. "The people have a right to assemble together and consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances. But secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and should not be tolerated."

The New York Democracy, in their platform, make a strong plea for the President and his Democratic Administration in the following summary, in which a vast deal of truth is packed away in solid type. They declare,

"His wise guidance and administration of public affairs as chief executive of the nation has exhibited to the Democracy of the land, and to all citizens, the value and beneficent results of a faithful discharge of public duty. During his incumbency our system of government has been restored to the honest simplicity impressed upon it by its founders; integrity and ability have been substituted for artifice and incapacity in public places; the civil service has been purified, elevated and improved; economies have been inaugurated; useless offices have been abolished, and business methods have been introduced in the management of government affairs; millions of acres of public domain have been wrested from the grasp of foreign and domestic speculators and restored to settlers seeking homes; waste and corrupt misuse of the funds appropriated for the rebuilding of our navy have been exposed and corrected, and the scandals arising therefrom no longer offend the moral sense of the people; thousands of names of deserving Union veterans have been added to the pension rolls; the right of every citizen has been maintained at home and abroad; sectional hate has been discouraged, and friendly relations among all our people have been promoted."

### COMMUNICATED.

BIG OAK, N. C. May 23, 1888.

Mr Editor:—The Justices and Commissioners meet the 1st, Monday, to elect commissioners. The upper end has not had a commissioner in two terms. The present board think they own the county. We hope there will be a change. Let them give some other part of the county a chance.

CITIZEN.

### COMMUNICATED.

#### The Convention.

MR. EDITOR:

You say in your last issue that you were not furnished with the proceedings of the Democratic Convention, as is customary. This seemed somewhat strange to us, but a little later on when the democratic steeds are placed upon the track for nomination for the County offices, we have no doubt that an elaborate apology will be made. We were present in the Convention and will, from memory as near as we can, give a history of what we saw and heard. We were not a delegate—take but little interest in politics, and therefore, will try to give a truthful, honest and unbiased statement. The Convention was largely attended and the brains and nerve of certain portions of the county seemed to have turned out en masse. It was very apparent from outsiders that the "Farmers' Alliance" had the convention by the "Unbelieval Cuff." Geo. Willcox, Esq. Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the Convention to order. He was afterwards made permanent Chairman and M. McLean Kelly and W. C. Willcox were elected Secretaries. Upon calling the roll of Townships it was found that two townships had either forgotten the day, or did not think it a matter of enough importance for them to lose one day in the service of their country. The convention proceeded to business without them. Some one moved that a vote be taken to obtain the sense of the convention as to who would be the proper person for Moore county to cast her vote in State Convention for Governor. Capt Willcox called E. P. Tyson, Esq. to the Chair and took the floor in advocacy of the claims of S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. He spoke about a half hour—stating among other things, that it was doubtful whether any other democratic candidate could carry the State. When he made this remark we thought it a very opertune time for the "small boy in the peanut gallery," gifted with slang, to cry out, "Chestnuts!" "What yer given us?" for we believe that any of the gentlemen whose names have been prominently mentioned for the high office of Governor, could carry the "rank and file" of the democratic party. Alexander, Fowle, Stedman and Clark were placed before the convention. Alexander was largely in the majority, getting more votes than all the other candidates. Fowle received about one-fourth. Stedman and Clark had a very small following. Mr. Buchan, of Mineral Springs Township, moved that the vote of Moore county be cast in the State Convention as it had in the county convention—that is, give each candidate his strength. Mr. Willcox offered an amendment, whereby he proposed to give the whole vote of the county to Alexander on the first ballot. This raised a good humored rumpus. Motion after motion was made. The Chairman got addled! The Convention did not seem to understand the proceedings before them. Mr. Buchan, who seemed to be the best parliamentarian on the floor, succeeded, after the convention had voted several times and expended about two hours in debate, in bringing "order out of chaos," by getting them back to his original motion, which was adopted. Then came the vote for Congressman. Maj. McClammy and Col. Green were placed in nomination. It was moved that the vote be cast in Congressional Convention as it had been cast in the county convention. This motion was adopted without debate. Then there was a lull in the proceedings. It was evident that there was something up. Mr. J. C. Black arose and asked the permission of the Convention to offer a resolution. Permission was given, and he proceeded to read a long resolution, extolling the virtues and services of Senator D. E. McIver, and asked that the vote of the County be cast for him in the State Convention for Auditor. A motion was made to adopt these resolutions. A delegate from Carthage township arose in opposition to the resolution, and thought it would be better to take a vote and ascertain whether or not the county was for the Senator. Mr. Buchan fought the resolution from principle—thinking it better for him to go to the Convention with his real strength. This brought Mr. Black to his feet who made a good speech, as he always does, appealing to County pride. He went on the principle that it would be a kind of "patent medicine" advertisement for Moore county to be represented on the State ticket. He made one *lapsus linguæ*, we thought when he said that Moore county was scarcely known in the State. He did not intend to give Senator McIver and himself a back-handed lick, both of whom have had the honor to represent her in the Senate, and that too with distinguished ability. Senator McIver made a speech in which he stated, "That he had no rankling in his heart, that the people of the county had been exceedingly kind to him, and intimated that he would be glad to go into convention backed by his own county. The motion was put upon the adoption of the resolution and carried, but not unanimously by any means. Nothing was ever unanimous in this county. We learn that the opposition to Senator McIver was caused by his supposed connection with a certain newspaper Article. About this, we know nothing and neither do we care anything. The convention passed off harmoniously, and we think the nominees, whoever they may be, will receive the undivided support of the party.

There was one sad incident connected with the convention which we can never forget to bring: Our friend, Mr. Elisha Mills, who generally orates on every occasion when an opportunity is given, after making one speech, arose a second time, we suppose to get off his stereotyped oration on lawyers, doctors, rings, &c., invariably winding up with the expression, "We farmers are a noble set of fellows." The Chairman reminded him that he was not a delegate to the convention, and requested him to take his seat. Some parties in the audience were heartless, cruel and ill-mannered enough to laugh. Mr. Cole sat down—looked mad—and seemed to take no more interest in the proceedings. We were sorry for this as the convention by the suppressing of Mr. Cole was deprived of a rare specimen of oratory. We hope that the rule may be relaxed in County Convention and he be given ample time to air himself.

Our Convention for the nomination of County Officers bids fair to be a "Jim Dandy." The woods are full of candidates. All cannot be nominated and those who are disappointed in obtaining the prize should lay aside all animus that naturally attends competition for nominations, and work for their more successful competitors.

SPECTATOR.

P. S. We would give the names of the delegates but we left after the music performance was over. We rarely ever remain for the Concert.

There can be no doubt that the South is to be called upon to bear the brunt of the coming Presidential campaign. The Republicans of Ohio, the State of the leading candidate for the Presidency, had formulated the plan upon which it is to be conducted. We expect to have the necessary legislation for a rummary force bill, applicable alone to the South; Congressional interference in Federal elections through the old and obnoxious system of supervisions; the intimidation of the negro; the increase of illiteracy and political crimes, rehearsed and rehashed with a purpose to keep alive the sectionalism on which Republicanism is based. Sherman cannot invite debate upon the robber war tariff to which we owe the confusion of a Treasury surplus. He cannot meet the Democracy upon the one most vital question of the day. Besides the Southern manufacturers are making too much headway. Something must be done to assail the peace, the content, the happiness and prosperity of the South, something must be done to prevent immigration; the South must, therefore, be segragated from the rest of the Union, as a second Ireland, a bone of political contention, whose people are to be branded as criminals, even in the teeth of John Sherman's Nashville speech. The Republican plan of campaign means mischief to the South.—*Memphis Appeal.*

### Carthage Market.

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| COTTON—Middling | 8 to 9 |
| Good Middling | 9 to 9½ |
| BACON—Sides, ℔ | 10 to 11 |
| Shoulders | 8 to 9 |
| Hams | 12½ to 15 |
| BEESWAX | 20 to 21 |
| CHICKENS—Frying | 12½ to 15 |
| Grown | 15 to 20 |
| EGGS, doz | 8 to 10 |
| BUTTER, ℔ | 20 to 25 |
| FLOUR—Country, bbl | 4.50 to 5.00 |
| Northern | 5.50 to 7.00 |
| SUGAR—Granulated | 9 to 10 |
| Extra "C" | 8 to 9 |
| COFFEE | 22½ to 25 |
| MEAL | 90 to 1.00 |
| GRAIN—Corn | 85 to 1.00 |
| Oats | 50 to 60 |
| Peas | 90 to 1.25 |
| HIDES—Dry | 10 |
| Green | 05 |
| SALT, sack | 1.25 to 1.50 |
| SALT—sack | 1.40 |
| COTTON SEED—bushel | 12½ |
| FODDER | 75 |
| SHUCKS | 65 |

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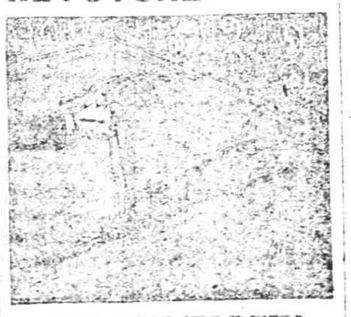

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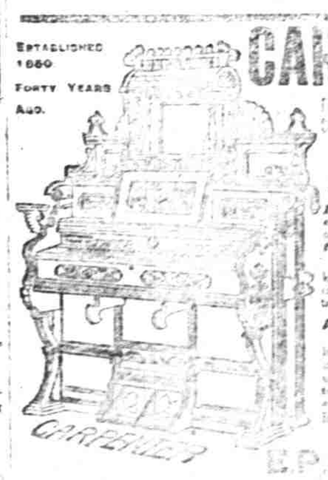

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