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COL. POLK says that the third party question was not mentioned at the Indianapolis Convention.

THE GOVERNOR has refused to commute the sentence of Alfred Dawns sentenced to be hanged at Charlotte for burglary.

Gov. Holt has offered a reward of \$200 for the incendiaries who fired the property of Mr. John H. Ward in Chatham county some time ago. The parties are unknown.

THE WEEKLY TOILER sums up the Alliance demands as follows: Economy. Low tariff. Free coinage. Graduated income tax. No alien ownership of land. Abolition of national banks. More money and cheaper money. The sub-treasury is not mentioned, because it is a detail of the last proposition.

THE SOUTHERN INTER-STATES EXPOSITION which has been going on in Raleigh for the past two months, was closed on the 1st inst., according to programme. Notwithstanding the disparaging remarks of a few bigoted and officious quill drivers, the fair was a big success in many ways, and great credit is due the management for its zealous and untiring efforts to make it what it was. It is true, as an Inter-States arrangement, it was by no means what it should have been, but it was no fault of the officers in charge, but an unenviable reflection upon our sister States. The Old North State did her part well, and will undoubtedly reap incalculable benefits therefrom. Whatever may be said by others, THE TIMES desires to go on record asserting that the Raleigh Exposition in all of its appointments, eclipsed all previous State fairs, and was perhaps second to only one similar exhibition in the South.

COL. L. L. POLK has been the third time elected President of the National Alliance. Whatever may be said for or against Col. Polk, this is a very distinguished honor to Col. Polk and to North Carolina. With such trust are linked very grave responsibilities. This is surely the case with the President of the National Alliance. The Alliance, we think, a grand organization. It has done good and with adherence to its original principles, is destined for great things in the future; but a little rashness might spoil its chances for usefulness. The next year is a critical one, and on account of the President's influence, his position is a responsible one.—Sanford Express.

We copy the above merely to show the drift of sentiment among the brethren of the weekly press. It will be observed that while a feeling of uneasiness as to Col. Polk's future course is expressed, he is accorded some influence and honor. Whatever may happen Col. Polk can certainly be depended upon to do the proper thing at the proper time. The State has no more honorable or true son, and the people will trust him in all things.

CONFIDENCE.—Possibly no word in our language is more important and significant. No business in the affairs of human economy can be conducted without its presence in a great or less degree. It is absolutely necessary to the success of any public enterprise which caters to public sentiment and taste. It is especially essential to the proper management of a town and county paper that its editor should have a certain amount of the confidence of those to whom he looks for support. Without it he had just as well hang up his fiddle and go a-fishing. We do not mean to insinuate that the average editor is as honorable and should be trusted as implicitly as the average bank cashier, but think that a sufficient amount of the milk of human kindness should be present in every subscriber to prevent him from retiring to his closet to weep when he is solicited to pay twenty-five cents in advance. Many worthy and meritorious men have failed for the want of confidence, and many are today barely managing to exist from the same cause. Communities, however, like individuals, have good cause, in some instances, to stand aloof from newspaper editors. But it is unfair to put them all in the same boat. And while we appreciate the fact that confidence is something to be sought and while we value it above dollars, we reserve the right to close this article with the statement that we will have no special favors to ask of our friends and patrons, as we are determined that THE TIMES must die or live on its merits alone.

A Distinguished North Carolinian

[From the Asheville Citizen.]

Few faces are more familiar to the people of Asheville than that of Gen. Clingman. For fifty years he has been conspicuous in almost every phase of life in North Carolina. He stood in the United States Senate the equal in many respects of any of his competitors, when that body was known throughout the world for the great ability of its members.

Thomas Lanier Clingman was born in Huntsville, N. C., July 27, 1812. He was graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1832 with high honors, after which he studied law, and was elected a member of the legislature. He settled in Asheville in 1836, and was sent to the state senate in 1840. Later, he was elected, as a Whig, to Congress, and served continuously therein from December 4th, 1843, till June 14th, 1858, with the exception of the 29th Congress. During his long career in the House, extending over thirteen years, he participated in nearly all the important debates, and, as chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, acquitted himself with ability. His first week in Congress was marked by an encounter with Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, in which he displayed great readiness and self-possession. His speech against the so called "21st rule" was extensively published, and his reply to Duncan's "ocon speech" made a decided impression.

Later his speech on the cause of Henry Clay's defeat led to a duel between himself and William L. Yancey, of Alabama. He also made important speeches on the slavery question, on Gen. Scott's conduct in Mexico, the tariff, against commercial restrictions, on mediation in the eastern war, Texas debts, British policy in Cuba, and especially against the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

It is said that, while a member of Congress, Gen. Clingman attended every day's session of the House without a single exception. He was originally a Whig, but subsequently joined the Democratic party. In 1858 on the appointment of Asa Bigg a United States Judge for the district of North Carolina, Gen. Clingman was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy in the Senate, and was subsequently elected for six years after March 4th, 1861; but he withdrew with the Southern members on January 21st, 1861. In May of that year he was sent as a commissioner to the Confederate Congress to give assurance that North Carolina would cooperate with the Confederate states, and was invited to participation in the discussions of that body. He entered the Confederate Army as a colonel, and on May 17th, 1862, was appointed a brigadier general, in command of the 8th, 81st, 51st and 61st North Carolina Infantry. He served through the war, surrendering with Jos. E. Johnson in April, 1865. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in 1868. In 1855 he measured, and made known through the Smithsonian Institution, the highest point of the Black Mountains, since designated as "Clingman's Peak," and in 1858 he determined the highest point of the Smoky Mountains, designated on the maps of the coast survey as "Clingman's Dome." He also made known the existence in North Carolina of the diamond, ruby, platinum, corundum and many other rare minerals, and the important mica mines in Mitchell and Yancey counties were first opened by him.

Since the close of the war Gen. Clingman has devoted his attention to mining, and to scientific and literary pursuits. He has published a volume of his speeches (1878), and minor works, including "Follies of the Positive Philosophers," (Raleigh, 1878).

State Temperance Association.

The Sanford Express says: We hail with pleasure the permanent organization of the State Temperance Association. This was effected last week in Raleigh under the auspices of prominent temperance men representing the different denominations of Christians. It aims at organized effort in suppressing the liquor traffic, and to stir up and strengthen the temperance sentiments of our people. It does not mean the Prohibition party or any party at all. It appeals to every citizen for help in the good cause without touching his party affiliations. The methods to be used are to be non-partisan, non-sectarian and distinctively Christian. It proposes to organize the State and each county and each township in the county to aid in this work. With all our heart, we bid them God speed!

W. J. Hicks, superintendent of the penitentiary, has a force of 125 convicts laying track on the Wilson Short Cut between Fayetteville and Rowland.

Progressive Farming.

F. W. Dow, Steuben county, N. Y., writes in the Bulletin as follows: It is commendable in the farmer, as well as any other man, to wish to go ahead and make a success of his occupation. I believe in progressive farming. There is a great field open before us, and it is only for us to push onward, with a determination to succeed, and our labors will be rewarded with abundance of the products of the earth. Who would be a laggard when Nature offers to pour out such a generous supply of the finest products if we will only work for them? I am in sympathy with the Patrons of Husbandry and the Farmers' Alliance; also all other organizations that are laboring for the advancement of the farmer's occupation; but the farmer should not, for one moment, expect or ask that any secret society or political party will provide him with the subsistence of life without he earns it. I believe in every individual earning just what he has by well directed labor of some sort, let him be a farmer or any other person. Probably there was never a time in the history of this fair country of ours when the possibilities were any greater for the farmers than they are today. Let him therefore roll up his sleeves and put in some well directed blows, and his success is sure, both in the fields and the legislative halls of the country. Hard work is what tells every time, and the person who shirks it should not expect to win success. He in no way deserves it. The young farmer who takes hold of the business with a love for it, reads agricultural papers and books, studies and learns to think for himself, goes to bed at night somewhat tired, but at peace with his neighbor, so that he can enjoy a sweet night's sleep, is pretty sure to rise.

MR. DIXON ON THE ALLIANCE. [From the New York Herald.] The Rev. Thomas Dixon had something to say for the Farmers' Alliance yesterday in his remarks preceding his sermon in the Association Hall. He said that it was by no means sure that the recent election had proved a death blow to the Alliance—"this nameless hobgoblin with hayseed in its hair." "The simple truth is," he said, "that all this talk about the death of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union is cheap partisan twaddle." "Its life was not involved in the fight. It was not seriously affected by these elections because it is primarily a moral, not a political movement. The movement is, in its last analysis, a religious movement, and finds its basis in the religious nature of the millions of under masses who compose its rank and file." "Not a single one of the problems that gave birth to this movement has been met as yet. They have not even been given a hearing. They have been hooted out of court by the hired assassins of thought in the older parties, who fight not for principle but for office." "In spite of good crops, gambling in the bread of a starving world still holds its carnival of hell on the floor of your exchanges." "Conservatives may hoot and pooh! and bab! but the movement is one of resistless power. You had as well try to sweep back the sea with a goose's tail feather as to try to stop it with the pen of ridicule. You had as well try to dam Niagara with an anathema."

The National Conventions.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

The choice of Minneapolis as the location of the Republican national convention of 1892 is not likely to have any material influence upon the nomination of candidates. There have been occasions when the location of the convention controlled the Presidency. It is known that Lincoln would not have been nominated in 1860 had the convention been held in any of the eastern cities. That was the first national convention ever held west of Cincinnati, and only one had been previously held west of the Alleghenies, viz: the Buchanan convention of 1856. It was the overwhelming numbers and enthusiasm of the Illinois people in favor of Lincoln, added to the sober convictions of the large portions of delegates that Seward could not be elected, that gave Lincoln success in a body that was really two-thirds for Seward.

Had the Hayes convention of 1876 been held either the far West or in the East, Blaine would certainly have been nominated. He had a majority of the delegates in the convention, and a majority of all the delegates voted for him at one time or another, but never on the same ballot. Local influences contributed very largely to make it possible to defeat Blaine by making Hayes a compromise candidate. It is reasonably certain that Seymour would not have been nominated against Grant in 1868 had the convention not been held in New York. The accidental nomination of Garfield, as the outcome of the struggle between Grant and Blaine in 1880, was not in any degree controlled by the fact that the convention was held in Chicago, nor had locality anything whatever to do with the nomination of Cleveland either in 1884 or '88, or with the nomination of Blaine in 1884, or the nomination of Harrison in 1888.

The contest for the coming Republican National Convention was warmly contested by a number of Western cities, and various generous propositions were made to secure it. It is a common idea that the meeting of a convention for the first time in a new Western city, would be well calculated to inspire the party to uncommon effort in the campaign that follows, but there is no good reason to assume that the location of either of the conventions in 1892 will have any material influence upon the choice of candidates or upon the vote of any State.

Miss Mamie Dickens, who was always known as the favorite daughter of Charles Dickens, has written, for the Christmas number of the Ladies' Home Journal, her first story. It is a semi-ghost tale of the romance of an old English manor. Miss Dickens' only piece of literary work previous to this story was the editing of her father's letters for publication. She is said to possess true literary talent.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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