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EDENTON, MAY 11.

NOTICE.

THE Democratic County Convention to select delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions, will be held at the Court House in Edenton on Saturday, May 26th, at 12 M.

The various Townships will hold their Conventions at usual places on Saturday, the 19th of May, 1888, to select delegates to the County Convention.

W. M. BOND, Chairman.
Edenton, May 8th, '88.

JUDGE Lynch holds another court in Beaufort county, and the wide awake Washington Gazette knows well how to report the proceedings. It seends out an extra which we print elsewhere.

EDITORS evidently does not approve of single blessedness, judging from the number of marriages this year. Now it is we are to congratulate Bro. Josephus Daniels, of the Raleigh Chronicle, and Bro. P. H. Welch, of the Plymouth Monitor, who were both married last week. Our heartiest wishes are extended them and their lovely brides. May they always be happy.

WHY is it the Treasurer of the County never handles any cash and never can take up the county orders presented him? Can't some one answer? What is the good of a Treasurer? and why is it he is compel to give a large bond? This is a mystery to many and one which should be solved. A man holding an order on the county must either lose 20 per cent. or put his order in the waste basket, why is this? Who is the speculator and who gets the 20 per cent? We hope some one will answer this question at once.

STEDMAN.

IT IS a noteworthy fact that in all the articles which we have seen in our exchanges concerning the possible nominatlon of Maj. Stedman for Governor, no one of them has so far as we can recollect advanced a single reason why that distinguished leader should not have the party's banner committed to his care in the coming contest.

If in this we are remembering correctly we find an unanswerable argument in his behalf. The papers of the State have been heavily laden with articles commendatory of the respective favorites of the writers. Some have sought to show why others mentioned in this connection should not be selected to lead, but the record of the gallant Wilmingtonian stands forth to-day as spotless in its purity as when first his friends placed him in the race.

If that record was in any way open to attack the assault would long since have been made. Fortunate indeed is the man whose known purity of conduct forbids any imputation in this day of criticism.

PRUDEN.

We find another tribute to the merit of our townsman in the outspoken endorsement given to his claims for nomination to the Supreme Court Bench by the Democrats in convention assembled in old Currituck. We are waiting to hear from the other Counties of the District, and in our judgment nearly all of them will give utterance to similar feeling in tones of equal certainty. The people of our section desire to see the gentleman whose name heads this article placed upon the bench of our court of last resort. They believe him in every way qualified to discharge its duties and reflect credit upon the party which selects him for that lofty position. With a degree of professional attainment which has placed him in the front as a leader of the bar in this portion of the State, with a record absolutely unassailable, with a firm adherence to every rule of right, they tender to the State Convention the name of Hon. Wm. D. Pruden for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court believing that no better selection can be made.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

TERRIBLE MURDER SPEEDILY AVENGED.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER RIDDLED BY LYNCHERS' BULLETS—CRIME MAKES WIDOWS ANN ORPHANS.

[From Washington Gazette—Extra.]

Again has our commumity been shocked by another terrible tragedy. Like a thunder clap the starting announcement came that Mr. Joshua A. Cox, a peaceable and useful citizen and successful lumberman of Blount's Creek, 16 miles from Washington, had been murdered by Thomas Frazier, an employee of Mr. H. Mac Cox, deceased's brother. Bad blood for Cox had boiled in the veins of Frazier for some time past, and on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by two friends, Newton and Adams, he entered Cox's store and demanded liquor, which Cox refused, and then walked off towards his mill, a few yards distant. Frazier, who had been drinking, now boiling with rage, thought it "d——d strange others could buy when he could not,' and seizing a gun which was in the hands of one of his friends standing near, emptied the contents of both barrels, which literally riddled Mr. Cox with buck shot, producing almost instant death. Frazier fled through the swamp near by to the house of Mr. H. Mac Cox, where his clothes were thinking to secure them and escape, believing his employer absent. Mr. Cox, however, had heard of the murder, but not having left the house, arrested Frazier, and with the aid of others, who came up, bound him and carried him to a small dwelling near the mill, where he was placed under a strong guard, preparatory to bringing him to this city, the following morning, for incarceration in the county jail. A magistrate, fearing attempted release by Frazier's friends, posted sentinels at different points around the premises, securing the murderer with heavy chains fastened to a post within the building. Toward morning a company of masked men, adroitly eluded the sentinels and gained admission to the temporary prison, and overpowering the guard, took possession of Frazier, knocked off the irons, and gagged and bound, dragged him near to the exact spot where he stood when he fired the first shot at his innocent victim. Here a volley of gun and pistol shots was emptied into his body, instantly killing him and mutilating him almost beyond recognition, and then the lynchers dispersed, having done their work in much less time than it takes to tell the story.

Frazier was considered a desperate character, having confessed to several other murders, among them the killing of Mac Waters, several years ago, while night watch at Kugler's mill, in this town. The community around the scene of the tragedy is mutch excited, and fears are entertained for the safety of Frazier's friends, who had not been seen since Saturday night, and is supposed to have got an inkling of danger and fled to parts unknown. Frazier was the son of a prominent lawyer in Pender county, but had lived in this county for a number of years.

Mr. Cox was a very highly respected citizen, a hard worker, and a useful man. Many will morn his death, but none will feel it so keenly as his widow with her five small children, whom we all pity in their sore affliction.

LATER.—At the Coroner's inquest held Sunday over the body of Frazier a verdict of "death at the hands of parties unknown to the jury" was rendered.

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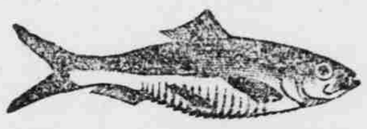

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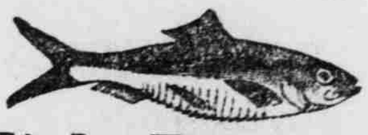

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