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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CON-VENTION WILL BE HELD AT CHICAGO, JULY 8TH.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVEN TION MEETS AT RALEIGH. JUNE 25TH.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSION-AL CONVENTION, FOR THE 3D DISTRICT, MEETS AT BURGAW, JULY 2D.

JAMES G. BLAINE.

had in the bright newsy columns of would impose upon their brethren. the leading Republican Metropoli- Men who have never lived under tan papers. The nomination of negro rule can form no just concep-Mr. Blaine has failed to give satis- tion of the hardship such a rule enfaction to his political brethern tails. which discontent finds voice in the party journals. That this antagon- empty sounds without warrant. In ism will be hushed, and an amicable judging the future, we are, in understanding reached before the great measure, guided by the past. day of election, is not possible. The We have proof of the soundest, and feeling of hostility, is too wide- most substantial character, showing spread, and deep seated to be over the result of negro supremacy in come, even by so astute and crafty a Eastern North Carolina. It can be politician as Mr. Blaine. A majori- had by reference to the records of ty of the Republican journals of those counties. prominence are bitter and pronounced in their denunciation of his can- change in the present system of didacy. The Republican party are County Government by the Demofully aware of his being a bribe taker, cratic party would upset Democracy as was evidenced in the Mulligan let- in North Carolina and remand the ters. Political readers have not forgotten the dodging, falsifying, bully- have grounds for the assertion. Easting, and begging practiced by this ern Democrats have worked for the apostle of Republicanism in 1876 party with a zeal and fidelity surwhile undergoing investigation by passed by none, and they in return the Sub-Judiciary Committee of the demand protection. The difference House, as to whether he received between parties in this State is quite \$64,000 as a retainer from Col. Tom Scott for services rendered the Union Pacific R. R. Mulligan who had been summoned from Boston to testify before the Committee was denounced as a falsifier when his evidence criminated Blaine, but when he proposed to back his statements with tangible proofs in the shape of a batch of letters written by Mr. Blaine while speaker of the House to one Warren Fisher Jr., of Boston, in which acknowlegements were made, of how he had ruled (as, speaker) in favor of this Union Pacific R. R. then this exponent of high moral ideas visited Mulligan at the Riggs House, confessed his guilt, and implored that those letters might be restored to him. Mulligan refused, but permitted him to peruse them. On Mr. Blaine's getting possession of them he retained them and from then until now their secrecy has remained inviolable. Mr. Blaine entered Congress about the same time that Roscoe Conklin did, and served continuously with the New Yorker up to the time of his resignation in the spring of 1881. With the same salary as that of Mr. Conklin the Maine statesman has grown rich while the New Yorker (although living in very simple style) has continued poor. The \$64,000 is only a small part of the stream of golden ducats that have been diverted to the capacious pockets of Mr. Blaine by indirection.

RAILROAD MEETING.

A meeting of representative citizens of Pender, Onslow, and New Hanover Counties, was held in the Hall of the Produce Exchange Wilmington, on the 12th inst., to take further action in the building of a railroad from Wilmington to Sneed's Ferry Onslow County: also to urge the immediate survey of the proposed branch of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. from this point to Wilmington. The survey of both routes was estimated to cost \$1000. A committee of three was appointed by the chair to raise the necessary amount, consisting of Messrs. B. F. Hall, John H. Currie and Col. Roger Moore.

Substantial results from this meeting are look forward to.

MR. TILDEN.

We publish in this issue a letter from Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, which he peremptorily declines to be a candidate before the coming Chicago Convention for the Presidency. His letter is clear, forceful and true. It embodies suggestions which if carried out would greatly purify the gen eral government, and give to the country an honest administration.

The Republican platform favors reform, in fact is loud for reform. depress American shipping? The Republican party has been in control of the National administra- tired of voting money to the navy, tion for twenty four years. Who made reform necessary?-Plant.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

agitating the feasibility of a change government of these appropriations. in the present system of County If the money voted by Congress for MESSRS EDITORS:-Government. A return to the sys- the benefit of the navy for the past tem which prevailed prior to 1876, ten years had been honestly applied ly see poverty, degredation, and ruin appropriations. following as a consequence to such a change. Intelligent men, men of change of administration. refinement, white men, are found at intervals among Democrats, favoring a change. These advocates of immoral and dishonest government for the refined and intelligent people of Eastern North Carolina are not dwellers in that section, and are grossly selfish, and callous to the Much refreshing reading is now hardships which such a government

These assertions are not merely

We said in the outset that State to Republican rule, and we small. Every Democratic vote i necessary to success. Withdraw protection from the East, and the East must then look out for itself and make the best terms possible. Who will then have the reins of power? Is it necessary to say with whom those terms would be made?

COMMENTS ON THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

birth in a hatred of slave labor, and volve the nation in difficulties with in a desire that all men may be free foreign countries if given loose rein. and equal, is unalterably opposed to placing our workingmen in competition with any form of servile labor; whether at home or abroad. this spirit we denounce the importation of contract labor, whether from Europe or Asia, as an offense against the spirit of American institutions, and we pledge ourselves to sustain of twenty ministers yesterday, and the present law restricting Chinese immigration, and to provide such further legislation as is necessary to cats will get 20,000 Repulican votes carry out its purpose.'

vocates protecting home industries political mountebank like Ben Butand American labor, what steps have been inaugurated by it, to put a stop to the tremendous annual influx of European pauper labor, which it denounces, and which enters this country free to compete with American labor? Promises are cheap.

"The reform of the civil service, auspiciously begun under Republican administration, should be completed by the further entension of the reformed system, already established by law, to all the grades of the service to which it is applicable. The spirit and purpose of the reform should be observed in all executive appointments, and all laws at variance with the objects of existing reformed legislation should be repealed, to the end that the dangers to free institutions, which lurk in the power of official patronage, may be wisely and effectively avoided."

The civil service reform mentioned here as so auspiciously begun doubtless was initiated at the time Virginia was handed over to the tender mercies of Mahone, whose assessments on government officials for campaign purposes were enforced by Gov. Jarvis, Judge Seymour, Dr. the Arthur administration.

"We demand the restoration of ou navy to its old-time strength and efficiency, that it may in any sea protect the rights of American citizens, and the interests of American commerce, and we call upon Congress to remove the burdens under which American shipping has been depressed, so that it may again be true that we have a commerce which eaves no sea unexplored, and a navy which takes no law from superior

From whom is this demand made? Has not the Republican party had control of the government for the past twenty-four years? and is it not responsible for the decadence of the navy? and the burdens which

The Democratic House has grown when that money is diverted to the endorsed as a candidate for Gover- gamous attachment can expect no In reply to the address of the compockets of Secor Roberson, and John nor.

Roach, both of whom have grown Some of our State exchanges are to be millionaires by defrauding the would probably put an end to the rule to that purpose, the United States of Democracy in this State—at least | navy would to-day be second to none. for a season. We are so obtuse as Republican officials however have to be unable to see any advantage to stolen the money, the navy has rotthe people from a return to the old ted upon the seas and the Republiregime, but can clearly and distinct- can party now howls for increased

A navy can only be had by a

"The people of the United States in their organized capacity constitute a Nation, and not a mere confederacy of States.

The above more forcibly portrays the tendency of the Republican party they had unlimited confidence in toward centralization than any language which we could employ. It tell its own tale and needs no com-

EXTRACTS FROM TOPIC EXTRA.

Last Sunday morning at two o'clock the office of the Lenoir Topic took fire and was consumed with the printing press, forms, &c. The following is clipped from the Extra

"Mr. J. B. Sherrill, a practical printer and employe of the Topic, broke open the door of the office and by directing the work of others, managed to save in good condition all of the type, cases, and the gallies full of type set up, the job press, all the books and some sundries. The heavy Hoe press it was impossible to move and the forms with all the standing matter, column rules, quoins and other furniture were

The Topic had no insurance and estimates its loss at \$1,500. Other property was burned. The aggregate loss is put down at \$7,500, upon which there was no insurance.

The Topic has ordered new mate rial, and will soon re-appear brighter and better than ever before. We extend our sympathy to our brother, and trust his loss will not be as heavy as at first estimated.

DR. HOWARD CROSBY.

Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York City, in speaking of the nomination of Mr. Blaine, has this to

"I don't like the nomination of Blaine at all. I think Mr. Blaine "The Republican party, having its itician. He is just the man to inand would no doubt do so if elected. If the Democrats nominate any decent man, like Bayard, of Cleveland, I shall certainly vote for him, although I have voted the Republican ticket nearly all my life, and voted the Whig ticket before voted that. I was in the company every one of them expressed the same opinion. I think the Demoin New York city if they put up While the Republican party ad- any decent man. If they put up a ler I don't know what we shall do.'

The Railroad Celebration.

GREENSBORO, N. C., June 7, '84. To the Citizens of Guilford and surrounding counties:

At a meeting of the citizens of Greensboro, on the 10th of May, ult., they resolved to celebrate, in an appropriate manner, the completion of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway to this point. Pursuant thereto every necessary arrangement has been made for the same to take place in Caldwell Institute Grove, in our city, on June 19th, 1884. By special invitation we expect to have present Senators Vance, Ransom and Lamar, all our Representatives in Congress, Gov. Jarvis and all the State officials, including the judiciary and members of the last General Assembly, many railroad officials, the State press and gentlemen representing many other leading newspapers of the country and leading business men from throughout the

Speeches will be made by Senators Vance, Ransom and Lamar, Grissom and other prominent gen-

Music will be rendered by two or more good bands. Now, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, I extend a cordial invitation and a hearty welcome to all.

Respectfully, R. R. KING, Mayor, Chm'n Com. on Invitation.

Journal at the Commencement exer- the public road. cises of the University of this State. This indeed is enterprise, for Mr. Watterson being very sick, could

gates were elected to the State Con- be. And everything goes to show every power is a trust and involves a vention. Mr. Octavius Coke was that the Mormons with the poly-duty.

CORRESPONDENCE

For The Sun.

One who is interested in the po litical issues of the day looks with much concern upon the action of the Democratic party at the coming Convention in Chicago. It has been from time immemorial that so long as a general leader of the peoplewhether a military or a statesmanwas victorious and triumphant that he could control the confidence of the populace not only of his own people and country but that of the nation's at large. A General's troops would fight with such frenzy and fury tnat they would bear down and crush their enemies as much by sheer force of will as by power of arms. This was the secret of the army of the Madhi in the Soudan: their leader and that gave them con-

fidence in their cause, and they fought to conquer. Now this is what the party must do in the coming Convention if they mean to succeed in the fight: don't let them think that they have too easy a task before them to beat Blaine and Logan, but let them go into the Convention with the determination to put at the helm of the party, men who have entered the political arena and won the fight with honor to themselves and to their constituents. Such men are Cleveland of New York and Carlisle of Kentucky, with these two successful political heroes the party would march into the fight with such glowing enthusiasm that victory would be more than certain. Give us none of your State politicians, men who, while they are pure, good and noble, have not as yet been able to wrest the government from the hands of the Radicals but have allowed the party to suffer defeat and disaster time and again. Give us men of another type, men in whose force and power the people of the union have confidence and then we shall whip them and whip them badly. But give us some old and van-quished candidate and we will stay just as we are. Hurrah for Cleveand and Carlisle!

Silver Found Buried in Jars

Under a House. Many of our citizens will doubt ess recollect the late James W. Johnston, a resident of Castle Havne, in Pender county. He was quite aged and decrepit, and his general appearance indicated that he was possessed of but few of this House, on North Water street. His family consisted of three daughters and a son, one of the former being the widow of the late Thomas Williams, of Pender county. Since the death of the old gentleman a number of valuable bonds and securities have been discovered among his effects, and which were sold at public auction a few days since—the total And now comes evidence of how well the old man took care of all the precious metals which came into his possession. Under the belief that he had some buried treasure, a search was instituted a day or two since, which resulted in the discovery of about \$22,000 in gold and silver, them once more is entitled to the which he had securely deposited in most deferential consideration, and jars and buried under his house The discovery of so much of the valuable metals was a most agreeable surprise sistent with my judgment of duty. to the members of his family, who will thus come into possession, in connection with the proceeds of the bonds, of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 apiece. Our information is derived from a very reliable source, and the main facts of the "big find" can be relied upon as strictly true.—Wil.

Another Scoundrel.

A gentleman some sixty-odd years of age by the name of Mark Parish, from Durham, came up on the Monday night train. While en route he made the acquaintance of a man giving his name as James Smith, who made himself very intimate and asked Mr. Parrish for the loan of a quarter, but not having the proper hange accommodated him with a dollar. Arriving at the depot Smith offered his services and assisted Mr. Parish to the 'bus and was given a check for the trunk. This was the last that was seen of Smith. Tuesday morning the trunk was found some distance below the depot, broken open and contents rifled. The trunk contained a lot of deeds and some clothing, and nothing was aken. The rascal was after money and was no doubt sadly disappoint- the executive power be arrayed on ed in not finding any. - Winston the side of reforms to which, as a Sentinel.

LYNCHBURG, VA., June 11.-In Russell county, away from prompt mail and telegraph facilities a young negro on June 5th, shot and killed a little white boy out of pure vicious caprice. The negro was arrested The New York Herald had a re- and placed in jail, but last Friday port of the speech of Hon. Henry night a mob of masked men took Watterson of the Louisville Courier- him from jail and hanged him beside

> In a short time the Mormons will have further attention in Congress, mercy whatever.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN'S LETTER. He Declines to Enter the Presidential

NEW YORK, June 11, 1884. The following from Samuel J. Tilden has been given to the Associated Press:

New York, June 10, 1884. To Daniel Manning, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of New York:

charge. I wish to lay down the Executive of the Republic. honors and toils of even quasi party leadership and to seek the repose of which t is desired that I should unprivate life. In renouncing the nom- dertake would embrace a period of ination for the Presidency, I do so nearly five years, nor can I admit Brass and Enameled Preservwith no doubt in my mind as to the any illusion to their burdens. Three vote of the State of N. Y., or of the vears of experience in the endeavor United States, but because I believe to reform the municipal government it is a renunciation of an election to of the City of New York, and two the Presidency. To those who think years of experience in renovating Terra Cotta Chimney Flues my re-nomination and re-election in- the administration of the State of dispensable to an effectual vindica- New York, have made me familiar elect their ruler, violated in my person, I have accorded as long a reserve of my decision as is possible, but I cannot overcome my repugnance to enter into a new engagement which involves four years of strength to carry through, to reform ceaseless toil. The dignity of the the administration of the Federal Preidential office is above personal government, to realize my own ideal ambition, but it creates in me no il- and to fulfill the just expectations er for good to the country, I said as they could alone compensate sacfore, from fresh experience, how great the difference is between glid- I feel no assurance of my ability to workingout a reform of systems and therefore, constrained to say, defiin the Federal administration with- of a canvass. out an anxious sense of the difficulties of the undertaking.

A Big Find .-- Over \$22,000 in Gold and will. Such a work of renovation who would assign such beneficient which I would cheerfully have sac-rificed all that remained to me, of whose future that party is the best health, and life is now, I fear, be- guarantee, is now or ever can be withdraw from further public ser- their successful progress in the path vice, and the grounds of it were at of its noble destiny. that time well known to you and to world's goods. During a visit to this though respecting my wishes yourcity, a few months since, he died very suddenly in the Scarborough of the suddenly in the my determination unconditionally. In the four years which have since ing my public carreer closed. elapsed, nothing has occurred to weaken, but everything to strengthen the considerations which induced my withdrawal from public life. To all who have addressed me on the subject, my intention has been frakly communicated. Several of sale amounting to about \$10,000. the most confidential friends, under sanction of their own names, have publicly stated my determination to be irrevocable. That I have occasion now to consider the question I share no responsibility. The appeal made to me by the Democratic masses with apparent unanimity to serve would inspire a disposition to anything desired of me, if it were con-

I believe that there is no instrumen-

tality in human society so potential

in its influence upon mankind for

good or evil as governmental ma-

chinery. For the administering of

justice and for the making and exe-

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nary institutions or private benevo-

lence to which the philanthropists

may devote their lives are so fruitful

in benefits as the reserve and pres-

version that make it the instrument

ervation of this machinery from per-

of conspiracy, fraud and crime against the most sacred rights and interests of the people. For fifty years as a private citizen, never contemplating an official career, I have devoted at least as much thought and effort to the duty of influencing a right action of the governmental institution of my country | Solid Silver Forks and Spoons. as to all other objects. I have never accepted official service except for a brief period, for a special purpose, Razors, Scissors and Shears.

ALL KINDS OF Razors, Scissors and Shears. and only when the occasion seemed to require from me that sacrifice of private preferences to the public

I undertook the State administration of New York because it was Ladies' Genuine Seal Skin Satchels, CLOCKS & SEWING MACHINES supposed that in that way only could private citizen, I had given three Quite as Good as Sold elsewhere years of my life. I accepted the nomination for the Presidency in 1876 because of the general conviction that my candidancy would best present the issue of reform, which the Democratic majority of the people desired to have worked out in the Federal government as it had been in that of the State of New York. I believed that I had strength enough then to renovate the administration of the government of the United States, and at the close of and though it is hardly probable my term to hand over the great that any radical measure concerning trust to my successor. Faithful to The Democratic Convention for them will become law at this season, the same policy, though anxious to Wake county was held in Raleigh | we shall probably learn what the seek the repose of private life, I nev-Saturday evening last in which dele- drift of legislation in the future will ertheless acted upon the idea that

mittee communicating my nomina-

tion. I depicted the difficulty of the undertaking, and likened my feelings in engaging to those of a soldier entering battle; but I did not withhold the entire consecration of my

powers to the public service. Twenty years of continuous maladministration under the demoralizing influences of intestine war and of bad finances have infected the whole government system of the United States with cancerous growth, false constructions and cor-In my letter of June 18, 1880, ad- rupt practices. Powerful classes have ressed to the delegates from the acquired pecuniary interests in offi-State of New York to the Demo- cial abuses, and the moral standards cratic National Convention, I said: of the people have been impaired "Having now borne faithfully my To redress these evils is a work of full share of the labor and care in great difficulty and labor, and canthe public service, and wearing not be accomplished without the marks of its burdens, I desire noth- most energetic and efficient and pering so much as an honorable dis- sonal action on the part of the Chief

The canvass and administration

work at the present time.

The considerations which induced my action in 1880 have become imperative. I ought not to assume a task which I have not the physical lusion. Its value is as great a pow- of the people would indeed warrant four years ago in accepting the nom- rifices which the undertaking would ination. Knowing as I do, there-involve, but in my condition of advancing years and declining strength ing through an official routine and accomplish these objects. I am, politics, it is impossible for me to nitely, that I cannot now assume contemplate what needs to be done the labors of an administration or

Undervaluing in no wise that best gift of heaven, the occasion and pow-If summoned by the suffrages of er sometimes bestowed upon a mere pulse for good, and grateful beyond reform of systems and politics to the reflection that neither the Demoyond my strength. My purpose to dependent upon any one man for

that time well known to you and to Having given to their welfare others, and when at Cincinnati, whatever of health and strength I appeal from many valued friends to of my capacity for such labors as relinquish that purpose, I reiterated their welfare now demands, I but submit to the will of God in deem-

SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

The postmaster at Wilmington, N. C., reports to the postoffice department that the mail carrier on the route from Cedar Run to Magnolia, N. C., was robbed of all the mail on Tuesday 10th inst, by four negro highwaymen.

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