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RALEIGH, N. C.,

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Manufacturers of the Celebrated

RIVETED SEAM SHOES,

Having leased the SHOE DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PENITENTIARY, our facilities &c.—[State Chronicle.]

Here we have convict labor of the Penitentiary in lieu of the honest labor of Thomasville. Why not put the convicts at work improving our public highways and let our skilled labor have the field of trade industries to themselves.

COMMUNICATED.

MR. EDITOR:—Great drops of anguish have for the past week bedecked the brow of the Durham "Big 4." They have been trying to arrange the nomination of four men to office so as to satisfy the demands of an even hundred aspirants. It is no use worrying yourselves gentlemen. The people expect to have a voice in the matter on election day. We would suggest to the "Big 4" that they have the next Legislature provide for the appointment of an additional hundred Magistrates or Squires for Durham County: then they can hold the "kick-ers" down by giving each a position of "high honor" emolument and trust. In the mean while some Assistants to the Exposition Commissioner wouldn't be a bad thing to try on in an emergency like the present.

BRAGTOWN.

THE CANBY CONSTITUTION.

Every campaign our democratic friends go into a rage over the iniquities of the "Canby Constitution" of 1868. To our mind this instrument deserves to be ranked along side of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation: it is a master-piece of legislation: its strong points are still incorporated in our present State Constitution. The provisions relating to homesteads, rights of married women, mechanics liens, no imprisonment for debt are among the things that remain. This instrument was the first to bring order out of the chaos and havoc caused by the rapidly turning wheel progress that marked the years of the war. It marks an era in one of those revolutions that never go backwards. The voice therein expressed was the voice of the people but the law that directed it was the great law of progress that no man need attempt to stay: it was beyond the reach of ballots or returning boards.

STRAWS FROM NEW YORK.

According to a canvass of several cigar factories in New York City made by the Star newspaper (democratic) the following result is announced "without fear or favor:—"

For Blaine 211

" Butler 146

" Cleveland 120

Undecided 121

The labor vote of the Country is all right for Blaine and Protection.

He who corrupts suffrage strikes at the very root of free government, is the arch enemy of the Republic, and forgets that in trampling upon the rights of others he fatally imperils his own.—[From Blaine's letter of acceptance.

This meets a hearty response from the heart of every democrat in the land.—[New Berne Journal.

It did not meet a very hearty response from Gov. Jarvis when he was called upon by Day and Whitaker to pay one fourth of \$1200, the fines imposed against the Halifax County ballot box stuffers—a fraud that added 4000 votes to Jarvis majority.

THE AGONY OVER.

The Convention of the "unwashed" and "unterrified"—the "virtuous and intelligent" was held at Stokes Hall on Saturday last. It was a gala day! the "Big 4" went into the contest confident and happy; the slate was well arranged and everything went as though greased for the occasion till a one legged candidate poked his crutch clear through the South-east corner of it and walked off with the nomination for Register; then there was weeping and wailing.

THE TICKET.

For Representative Caleb B. Green

" Sheriff F. D. Markham

" Treasurer W. H. Rowland

" Register of Deeds Pat. Lunsford.

We expect to drive a "four horse team" through the ticket in November next.

We have reached an exalted point in skill in manufactures; it is an age when I find the napkin before me on the table made of the same material as the car-wheel.—BLAINE.

After describing to a Philadelphia reporter the sedate and orderly conduct of the Democratic Convention ex-Governor Curtin added: "There was even an air of solemnity about it." You are right, Governor, there was, and it is fast pervading the entire Democratic party. But never mind, the majority of the people are happy.

COMMUNICATED.

MR. EDITOR:—Please tell a subscriber by what authority the Town government of Durham is acting in offering a reward of \$250, for the apprehension and conviction of parties who placed obstructions on the Rail Road track two miles east of the town limits.

INQUIRER.

Durham N. C. July 28, 1884.

Ask us something easy. We suppose it must be under Charles Sumner's "higher law": we know of no other.

[Ed.]

DR. YORK, we hear, has been up in the extreme northwestern part of the State bushwhacking. He has begun his canvass in a way that is calculated to be effective as far as it can go. But a man can hardly go over any considerable portion of the State on that schedule. Gen. Scales' appointments begin August 2d, and the people are interested in knowing whether Dr. York is to be on hand or not. He has been invited. Now, let's see how he will pan out.—[News and Observer.

Evidently the Bourbons are greatly alarmed; and to quiet their fears, we assure them that Dr. York will "pan out" most admirably in November—not leaving a SCALE to tell that such a Bourbon FISH ever existed.

MESS. EDITORS:—As the time draws near for the Republicans and Liberals to name a candidate to represent the 4th, District in the next Congress, the name of John Nichols the present Postmaster at Raleigh presents itself to me as the most available in our ranks.

He is widely and favorably known, of marked ability and one whom the old time republicans would delight in honoring. Give us Nichols and we can carry the District.

A SOLID REPUBLICAN.

The Augusta, Me., correspondent of the anti-Blaine Boston Herald telegraphs to his paper that he is "firmly convinced that Blaine is gaining ground, and it would not be surprising if the Plumed Knight should roll up one of the biggest majorities ever given in Maine to a Presidential ticket. In no other State can be found more intelligence, more love, of morality and all that is truly good in mankind, than in Maine. There are men who don't like Blaine, but there are more who do. They are to be found in all parts. They have watched his public career from the beginning, and they not only admire his splendid ability, but they like his progressive and aggressive spirit. His public acts cause a difference in public opinion because viewed from a partisan standpoint."