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PRICE 25CTS.

Severe on the Democratic Platform.

Referring to Butler's letter the Providence Press, says: It ploughs through the doings of the Democratic National Convention in a most cruel manner, laying bare the hollowness of the pretences made by it in its platform, and demonstrating beyond a peradventure that every plank it contains, beneath its surface, is rotten from end to end.

THEN AND NOW.

Under the Republican rule in North Carolina every tax payer was entitled to Two hundred dollars worth of personal property exempt from taxation. When the Bourbons came in power they reduced this amount to Twenty-five dollars where it now stands. This is the difference between the favor the Republican party extends the citizen and that disregard the Bourbons show toward that class who are denied a sufficiency of this world's goods. We desire to call attention of our readers to the above, and at the same time we state as a fact easily proven that every act of legislation passed in North Carolina since 1868 tending to relieve the poorer classes from the burdens of taxation either directly or indirectly is a piece of Republican legislation, while every act of degradation is of Democratic conception, origin and execution. The "Homestead, lien laws, rights of married women" are all of republican origin and still remain because they cannot be repealed. "Bourbonism" would gladly repeal these provisions were it possible: they simply tolerate what they are powerless to prevent: their sympathies are all against what is usually termed the "poor classes." We commend to such a careful perusal of the "Darby Letter" the publication of which is this week begun in the REPUBLICAN. Keep it; study it; then act as your interests suggest.

The Republican Conference we think did well to indorse Jno. C. Wilkerson and Jno. V. Rigsbee Independents, for Register of Deeds and Sheriff respectively. In any event it was unanimous, which foreshadows the support

of all republicans and opponents of "Court House Rings, Cliques, Big 4's and bosses." Col. Wilkerson is the present Reg. of Deeds; is an accommodating, faithful, capable and popular public servant; he will be elected. J. V. Rigsbee is a man of good character and capabilities, with good business education, training and habits—genial and pleasant in his intercourse with his fellows and is a sure and safe man: he will do to tie to; his election is already conceded.

The selection of the remainder of the ticket was by the Conference left in the hands of the Rep. Co. Ex. Com., where we can promise our friends it will be duly and carefully considered and only such selections made as promise the best results to our party and our cause.

As a matter of information we state that the Counties of Orange, Person, Caswell, and Durham compose the Senatorial District and is entitled to two Senators.

Orange and Durham vote together and are entitled to two Members of the Legislature.

In 1886 Durham County will be entitled to one Member of the Legislature and will then vote by itself.

The principles of the Liberal Party must be making some headway. Ex-Sheriff Hughes of Orange, a pronounced democrat, but opposed to the present County Government System received seven votes in his county nominating Convention, for the Legislature although he had declined to be a candidate. The present Court House Ring System is surely doomed.

HINDSIGHT VS. FORESIGHT.

From The New York Star.

If the Democratic party still had its convention to hold we think it would take Tammany's advice.

TO THE NEW YORK TIMES:—The Republican Party is not taking much advice from you this season.—[New York Tribune.

POLITICAL SMALL TALK.

Buffalo, Gov. Cleveland's home city has eight democratic Blaine and Logan clubs.

When a section of Kentucky elects such a Republican as Judge Holt as District Judge by 1,000 majority, as she did the other day, in a district, too, that gave the Democratic Governor last year 7,300 majority, we rub our eyes and ask, "What's up now?"

The opinion of Mr. Horace White, of The New York Evening Post, that "chastity is not the greatest of virtues, and that offences against it may be consistent with the possession of all qualities which ennoble human nature and dignify human life," doesn't appear to be spreading like wildfire anywhere.—[Scranton Republican.

A Florida man reports that he recently killed an alligator in whose stomach was found a hen sitting on a dozen eggs. He has been ordered to the Democratic headquarters to serve during the campaign.

Governor St. John's friends are now denying campaign lies about him. They admit that he was seen in the arms of a woman, only it was when he was an infant in the arms of his mother, but they deny that he uses Vinegar Bitters for snake bites; he finds whisky better.

"Up to this point," says The Trenton Times, "the Democratic party in New Jersey has been losing ground." That is a mild and conservative statement of the situation, and though entirely inadequate as a description, may be allowed to pass at this stage of the campaign. About a month from now The Times will doubtless be frank enough to tell the entire truth.

The Cleveland men are sitting on the steps of Tammany Hall waiting for somebody to come out and negotiate terms for a surrender. The only sound that issues from the building, however, is that made by the sharpening a meat axe on a grindstone.—[Philadelphia Press.

Senator Bayard is enjoying to the full the sweets of private life. He was found by a correspondent the other day on a pilot boat at Norfolk, Va., in his shirt sleeves, sprawled out on the deck reading Guizot's "History of Civilization."

Any comparison between Benjamin F. Butler and the Democrats who support Cleveland must result to their discredit. He has the honesty to say what he believes and what he intends. They have not. He is a demagogue with some honesty; they are demagogues without any.

Mr. HENDRICKS studied the platform carefully. He turned it up side down and read it backward. Then he inspected it from the side and rear and as he set about writing his letter of acceptance he soliloquised thus: "I am a prince of straddlers. I have been at it for forty years, but this platform beats my time. I can't write more and say less, I shan't try."