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THE Republicans of this State may be able to "stand pat" but the indications are that a great many of them won't stand Adams.

WHILE there might possibly be some reason for making a doctor coroner, there is nothing in the study of physic to fit one for probate judge.

IF the Republican voters of North Carolina expect ever to make anything out of their party they will have to rescue it from its present management.

THE man who becomes a candidate for office shortly after changing his politics, may say that he is actuated by PRINCIPLE but most people will say that he was actuated by INTEREST.

No man should be elected to a public office who will form it out. The voters should insure themselves in advance that their candidates, if elected, will give its duties their personal attention.

UNDER Democratic rule Catawba has equalled almost any county in the State in educational progress. The record on that issue alone is enough to insure Democratic endorsement at the polls.

THE Democratic Party has given Catawba county a splendid county government which will be continued by the present Democratic nominees as soon as they shall have been inducted into office.

THE labor unions are trying to defeat the speaker of the House of Representatives but as the Democrats have foolishly failed to comply with the law in calling a primary for their district, the indications are that this Cannon will not be fired.

EVEN if the President is in earnest about destroying the power of monopoly, he lacks a sufficient number of Republican Congressmen to enable him to carry out his reforms. He is like a one-legged man trying to dance a break-down. His will is good but he hasn't enough MEMBERS.

REPUBLICAN papers and stump speakers in North Carolina say a great deal about their "pride in belonging to the Republican Party." If what prominent Republicans say of the State organization is true it reminds us of what the Filipino's description of the Spaniard—"full of honor without honesty, full of religion, without morality and full of pride without anything to be proud of."

Mr. Roosevelt is a success of bringing indictments. The trouble is that his indictments never amount to anything. He indicted the Northern Securities Company; and the Northern Securities Company is doing business still under another name. He indicted the Beef Trust, and the Beef Trust is still with us. He investigated the Standard Oil Company, and the Standard Oil Company goes on its way rejoicing. How long would it take according to the Roosevelt method to break up the trusts?

The Case Against North Carolina Republicanism.

The Republican Party of North Carolina is again on trial before the people of this State. Practically admitting the sins of the past, its present contend that it has been purged from its former unrighteousness, has repudiated the negro and is now worthy to be entrusted with the government of North Carolina. We may remark in passing that their redemption from their alliance with the negro was brought by the Democratic Party and against the vigorous opposition of the Republicans themselves.

True, many of them voted for the Amendment but as an organization, their party went on record against it their platform on the stump and at the ballot-box.

If the Republican Party could have had its way, North Carolina would still be cursed with negro suffrage, and the negro would have had an equal voice with the white man in governing the State. But giving them the same credit for breaking away from their alliance with the negroes, that they would have reserved if the separation had been made of their own accord instead of being forced upon them, and taking the evidence of their own leaders, is the Republican Party as at present controlled fit to govern the State? Let us take the evidence of Mr. Holton, District Attorney at present and for four years Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee.

What says Mr. Holton? That the only Republican Congressman from North Carolina is a criminal, that the revenue department is so corrupt that he has prosecuted and convicted a number of officials and the necessity for convicting the rest was made the ground for Holton's reappointment.

What says Mr. Blackburn, former assistant District Attorney, Congressional nominee of the Republicans three times and successful twice? That Holton is corrupt and inefficient; that he engaged in a conspiracy with Ex-chairman Rollins and Ex-Senator Butler to charge Blackburn with crime and ruin him; that Judge J. C. Pritchard while Senator is admitted to have practiced before the government department's at Washington, a thing of which the officials could not have been ignorant. While Pritchard was guilty of the same offence with which Blackburn was charged and for which Burton of Kansas was convicted, Pritchard not only escaped prosecution but was given a judgeship next to that Justice of the United States' Supreme court.

That the Republican managers headed by Rollins turned traitor to the party and secretly tried to defeat him for Congress. Now let us hear from Mr. Linney, who represented his district in Congress for three terms. What has he to say? That the management of the Republican organization is so corrupt that the Republican State Convention ought to be held in the federal penitentiary.

We will now introduce Judge W. P. Bynum, one of the ablest and most independent Republicans in the State. What is his testimony concerning the party to which he belongs? That the rank and file are worthy of all praise but that the Rollins-Butler organization is a gang of cut throats and political pirates who care nothing for the party's good so long as they can control the federal offices.

Surely the Republican President will have a good word to say for the "organization." Let us have Mr. Roosevelt's evidence. Mr. Roosevelt says that the Republican leaders great and small have abused and fly-blown each other and have engaged in disgraceful rows over federal offices until he is disgusted and wishes that there was not another appointment to be made in

North Carolina.

Well, as a last resort, let us call up Mr. Taft, Secretary of War. Mr. Taft is a presidential candidate and desiring votes, we may expect him to present the picture in the best light. Mr. Taft is of the opinion that while they continue their disreputable brawls there is no future for the Republican managers and deposes that it would be better for the Republican Party if the Democrats controlled every federal office in the State.

Now you have the evidence not of the Democrats but of Republicans, from the President of the United States to private citizens. Who has the nerve in the face of such utterances from such sources to say that the Republican Party under its present management is capable of ruling the State?

The Reformed Reunion.

The reunion of the Classis of the Reformed church in North Carolina was held at Claremont College last Thursday, beginning at 11 a. m. About 250 people were present, and, while not as many of the pastors of the different Reformed churches were in attendance as had been hoped, there were a number of representative men. The train from Newton was, of course, an hour and a half late, so that Prof. Losh, who was in charge of the music, could not get in for the morning exercises. Some familiar hymns were sung, Dr. Murphy welcomed the Association; and assured them that they were cordially invited to consider themselves at home, together with all other visitors. Dr. Barringer, of Mt. Pleasant, returned the thanks of the assembly. The address of the day was by Dr. Lysterly, superintendent of the new orphanage to be opened by the Classis in October. The institution is to be called Nazareth Orphan's Home, and is located at Crescent, Rowan county. In setting forth the need of such an institution, and what it would mean to the church, Dr. Lysterly spoke of Thomasville Orphanage and Barium Orphan's Home, and what they had been worth to the churches under whose care they are. He stated the needs of the Home, what its requirements would be, etc.

Then came an intermission for dinner, which was served under the beautiful trees to the rear of the college. And such a dinner as it was! Such good boiled ham, fried chicken, stuffed eggs, pickles, pies, custards, above all, so many cakes, and such good ones! If the reputation of the Hickory women as good house-keepers had not been made already, that dinner would have made it. The writer desires personally to return thanks for a large share of the good cheer.

After dinner, the crowd adjourned to the chapel, and a reorganization of the Association for the coming year was held, Dr. Barrier being elected President, Mr. George McCorkle, of Newton, Vice-President, and Rev. W. W. Rowe, Sec. and Treas. Then followed a discussion as to time and place of next meeting, which was left finally to the discretion of the committee.

Prof. Losh and others having arrived, some delightful music was given a highly appreciative audience. Profs. Losh and Weaver singing as a duo, "Oh, how I Love Thy Law," a quartette, composed of Rev. C. E. Wehler, Mr. McCorkle, and Profs. Losh and Weaver, giving "More than Conquerors," and Prof. Losh also sang a solo. In conclusion, Mrs. Dr. J. H. Shuford sang "Abide With Me." This loveliest of hymns was rendered the more perfect by the singer's power and pathos.

The day was a perfect one, a treat to body and spirit. The campus is an ideal spot for such an occasion; the crowd was as friendly and cordial as it possi-

bly could be, and even the rain that fell in the afternoon could not dim our memories of such a pleasure.

Everyone was delighted to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Read home again. Both are looking greatly the better for their summer's rest, though both have done what would be hard work for most of people. Her stay at Richmond and the University of Virginia was a charming one for Mrs. Read, and she found it hard to leave the intercourse with great minds and the many intellectual pleasures she found there.

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Judge Council was able to be out for a drive Tuesday, but is still very stiff and sore and remains indoors most of the time. We hope, however, that he may entirely recover ere he has to return to his duties on the bench.
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