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Beckingham, N. C., Thursday, June 12, 1884.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

As we predicted, the Republicans in Convention at Chicago last week nominated James G. Blaine, of Maine, for President. A native of Pennsylvania, Blaine is, nevertheless, a model of a Yankee—a true type of the Yankee notion of chivalry and a representative radical in his ideas of government.

Of John A. Logan, on the Republican ticket for Vice-President, little can be said. His nomination was a reward from Blaine's friends for the vote of his State, which secured to Blaine the prize for which he had so long sought.

MODERATING PLATFORM.

Republican platform adopted at Chicago last week is of the nature of that insurance companies call a blanket policy; that is, covering, as with a blanket, all the buildings and pieces of property within a specified curtilage.

tection to the wool interests of this country, placing a high rate of duty on the foreign article. These are mere samples of the points, running throughout the platform instrument of writing, of inconsistency as between the platform and the past record of the party. False in one particular, false in all.

Washington, N. C., June 2nd, 1884.

Mr. Editor:—I receive your paper weekly, and am much pleased with the easy grace of your editorials, which flow smoothly as a "river of oil over a bed of marble."

I promised to write you an article for the Rocket and I might take for a subject, "perpetual motion," as a man has just left my office who lives in Anson, and says that he has been at work on his machine for twenty years and needs now only ten dollars to complete his invention.

The normal condition of all bodies is rest, and they cannot be put in motion except by something extraneous to themselves, and when this pressure is removed they return to their original condition by the attraction of gravitation.

I might write also upon the zoophyte, which is a very interesting subject and has occupied some of my reading and investigation. It was once considered by sailors and mariners to belong to the vegetable kingdom, but the discoverers of the celebrated Savan Cuvier have exploded this doctrine and established beyond controversy that the zoophyte is a living animal.

But aside from poetry, it is equally true that fifty years is, as Dominic Sampson would say, pro-di-gi-ous! In the year 1831 the town of Fayetteville was swept with fire as with the "beom of destruction," and almost entirely destroyed; the inhabitants left "homeless, homeless," and almost in a starving condition.

As I was a puny boy of about ten years of age, I was sent off to Rockingham to recuperate my physical and mental condition. In these days there were no railroads, telegraphs or telephones, and communication was made by "slow coach," with relays at the half-way house—Daniel Love's. As the old hunter, with his wife and We-liam, has been illustrated by the genius of Col. Steele, I will only mention that the ceiling of this cabin was decorated with placards of all the shows and circuses that had ever passed through the country; and among these was the picture of Othello and Desdemona, with the Moor painted white, by order of the Lord Mayor of Fayetteville.

If Aladdin's lamp had been rubbed and the genii had come forth, they could not have effected more wonderful changes than the "now, and then" of Rockingham. Now, you have lordly and magnificent residences; the busy hum of cotton factories; long ranges of stores and a thrifty and industrious population.

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the Kornville News observes, very justly, we think, when referring to the custom now so prevalent of writing up the gubernatorial timber of North Carolina "it presents a sorry spectacle."

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