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ANOTHER NATIONAL.

We print this morning's communication from Col. H. H. Helms, containing a summary of what he says is the platform of the National party.

Col. Helms, if we mistake not, however, is a very close man in his party relations, having, according to our recollection, acted with every party during the last seven years, including an independent candidacy for the Senate from Rowan and Davidson counties.

Need I remind you that the next Legislature will choose a United States Senator and that the political character of the State may depend upon that choice? I suppose the Democratic party will be the party to be elected.

The announcement that Col. Helms intends to meet Col. Armfield, the nominee of the Democratic party, on the stump will scarcely we think create much alarm either in the bosom of Col. Armfield or among the rank and file of the Democracy.

As has been well said by a contemporary, this latest form of opposition to the Democratic party may be called the Radical, alias the Republican, alias the Greenback, alias the Workingman, alias the National party.

The report of the Department of Agriculture for the past month shows the condition of the crops in this State to be still favorable. The recent timely rains have caused considerable improvement, and with their continuance our farmers have good reason to hope for fair crops.

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MR. HENDRICKS ON THE SITUATION. There are few men who have a stronger hold upon the Democrats of the country than Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana. As a man, as a statesman, and as their highest confidence and esteem.

It is evident to every thinking man that the next contest for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency will be a conflict quite as much between sections and financial views as between individuals.

TOBACCO.—The hot and dry weather had its effect upon the tobacco markets as well as upon the growing crop. Very little is coming into the market, and the price is coming into it worth while to publish quotations at present.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE OBSERVER.)

New York, Aug. 13, 1878.

I am indebted to Mr. Harris for the August number of her magazine, The South Atlantic, (Wilmington, \$3 a year.) The first article is on the "Mines of North Carolina." Professor Kerr, of the State Geological, from whom no one is better qualified to write on the subject.

He considers that the most important mineral substance in the State. Probably he means that it will become so; for the present, our people content themselves with the manufacture of iron and steel.

The total population of the State is set down at 1,493,148, divided as follows: Europe, 312,385,489; Africa, 20,512,500; America, 86,116,000; Australia and Polynesia, 4,411,300.

Mr. Carr is a native of Orange county; he is now in the 33d year; is a gentleman of liberal and liberal education; and well informed; is liberal and enterprising; and by the labor of his own hands and the success of a business which he has conducted in his proportions than any other ever conducted in the State.

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LENOIR COUNTY LETTER.

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Kinston, N. C., August 6, 1878.

MESSRS. EDITORS: As the smoke of battle rises from the plains of Lenoir, we are glad to hear that the Democrats are victorious, with a majority of 100 votes.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I went to Grace church yesterday and attended the services in town. Still, the congregation consisted of about a hundred persons, or about one person to every alternate pew.

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