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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1890.

DEM. STATE CONVENTION.

Raleigh, Wednesday, August 20th.

DEM. CONG. CONVENTIONS.

3rd District, Clinton, July 23rd. 4th District, Durham, July 24th. 5th District, Greensboro, July 25th. 6th District, Laurinburg, July 26th.

DEM. JUDICIAL CONVENTIONS.

1st District at Edenton, July 23rd. 2nd District at Weldon, July 23rd. 3rd District at Rocky Mount, July 24th. 4th District at Smithfield, July 25th. 5th District at Greensboro, July 26th. 6th District at Kinston, July 27th. 7th District at Laurinburg, July 28th. 8th District at Lexington, July 29th. 9th District at Elkin, July 30th.

The CHRONICLE desires to furnish a correct list of all Conventions to be held in the State, and will thank its friends to help us.

TAMMANY ON THE TENTER-HOOKS.

Public Apathy Towards Municipal Corruption--A Remedy Suggested. [Editorial Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 24.--The papers have already told about the examination of RICHARD CROKER, who is known as the Boss of Tammany. Yesterday there was a lively stir about the famous Tweed Court House, and the local politicians were on the alert for interesting points. There was an air of expectation and a feeling that something was going to happen. All the committee were on hand except SENATOR FASSETT. Mr. CROKER was accompanied by his wife and Mr. McCANN by his wife who is Mrs. CROKER's sister. Every available inch of space was occupied and people elbowed their way through the crowd to get a view. The reader of the CHRONICLE will remember that a few months ago, while Mr. CROKER was in Europe for his health, his brother-in-law McCANN testified that CROKER had raised a corruption fund of \$100,000 with which to secure GRANT'S confirmation as Commissioner of Public Works, and that by reason of a deal MAYOR GRANT had made CROKER'S daughter a present of \$25,000 in five instalments. It created a great sensation here, where everybody abuses Tammany Hall (and in some respects not unjustly). When MAYOR GRANT admitted that he gave CROKER'S daughter, for whom he was God-father, \$10,000, the sensation was profound, and it looked like CROKER and GRANT were "in the soup." Then the cry went up for CROKER, and he telegraphed that, in violation of the advice of his physician, he would come at once to New York and testify and clear up everything. Yesterday he did so; and it was a big day and a momentous day for Tammany Hall. He looked pale and sallow and positively ill, and was apparently nervous. He appeared in a drab suit of mixed plaid cloth, his hair and beard cut closely. He looks very much like GENERAL GRANT. It is well known that the late JOHN KELLY, boss of Tammany, resembled GENERAL GRANT, and it is said that the close resemblance of Mr. CROKER to JOHN KELLY was one of his chief recommendations to receive the mantle of that Tammany Soborn. He is a wise sort of man and is not lacking in the wisdom of silence which was a large part of the stock in trade of GEN. GRANT and JOHN KELLY. He bore himself well on the stand--answered in a droll way and long drawn out tones of voice--and kept his eye first on his wife and then on BURKE OCHSBAUM (his attorney) when he was not addressing the committee. His evidence was a total denial of McCANN'S statement, which for the most part had already been exploded by GRANT'S testimony and the lack of corroboration. But he damaged himself, as GRANT had already done, by the fatal admission that the Mayor had given his daughter a present of \$5,000 at different times for no consideration, and that he and his wife had invested the money, not as trustees for Flossie, but in their own names jointly. That admission is fatal to his pretence that GRANT did not pay this as an assessment. That GRANT should give a little girl \$10,000 because he was her God-father is not anywhere believed and CROKER'S admission that he gave it, is fatal to his own and GRANT'S political integrity. Orit would be in North Carolina. The pity of all this scandal is that it positively makes no impression here. All parties do such things and the moral conscience of the people is so blunted and so debauched that after a passing exclamation, it all dies down except in the papers.--GRANT may not run again,

but this thing has not injured his standing in the party. He paid CROKER \$10,000 for his influence, but outside of a denunciation, it does not seem to affect either of them. One sold--the other bought, but that is done here every day and the people have become so used to it that they shrug their shoulders--say "it is very sad" and then elect the same sort of men again. The great problem of government to-day is: How to manage cities? We seem to get along very well in every other way, but when it comes to a city government, it seems a hopeless problem.

Mrs. CROKER kept her eye on her husband during the entire examination, and when he had been under fire more than four hours, she was examined. Like a dutiful wife she corroborated everything her husband had said. There was no danger of their testimony conflicting, for she heard every word of his evidence. Mrs. CROKER is a tall and fine-looking woman. She has brown eyes, black hair and rosy cheeks, and was richly attired in black silk.

There are jobs in public buildings--jobs in every city contract--rascality and bribery from bottom to top. And it doesn't make any difference which party is in power. In Philadelphia, the Republicans control, and there it is the same way as in New York, where the Democrats have the majority. The "heelers" name the officers, and the private citizen goes about his business and neglects his public duty. The day must come in this country when every man will be required by law to vote. At the last election in this State over 300,000 qualified voters remained away from the polls. Most of that number were respectable, industrious citizens who are absolutely indifferent upon all political problems and governmental questions. If they were to vote, most of them would vote for good government and against rings and tricksters. But they stay away from the polls and bad men are elected to office. Men are compelled by law to serve on juries, and to do a multitude of things that citizenship carries with it. Why not compel them to vote? This question is worthy of more than a passing thought, and one that demands the consideration of the thoughtful and wise citizens of the Republic. J. D.

BLUE FOR THE LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY.

It looks, from recent New Orleans advices, as though paralysis and sunstroke will prove too much for the iniquitous Louisiana Lottery scheme--fighting as "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera." Last week the Lottery had sixty-five adherents in the House of Representatives--it needed only sixty-six. On Thursday night Representative RODES, counted all along! as an anti-lottery man--was brought over. On Friday morning, as he passed near the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms, about forty feet from the hall of the House, he stopped and said: "Well, I have changed. I am going into the House to vote for the lottery." No sooner had he uttered these words than he fell to the floor, stricken with paralysis. The Lottery vote was thus reduced to sixty-five again, and this explains why the vote on the bill was again postponed. HARRIS, of De Soto, previously an ANTI, was then prevailed upon by the Lottery lobby to change his position. This restored to them their sixty-six. But again an untoward event dashed the hopes of the Lottery aside. Ten minutes before the gavel of the speaker fell, Coxe, of Caddo, a recent convert from the anti, fell over in his seat with a stroke similar to RODES'S, and was carried insensible from the House. And so, by this fateful happening, once more the Lottery's votes were swung back sixty-five.

PITT COUNTY POLITICS.

We publish elsewhere in to-day's CHRONICLE an original article on Pitt County Politics and Politicians. It is interesting.

Pitt county politics have always commanded deep interest, not only at home, but abroad. It is related that when the late COL DUNCAN K. MACRAE was Consul General to Paris, he was asked by the EMPEROR NAPOLEON why it was that Pitt county always gave a big Whig majority, and Edgecombe county, which adjoins it, always gave a large Democratic majority. The Emperor said that he could not understand how it was that people living side by side--homogeneous and engaged in the same occupation--should be so far apart in their politics.

COL. MACRAE was much surprised that the Emperor should know so well the political situation in North Carolina, and in these two Eastern counties. It showed his mastery of details and his thorough information.

UNDER NINETEEN PRESIDENTS.

JUDGE JAMES LAWRENSON--a Notary who swore in twenty-five Postmaster-Generals, died in Baltimore on the 23rd inst. He was born in Bristol, England, in 1803 and was 87 years old. More than seventy years of his life were spent in the postal service, and he was a conspicuous example of the benefit of the system that makes individual merit the test of fitness for office, rather than partisan service. He was the oldest continuous holder of a civil service position in the United States, having faithfully served the Postal Department in various capacities, under nineteen Presidents.

BRAZIL: ITS NEW CONSTITUTION.

The new constitution of the United States of Brazil was promulgated at Rio Janeiro on the 25th instant. It proposes a federal system fashioned very nearly after that of the United States. The president, who is to be elected for a term of six years, is responsible alone to the nation and the ministers are to be replaced by Secretaries of State who are answerable to the President alone.

Parliament will consist of a House of Representatives and Senate. The powers of these two bodies will be of a purely legislative character, and an adverse vote by either chamber will not entail a change of ministry. A new House of Representatives will be elected triennially and a new Senate every nine years. The first presidential election will be by Congress, and has been fixed for November next.

This constitution will be the fundamental law of the land only after the constituent assembly shall have approved it, which approval is not likely to be withheld long, as all feel the necessity of legalizing the government just as soon as possible. Immediately after the decreeing of the constitution there will be an election for Senators and Deputies--63 of the former (three for each State and federal district) and 200 of the latter, according to population. The two chambers will meet and begin their legislative labors together in a constituent capacity. Immediately after their first regular session and election of presiding officers the provisional government will place in their hands the functions of government exercised by the latter since the change effected on the 15th of November last, and the assembly will at once select the new chief of state, who will then proceed to organize a regular cabinet of ministers. Then the assembly will revise the constitution, and afterwards promulgate it as revised. Subsequently the two chambers will assume their respective functions as regular legislative bodies.

The Senator or Deputy who is chosen a Secretary loses his seat. The first election of the President will be by Congress, but the constitution establishes that his election subsequently shall be by means of electors. The President shall be ineligible for the next ten years succeeding his term of office. The Secretaries of State are ineligible for the presidency during their terms of office. The President of the Senate shall be the Vice-President of the Republic. In case of the absence or death of the President his office shall be filled by the Vice-President, next by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, next by the Vice-President of the Senate, and lastly by the president of the supreme tribunal of justice.

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