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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democrats of Granville will assemble in convention, in Oxford, at 12 o'clock m., Saturday June 1st, to nominate county candidates, and consult for the public good.

It will be seen from the above that the Executive Committee of our party have girded on their armor and the Democracy of Granville are called to meet in Convention at Oxford June 1st.

The object of the Convention is two-fold—namely, appointing Delegates to the State and Judicial Conventions—and to nominate county candidates. How far the latter purpose is politic we are unprepared to say, but the announcement having been made by proper authority, we will take it for granted, for the present, that such a course of policy will be acted upon by the convention, and we turn to the duty of securing a full representation from every township in the county—a representation heartily in accord with the wishes of the party.

Upon the chairman of the Township Committees devolve the duty of seeing that their respective Townships are represented, and we would suggest that primary meetings be called at as early a day as practicable, say, within the next three weeks, and that notices of these meetings be sent to the FREE LANCE for publication in order that as much publicity be given them as possible; so as to secure a full turnout of the Democratic masses at those times.

Everything depends upon the manner in which these primary meetings are conducted, and the voice of the party cannot be correctly represented in the County Convention unless there is a full and free expression of opinion at the Primaries.

Secretaries of the primary meetings are requested, as soon as possible after adjournment, to send a copy of the proceedings to the Editor of the FREE LANCE for publication, and also for the purpose of preparing a correct list of the Delegates entitled to represent the respective Townships in the County Convention.

ELECTION OF JUDGES.

In view of the unpleasant controversy which has arisen over the nomination of Supreme Court Judges, several of our contemporaries are discussing the propriety of so amending the Constitution as to admit of a return to the old manner of electing Judges by the Legislature. We are by no means an admirer of the Canby Bayonet Constitution, but that it contains some excellent provisions no one will deny, and we are not disposed to find fault with the clause permitting the people to elect their own Judges.

Because some aspirants for Judicial honors have allowed their aspirations to get the better of their judgment and have made unseemly exhibitions of themselves in the press. It is no reason the people should be declared incompetent to pass upon the fitness of gentlemen to dispense law and justice, and the fact that these unseemly exhibitions have been made will enable the people the better to decide who should be trusted with such high responsibilities. Who doubts that if Judge Schenck, through his friends, had not rushed in the prints, but that he would have been elected by the Legislature, and how many of the people now consider him a suitable man to be placed upon the Supreme Court Bench?

The eastern counties of the State, especially those overrun by overwhelming negro majorities, should

desire most of all the privilege of casting their suffrages for Judges, as in the Legislature their voices cannot be heard and they are practically excluded from all participation in making such an election.

Let the law stand as it is. The people are fully competent to decide the matter, as will be shown in the approaching State convention.

NORMAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY.

A circular has recently been issued by Gov. Vance, President Battle and Supt. Scarborough "to the teachers of the State and those wishing to become teachers," in which their attention is called to the next session of the Normal School at the University. The arrangements for the school have been greatly improved, the Faculty consisting at present of eight experienced teachers.

The school will begin on Tuesday 18th of June next, and continue six weeks. There will be no charge for tuition and those who are unable to pay their own expenses at the school should on or before the 1st of June, write to President Battle at Chapel Hill, who is prepared to extend some assistance.

Applications should be accompanied by certificates from a Judge, a Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, or a Superior Court Clerk, or a member of the Legislature, vouching for the good character of the applicant and his inability to pay his own expenses.

A regular course of instruction is published, including lectures by distinguished citizens of the State of special interest to teachers.

Table board can be had in private families at the rate of ten dollars per month. Arrangements for messing at a cheaper rate will be provided. Facilities for cooking will be afforded those bringing their own utensils. Last year some of the Normal students lived comfortably in this way at four dollars to five dollars per month.

STARTLING CONFESSIONS.

The Presidential Fraud question has been most unexpectedly sprung upon the country within the past week, and in a manner startling and astounding.

It is no less than the confessions of Judge McLin and Senator Dennis, two members of the Florida Returning Board, who have made full statements in writing of the frauds perpetrated in Florida by which that State was stolen from the Democracy and the present Fraud installed as President. The confessions are of the fullest character and cover all the details of certain precise frauds already charged, besides fraud in other counties which up to this time have not been suspected or rather investigated.

There is every reason to believe the confessions are true, as they are abundantly confirmed by other evidence. There is no reasonable doubt that the frauds alleged are true also.

Now what shall be done?

The Washington Post says that "the confessions of the men who engineered the Florida frauds in behalf of Mr. Hayes, will compel Congress to take proper cognizance of the great crime which gave Hayes a Presidency to which he was not elected. None of these Florida men have told anything that was not already notorious; but they have put in tangible form, for legal purposes, what has hitherto existed in the shape of common report. So firmly had the truth of this common report become fixed in the popular mind, that even Hayes and his most intimate friends long since abandoned the theory that he was really elected, and fell back upon the doctrine that Congress could not go behind the decision of the Electoral Commission; that is to say, the aliuunde doctrine with a higher application. Now, in view of the late disclosures, Mr. Hayes and his friends show a disposition to abandon the aliuunde doctrine as applied to Congress, and are falling back upon a piteous plea that the interests of peace and tranquility demand that no controversy upon this subject be raised."

Vesuvius (the world's great safety valve) again threatens an eruption—always uncontrollable by human effort. Eruptions of the physical system, as boils, pimples, etc. are nature's safety means to warn the sufferer that his blood needs entire purification—most quickly and effectually accomplished by using Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

REPEAL OF THE BANKRUPT ACT.

Within the past week Congress has passed an act repealing the Bankrupt Act, to take effect immediately upon the approval of the President. It will be seen that it contains a clause to protect all cases commenced prior to the repeal going into effect.

The following is a full text of the repeal bill:

That the Bankrupt law approved March 2, 1867, title No. 61 of the Revised Statutes, and an act entitled "An act to amend and supplement an act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2, 1867, "and for other purposes," approved June 22, 1874, and all acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, be, and the same are hereby repealed; provided that such repeal shall in no manner invalidate or affect any case in bankruptcy instituted and pending in any court prior to the day when this act shall take effect, but, as to all such pending cases and all future proceedings therein, and all penal actions and criminal proceedings arising thereunder, the acts hereby repealed shall continue in full force and effect until the same shall be fully disposed of in the same manner as if said acts had not been repealed.

It is already known that the Supreme Court of the United States has lately rendered a decision in the Edwards and Kearzey case, declaring that the Homestead is not good against debts contracted prior to 1868, and this repeal of the Bankrupt Act, may well be considered crushing to many of our people.

The Bankrupt Act protects the homestead from levy and sale for debts contracted prior to the adoption of the State Constitution, during the life of the homesteader and his wife, and the minority of his youngest child; and, under the Kearzey decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the bankrupt law is the only refuge from absolute beggary of such as come within the terms of that decision.

SENATOR MERRIMON.

The Newbern correspondent of the Raleigh Observer speaks thus sensibly in regard to the distinguished gentleman whose name heads the above:

"We are well satisfied with Mr. Merrimon; he is a good enough Democrat for us. We have no personal acquaintance with the gentleman, have never seen him, but we have watched his course in Congress, and say that he has come nearer filling the measure of the people's wishes than any of his predecessors, and we unhesitatingly assert that he is the most useful Senator that has ever represented our State in the Senate chamber of the United States. In what way his aspirations for another term will throw dissension into the Democratic ranks we are unable to see. It is true that his election may disappoint some political trickster or cross-road politician seeking office, but the rank and file throughout the State will be satisfied.

THE INCOME TAX.

According to the Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch the income tax bill will embrace the following features:

The bill makes the tax on all chewing and smoking tobacco, including fine-cut, and on snuff, 16 cents per pound. The tax on tobacco is now 24 cents, and on snuff 32 cents. On cigars it makes the tax \$5 per 1,000 instead of \$6, and on cigarettes \$1.25 per 1,000 instead of \$1.75, unless they weigh over 3 1/2 pounds to the 1,000, when they are to be taxed as cigars.

THE INCOME TAX.

The tax on the gains, profits, and income of every person residing in the United States, and of every citizen of the United States residing abroad, derived from any source whatever, and of every person residing within the United States and not a citizen thereof, or from rents of real estate within the United States owned by any person residing without the United States and not a citizen thereof, two per cent. on all amounts in excess of \$2,000. The bill, in estimating what are incomes under the bill, is very sweeping, and includes the salaries of members of Congress and military and naval officers, the interest on government bonds, and all products of farms except such as are directly consumed by the family.

THE EXEMPTION.

The exemptions are the rental value of the homestead owned or used by any person or his family military or naval pensions, premiums on insurance for life or property, all taxes paid within the year, all his losses by fires, &c., bad debts in trade, amount of interest paid, amount paid for rent or labor to cultivate land or to conduct any other business from which income is derived, the amount paid for rent of residence for self or family, and amount paid for usual and ordinary repairs; the salaries of the President and United States Judges and State officers, whether legislative, judicial or executive.

The bill provides that the tax for 1878 should commence on the 1st of July of this year, and not date back to the 1st of January, 1878, so that only a half year's tax will have to be paid if the bill comes a law in 1878.

SUITABLE CANDIDATES.

It is time the good people of Granville—a synonym for the Democratic Party of this county—were looking about for suitable candidates in the approaching campaign. Able, faithful and honest men, in whom the people have confidence, should be chosen as candidates. No personal favoritism should be indulged in, but only men who will make good officers should be nominated. For the first time since the dark days of reconstruction the Democracy have in their power to carry the county. Will they do it?

All that is necessary to secure a triumph is for each man to determine to do his level best in the campaign. Without work, work on the part of private individuals as well as candidates we cannot succeed. With it success is certain.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stable for Rent.

On Monday the 20th of May I shall rent to the highest bidder for the balance of this year, at the Court House door in Oxford, the stables known as Holts Stables, the property of W. P. Holt, deceased. Bond with undoubted security will be required.

R. W. HARRIS, Administrator of W. P. Holt, deceased. May 3 '78

NOTICE.

Now is the time to have your likeness taken. Messrs. Badger & Grissom respectfully announce to the citizens of Granville county and vicinity that they have opened a Photograph Gallery at Oxford, N. C., where they are prepared to do any kind of work known to the art on reasonable terms. Pictures made in cloudy as well as clear weather. Old pictures copied and enlarged to any desired size, and finished in ink, crayon, pastel or water colors. A select stock of albums, cases and frames always on hand at lowest prices. Remember they guarantee satisfaction or no sale. Call and examine specimens.

THE PRICE TELLS! AND EVERY ONE TELLS THE PRICE.

Having just returned from New York and Baltimore with my new Spring stock of GENERAL MERCHANDISE, I am now prepared to offer such bargains in many goods, as have not been offered before in this market. I have a nice assortment of Dress Linens, awns, Organdies, Grenadines, Cashmeres, Alpacas, Victoria Lawns, Nansook, Lonsdale and Jaconet Cambric, Swiss Muslin and many other Dress Goods and Trimmings. A good stock of Hamburg Edging and Inserting, Ladies' Ties Collars, Cuffs, Ruffing, Edging, Fringes, Laces, &c. Look at my stock!

READYMADE CLOTHING.

Shoes, Hats, and Keep's Patent Parly Made Dress Goods. Groceries lower than ever. A trial solicited. Respectfully, E. G. DAVIS, Henderson, N. C. May 3 1mo.

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Having rented the Granville Warehouse of D. S. Osborn & Co, we are prepared to pay highest Prices for Leaf Tobacco, and guarantee satisfaction. We will spare no pains to please our patrons. Good light, plenty of room to show your Tobacco, so bring along the Weed and see what good prices you will obtain. Large quantity of Bright Wrappers wanted. C. R. BLACKLEY, Auctioneer. July 6

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GOOD BREAD WITH OUR UNEXCELLED BRIDGEWATER FAMILY FLOUR, which is Superior to Any heretofore made, being Unsurpassed in Whiteness and Strength of Body thereby yielding more Bread than any other brand.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED WITH EVERY BARREL, OR MONEY REFUNDED. Ask your grocer for Bridgewater Family and Belmont Extra Flour, and take no other brands.

REMOINT BEST XXXX EXTRA, Superior, Fine, Graham, Buckwheat, Rye Flour and Cracked Wheat, all of which are warrant superior to any similar grade offered in this market. Also, Choice White Corn Meal, (freshly ground) Shipstuffs, Brownstuf, Bran, Chop and Screenings, for sale cheap at our Warehouse and Mills.

J. B. FICKLIN & SONS, Fredericksburg, Va. March 29, 1v.



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\$10 SUIT BLACK CHEVIOS. \$11 SUIT STRIPED CHEVIOS. \$12 SUIT STRIPED CHEVO'S. \$18 SUIT DRESS CASSIMERE. \$22 SUIT BLACK DIAGONAL.

Our own make Superior to any in the market. also Gentlemen's

Furnishing Goods. Linen Collars, 60cts per dozen. Linen Dollars, \$1.50 per dozen. Linen Cuffs, \$3.00 per dozen. Linen Cuffs, Czar, \$1.50 per dozen.

WANAMAKER SHIRTS BEST IN THE MARKET. Also highest class of MERCHANT TAILORING. Samples, measuring ruler and Price Lists sent on application. apr 26 1y

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New Advertisements.

J. K. WOOD, UNDERTAKER.



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LOUIS J. BOSSIEUX, 14 1/2 Main street, Richmond, Va. apr 26 1y

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Fresh and in endless variety at half the usual price for sale by MITCHELL & SONS.

NOTICE.

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