

THE MORNING CLARION.

Democratic at all times.

THURSDAY - - APRIL 27, 1876.

SPRING TIME.

The love of the beautiful is a natural impulse that thrills all our hearts and brightens the gloom that shrouds the rough and rugged ways of life. For all along the pathway, be it ever so drear and lonely, there springs up a little flower here, a blade of grass there, and sometimes a tiny wreath winds itself among the gapping rocks to hide their bleak and ragged looks—perhaps a bird sits on the swinging bough and gladdens with its music the soul of the weary traveler; or near by, a singing rill goes sweeping o'er its pebbly bottom, just in place to cool the fevered brow of the weary and worn. So in life, the way is often cheered by visions of beauty, scenes that are lovely to behold, and music whose strains sound very beautiful to us care-worn mortals.

We have been reminded of these things by the coming of the rosy spring time, whose tiny footstep treads so lightly o'er hill and dale, and, as she goes, scatters flowers rich and rare with which to grace the festive scene, when she shall crown the blooming May Queen of the season. Ah! very beautiful is the smile of God's love to the children of men; when he gladdens their hearts with the soft beaming sunlight, the balmy winds, the springing flowers and the forest music of Spring-time. Truly there may be shadows upon the spirits of some of us which shut out many of the glories and sadden some of the notes of melody that would otherwise burst upon us in all their accustomed radiance and harmony. But even from such hearts, though crushed and broken they be, there steals up an incense of praise and thanks, giving to the throne of their Maker that the Spring time, the type of a final re-awakening, the joyous har- ger of "peace on earth and good

will towards men," has come to point us to that world of fadeless light, where it is one eternal Spring-time.

ISSUE OF VERACITY.

A few years ago an issue of veracity arose between General Grant and President Johnson in which the former came out second best. Now it seems an issue of veracity has arisen between Grant and ex-Attorney General Williams. Between the two latter it is hard to decide which is most entitled to credence. The course of the ex-Attorney General has covered his name with obloquy and Grant's record of late years, in view of the disreputable characters who have controlled his administration, has been under a dark cloud of suspicion, which is gradually lowering over his head in darker and darker shades at every new development of crime, among his subordinates. His third term aspirations have been shipwrecked by the iniquities of his favorites, and if he retires from the Presidency without the utter annihilation of his own character, he may congratulate himself on a degree of good fortune greater than that usually vouchsafed to mortals.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A Convention of the Democratic-Conservative voters of the Fourth Congressional District will be held in the city of Raleigh on Tuesday the 13th day of June next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress and a Presidential Elector, and selecting two delegates to the St. Louis Convention. A full attendance is earnestly desired. Each county will be entitled to one vote for every one hundred votes and fractional part over fifty given for Merrimon in 1872.

By order of the District Executive Com.
H. A. LONDON, JR., Chairman.
March 31st. 1876.

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METHODIST—Rev. S. V. Hoyle Pastor, Services second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7½ p. m. 4th Sunday night 7½ p. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday evening same hour.

BAPTIST—Rev. F. R. Underwood, Pastor—Services every 1st and 3d Sun- day at 11 a. m. and 7½ p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. D. E. Jordan, Pastor. Preaching every 2d and 4th Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 o'clock.

MAILS.

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