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THURSDAY JULY 17, 1890.

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

GEN. CLINTON B. FISK, Prohibition candidate for President at last election, died last week, aged 62 years.

Gov. FOWLE has appointed Judge Spier Whitaker to hold Rockingham court, July 22, and Stokes court, August 4, in place of Judge Shipp, deceased.

JUDGE BOYKIN and Solicitor Allen were both re-nominated last week by acclamation at the Judicial convention for the sixth district held at Kinston, N. C.

THE commissioners of Rowan, at their meeting Monday, elected Mr. Wood W. Krider, sheriff, to fill out the unexpired term of his father, who died recently.

STATE convention, August 20, at Raleigh, Judicial convention, August 14 at Lincolnton, Congressional convention, August 28 at Lenoir and county convention, July 29 1890.

THE Mt. Holy Grape Fair will be held from July 30 to August 1, and promises to be a success. Great preparations are being made.

At a meeting of the Democratic Congressional committee for this district, held at Lenoir, N. C., last Thursday, a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress was called to meet in Lenoir, Thursday, August 28.

COL. H. C. JONES, of Charlotte, has withdrawn from the race for the nomination for Congress in the 6th district, leaving Capt. S. B. Alexander with little or no opposition.

THE Democratic convention for the fifth Congressional district met at Greensboro last week, and nominated Capt. A. H. A. Williams, commonly known as "Baldy Williams," for Congress to redeem the fifth district. It was the best nomination that could have been made.

Yes, a man has a right to lend his newspaper or magazine to all his neighbors, and the right to lend his tooth-pick and marriage certificate, but if he desires the editor and publisher for whom he professes friendship, to succeed, he will ask those who come to borrow to subscribe.

THE Silver Bill has passed both Houses of Congress and will soon be a law. It will add several millions to the surplus in the treasury, transferring from the trust fund deposited by the National banks to redeem their notes.

County Convention. A convention of the Democratic party of Alexander county is hereby called to meet in the Court House in Taylorsville on Tuesday, July 23, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the State, Judicial, Congressional and Senatorial conventions.

Blackberries. Where wild blackberries are so fine and so plentiful as they are all over North Carolina it is hard to get growers to realize that there is large profit in raising them.

Senator Vance Endorsed. The Halifax county Democratic convention, composed of 99 delegates, 77 of whom were members of the Alliance, passed two sets of resolutions Monday, endorsing Senator Vance and his course.

Two-Hundred Killed. A cyclone passed through Minnesota last Sunday, killing two-hundred people.

Gen. Jno. C. Fremont died suddenly at his residence in New York city, last Sunday.

The Democratic convention of Burke county was held on the 7th. Col. Houk was nominated for the House of Representatives and I. T. Avery for Senator.

The Iredell county Alliance propose and endorse for Congress A. Leazer, for the Senate, W. D. Turner, for the lower House, J. B. Hollman and T. J. Williams.

Wilkes county Democratic convention has endorsed Hon. W. H. H. Cowles, of Wilkes, for re-nomination to Congress, and R. N. Hackett, Esq., for solicitor, and instructed its delegates to use all honorable means to secure their nomination.

Captain Tillman, the leader of the farmers' movement in South Carolina, is 43 years of age, pays taxes on 1,800 acres of land, runs twenty plows, and has a dairy supplied by 40 thoroughbred Jersey cows.

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ATTACKING VANCE. We regret to see the Progressive Farmer's attack on Senator Vance. The people of North Carolina will be slow to believe that a person or set of persons, can ever be a better friend to them and their State than Z. B. Vance.

Zeb. Vance is a Democrat, a North Carolinian and a patriot and no influence can ever be strong enough to cause him to swerve a hair's breadth from his line of duty or lose sight of the interests of his State and her people.

A WORD TO MY FARMER FRIENDS.

We are commanded to till the soil and make our bread by the sweat of our brow but when political campaigns come on we are called upon for our votes and we think that we ought to have all the information that we can gain and stand together, vote together, and petition together for legislation that will benefit us, lighten taxation, both Federal, State and county.

Wittenburg township, July 12, 1890

LETTER FROM SHARPES TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Editor: As there are several candidates for judge in this judicial district, and as none of them are citizens of our county, I trust the citizens thereof will not deem it presumption for me to mention the name of one whom I believe to be, in every respect, as well qualified for that important position as any of the other aspirants.

That one is J. J. Vann, of Union county, Mr. Vann has been a citizen of Monroe for twelve or fifteen years, and during that time he has been a model of sobriety and morality; besides he is well versed in the law, having a large practice. He is in the prime of life, endowed with fine physical and mental powers and would doubtless be an ornament to the judiciary of the State, as he now is to the bar, should he be elected.

My personal acquaintance with Mr. Vann is limited, having only met him a few times; but I am intimately acquainted with many of the best citizens of Union county, and the above is the character they give him.

In conclusion, I will state that the above is written without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Vann or any one else, my only motive being to inform the citizens of this county something of his character and fitness for the position to which he aspires, in order that we may take them into consideration before the meeting of the judicial convention. Respectfully, A. T. MARSH.

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