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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

Election Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 1888.

NATIONAL TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND, OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT ALLEN G. THURMAN, OF OHIO.

FOR ELECTORS—STATE OF LARGES: JOHN W. WADSWELL, of New Haven; JOHN W. WADSWELL, of Orange.

State Ticket

FOR GOVERNOR DANIEL G. FOWLE, of Wake.

FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER THOMAS M. HOLT, of Alamance.

FOR CONGRESSMAN—DISTRICT OF GEORGETOWN: JAMES T. MOSEHEAD, of Guilford.

FOR SENATOR J. H. DOBSON, of Surry.

Cleveland carried New York in 1884 by 1,047 majority and 1,274 plurality. He will carry it in 1888, in all probability, by from 20,000 to 40,000 majority.

The New York Star says: "The National Democratic committee has adopted as the campaign banner and badge, the 'Flag Bandanna,' designed and patented by Capt. Joseph M. Jones, of Paris, Ky. The design is unique, beautiful and appropriate. It is a typical bandanna, has the National flag stamped in its centre, and one in each corner, the centre one being three times the size of the corner ones. The effect is striking."

Mr. J. T. Donohy, of this place, is looming up as a candidate for sheriff. He will be the "people's candidate," and will probably be endorsed by the Republicans. If he is endorsed by the Republican convention he will get the full support of that party's vote, but can't reasonably expect many Democratic votes. No good Democrat will vote for an Independent, much less for a candidate of the Republican party.

There is a difference between the "people's candidate" and an independent candidate. An independent is a hanger-on—a man who wants office and would see his party defeated to get in himself and the "people's candidate" is one the people, regardless of party, want. But Graves is the "people's candidate" and so better put our Mithras brother down as an independent, and the good people in both parties will tell you to shun an independent candidate.

Who may Dance.

It has been related of good Bishop McFavre, of the Protestant Episcopal church, that when some young ladies asked him "if it were wrong for Christians to dance?" he replied, "my daughters, Christians never want to dance."

Some young people of Huntsville, Ala., once asked Bishop Soule if he thought dancing was improper, he replied in substance, "not always. I once saw in Paris some trained monkeys dance, and thought it very proper for them, but not proper for human beings."

ALLIANCE NOTES.

Should Farmers take Stock in Politics.

We clip the following from the South-west Alliance, which contains much good food for thought: "Our readers will pardon us for asking what seems so tedious a question as stands at the head of this article. We do not mean to be invidious in anything said in this paper. What we mean by the above heading, will be made plain by what we now ask you

to consider. For more than twenty years there has been a tendency, if not a common practice, to leave the management of political affairs in the hands of a few town and city politicians, chiefly to lawyers and other professionals, not always of sufficient importance to be kept busy until the saying was so common that it failed to awaken the alarm which its import would warrant, that "town rings and lawyers are running the politics of the country." Now, we beg to say that we have never been in sympathy with any disposition to charge any class of our fellow-citizens with any intention of unfair dealing, or of presuming to ignore any class, or to trespass upon the rights of the farmers. But frequent flippant sayings concerning the competency of farmers to manage politics or fill political stations, together with the very common practice of sending lawyers almost exclusively to our State Legislature and to our National Congress, has led to the reflections contained in this article. If, in these reflections we are unjust, and if there be no real cause for the fair-minded criticism implied, then we shall congratulate ourselves and the country, and will be content to leave our political interests, just where they belong, viz.: in the hand of every good and true citizen regardless of avocation or professional calling. As we read the signs of the times, we are impressed that the farmers are beginning to realize that they have been too frequently used as a means to an end by political aspirants, who knew but little of the real wants of the farmer, and of legislation necessary to enhance and magnify the agricultural interests of the country at large; and we believe we now see that the farmers are beginning to realize as never before, that they are a prime factor in the politics of the country as well as in the monetary affairs thereof. Out of this recognition has grown, or more properly, is growing, a determination to throw the weight of their great power into the politics of the country and to have a real voice in State and National legislation, which legislation may greatly set forward, or hinder and embarrass the great interests of our farming citizens. Of course we do not mean to intimate that no lawyer or professional man is capable of serving in political spheres in a way that would promote the farmer's interest. Many of them are farmers themselves, or have been, or they are of sufficient intelligence to know the wants of all classes of our citizens. These men do the country a grand service, but farmers, as a class, have not had, within the last twenty years, that kind of legislation that was healthful and helpful to the farming interests of this country. We think we see a tendency for the better, and without assuming to be the political counselors of the farmers, and sincerely hoping, that as a class, we will be too wise to be drawn into political strife, or that we will be so cautious as to be drawn into discussions of any kind that would engender strife or discord, yet we would say, that, with concert of action, and by allying yourselves with good men of all classes, that you may have, at an early day, a more potent voice in the legislative halls of our State and National government, that will be highly promotive of all the interests of our commonwealth without regard to class or calling. A better day is coming to this broad and heaven-favored land of ours. All hail the day!

We beg to say, in conclusion, that all we mean by writing the foregoing is, that farmers need greater protection as a class, which protection and help must come from their own ranks as they shall rise up and unite themselves with all classes of good citizens in all the callings of life, and secure an administration of State and National politics that will be equitable to all, and oppressive to none.

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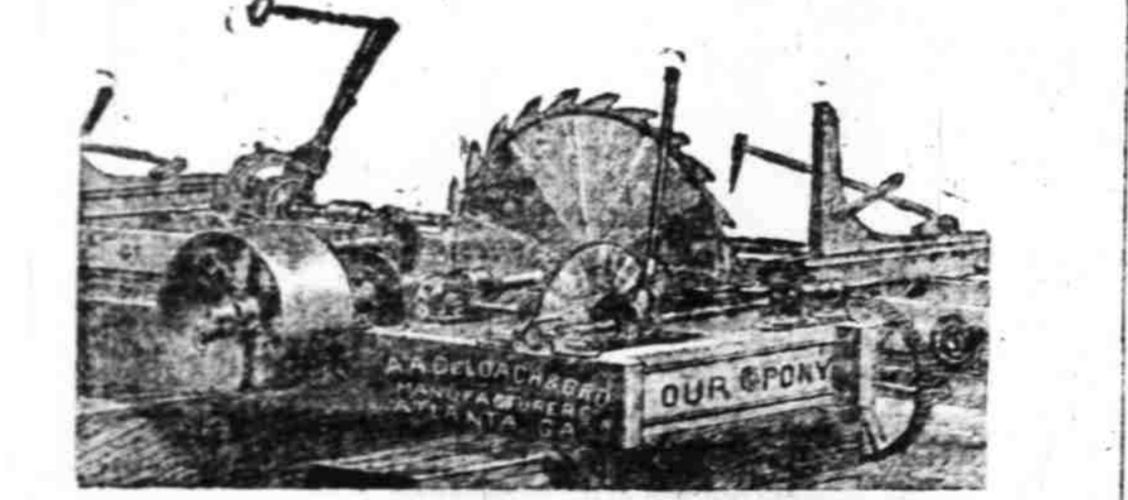
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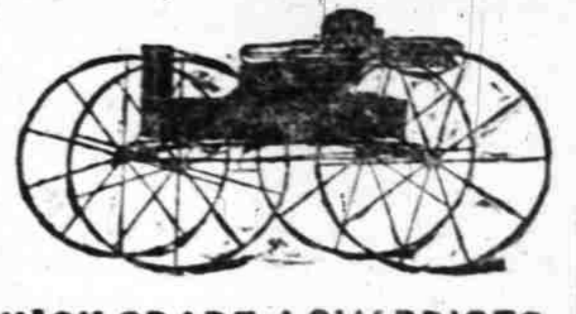


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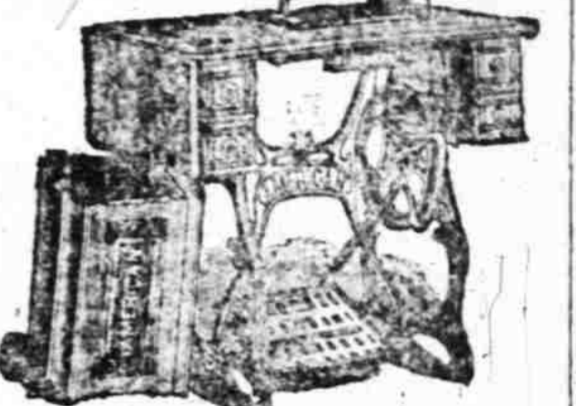
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