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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Democrats of South Carolina are coming together.

THERE was frost in Baltimore County, M. D., last Sunday night.

NOTHING like it. Like what? The crops in Eastern North Carolina.

CEASE firing on your friends and turn your guns on the common enemy.

REED is evidently alarmed. He has left Washington and gone to Maine to look after his political fences.

THE collections at the stamp office at Durham for the month of August were $41 647,49.

THE Senate and House conferees on the River and Harbor bill have reached an agreement and the bill will pass.

RACES are fashionable. Harrison and Hayes are neck and neck for the first place as Presidential failures.

ANOTHER call has been issued for the redemption of $20,000,000 additional four and a half per cent. bonds.

THE Progressive Farmer opens fire on Senator Vance again. The gun is too small for the game, and kicks terribly.

THERE is good authority for the statement that the English government is preparing a local government bill for Ireland.

A NEGRO who owns thirty acres of land adjoining the Phœnix oil well in Greensboro has refused an offer of $15,000 for it.

EVERY day gives evidence of the union of Western and Southern interest, and points to the overthrow of the Republican party.

THE situation in Europe is critical. Confidence is wanting in the stability of peace and preperations for war go on without abatement.

IT is gratifying to all Democrats to know that Hon. A. L. Wilson of West Virginia has been re-nominated for Congress by acclamation.

THE state Republican committee of New York held a meeting last Tuesday, at which Harrison, Reed, the Tariff and the Force bill were endorsed.

IT is believed that the meeting of Chas. Oscar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany will greatly contribute to the maintenance of peace in Europe.

CLARKSON has at last severed his connection with the Postoffice Department. The executions being over there was no more work for the axe-man.

THE prospect of Democratic success in the Congressional Elections of 1890, and in the electoral college in 1892 are flattering and should encourage every patriot heart.

THE shooting of Gen. Barrundia, by officers of the Guatemalian government, on board of an American vessel may result in complications between this government and Guatemalia.

IT is announced that Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer; Mrs. Stanley and her mother, Mrs. Tennant, will sail for New York on the Tutonic, of the White Star line, next month.

DON'T say Rogers is an Alliance candidate. He is *the Democratic* candidate. He is a true Alliance man, but he was a Democrat before he joined the Alliance and will be until he dies.

MELVIN MARSH, of Salisbury, has a hen of the "French Beauty," build, which lays double eggs joined with a handle an inch and a half long and the size of one's little finger. The chicken has laid five of these dumb bells.

EVERY Southern man must have a kindly feeling for heroic Charleston and rejoice in her brightening prospects. "The total trade of Charleston, S. C., amounted to $80,619,717 last year, an increase on the business of preceeding year of $3,966,293.

ABNER DORSETT, a negro living in Hickory Mountain township, North Carolina, has the largest head of any person in the United States so far as heard from. It is thirty-two inches in diameter and gives Abner a decided "top heavy" appearance.

THE great West, once the political foe, is becoming gradually, but surely, the political and commercial alley of the South, their interests and their wants being to a large extent identical. These two combined will eventually dominate and dictate the policy of the Government which has so long been shaped by the Central and Northern seaboard States.—Wilmington Star.

THE proposition to hold another exposition in North Carolina in 1891, is meeting with much favor from prominent gentlemen in all sections of the State, and an earnest effort will be made to enlist a liberal support at the hands of the next Legislature. That this will be successful can well be assumed, as it is reasonably certain that a majority of the people's representatives will be farmers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

SILVER continues to advance.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND labor men paraded in New York the first of September.

IT is believed in the Isthmus that the prospects of the Panama Canal are brightening.

REV. JUNIUS T. HARRIS, of Durham, has been elected Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

THE President has offered the Spanish Mission to Hon. Thomas C. Platt, and that statesman has replied "No, thank you."

VERMONT voted Tuesday for State officers and two Congress men. Of course the State went Republican but there was a large falling off in the vote.

REV. J. E. MCMANAWAY, of Charlotte, has engaged to assist Bill Fife in his revival meetings, and will travel with him as the Rev. Mr. Stewart does with Sam Jones.

TRADE prospects are good everywhere. Some say it is the result of the tariff. The wise man says it is because the face of the Lord is towards his people, and the land bringeth forth abundantly.

THE Times says: "The suggestion that Mahone has become a farmer is evidently based upon his well known skill in watering stock, cultivating the negro vote, and reaping the whirlwind.

CONGRESSMAN CONNON estimates a surplus for the present fiscal year of about $65,000,000, Senator Allison puts it at about $15,000 000, while the Democrats from same statistics show that there will be a deficit of $11,000,000.

MR. JNO. L. ROLLINS tells us that he has a gourd vine which has covered two cribs, a stable, and a wagon shelter, and is almost on the hen house. It is full of gourds which will hold from a half bushel down.—Jonesboro Leader.

THE Wilmington Star says: "Mrs. A. L. Stevenson and her brother of Dubuque, Iowa, are informed by their attorney that they are heirs to a $9,000,000 estate in Ireland, and don't seem to be putting on any airs on the strength of this interesting information."

MR. ROGERS, the Democratic Candidate for Congress in this District, is a true Democrat. He graduated at the University of North Carolina with distinction served gallantly in the Confederate army, and since the war has been a farmer loved by his neighbors and honored by all who know him.

THE cotton centenary at Pawtucket, R. I., on September 29, will be an interesting event for the South. The exhibition will be a celebration of the introduction of the first successful cotton spinning by power machinery upon the Western continent. The exhibit will include cotton in all its stages of growth and goods manufactured from the plant.

THE new cigarette law in New York has gone into effect. The provisions of the law are that no child under sixteen years of age shall smoke or in any way use a cigar, cigarette, or tobacco in any public place or resort. Infringement of the law is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from $2 to $10. The police have instructions to keep a sharp eye out for offenders.

THE single tax convention at New York has received a good deal of newspaper notice, but the time seems far distant when any considerable portion of the people of this country will consent to see lands bear all the burdens of taxation. Unhappily that is now the practical effect of a good deal of the Republican tariff legislation, and is just the thing against which the toiling masses are most vigorously protesting.—Richmond Dispatch.

BLAINE'S reciprocity theory is the Damascus blade that has cut in two the Republican party. On Tuesday, in the Senate Mr. Hale made a lengthy speech in favor of reciprocity of trade with the countries south of the United States; Mr. Sherman argued that if any reciprocal trade arrangements were made with any country they ought to be made with Canada, and Mr. Dolph argued against the whole brood of reciprocity amendments, which he declared a surrender of our out works, a crevasse in the wall, that would sap away the whole system.

ONE day this week Dr. John S. Apperson, in an address to the Virginia Medical Society now in session at Rockbridge Alum Springs, said that "for every woman who left her own peculiar station and assumed the duties heretofore allotted to her brother a man was displaced and made an idler." The learned doctor is wrong. No true man can be made an idler, and, if the admission of women to the learned professions is to result in running out men who can't stand competition, by all means let the women in. We know of more than one physician who would like to have a woman for a partner.

THE ENEMY.

The Republican party has always been prolific in expedients. If one plan fails to accomplish its purpose another is tried, each successive failure being followed by a more desperate effort to succeed.

The great object of the Republican party is the humiliation and overthrow of the South. To this it subsidizes every consideration of national glory and material prosperity. Thus far the evil spirit has been rebuked by the ignominious failure, not only to destroy, but even to hinder the progressive development of the South, in all that adorns civilization and ennobles empires.

The force bill is their latest expedient. The measure has not been handled skillfully, but with a malignancy that makes devils blush. Their final action is to hold a rod over the South. Do they expect to see her cringe? Sooner will the mountains tremble and the solid earth weep tears.

The South, they say, will not dare remain solid for fear that it may cause the passage of the force bill. They say to us, "go on, gentlemen; hold your elections, but if Republicans are not elected down goes your house."

Now let us show the enemy that we understand the situation, and will be equal to the emergency.

In the language of a contemporary, "Let us determine to give them a quietus." Big majorities will do it. We must not only carry every point we attack, but carry it with a rush and make our victory so decisive that not even Mr. Reed will be able to quibble.

"Let us begin our work. Squads, platoons, companies, battalions, regiments, brigades, divisions and corps of Democratic voters must be formed, and then the order of march will be answered by shouts of victory."

ROGERS, OF NORTHAMPTON.

Who is Rogers, of Northampton? He is a man of good report among his neighbors and is the nominee of the Democratic convention of the second congressional district of North Carolina.

We are all for Rogers. Few of us knew three days before the convention that we had such a man, but it is no unusual thing for the great districts of Carolina to bring to the front men fully equipped for usefulness in high and honorable positions.

There is a Rogers in Congress now. He represents a district in Arkansas and is admitted to be one of the best members in the House. He is a thorn in Reed's side, and we are proud to learn that he is a native of North Carolina. We will duplicate the bill by sending another Rogers to Congress from this old North State.

They say, "the Alliance did it." Well, if the farmers will do as well in making crops as they do in producing candidates all of us will soon be rich. This writer has indulged in a little extravagance, in prospect of better times, and even now feels the exhilarating effect of a good supper. Hurrah for Rogers!

But Mr. Rogers does not appear before the country as an Alliance man. He is the Democratic nominee, and under the broad folds of the Democratic flag he marches to victory.

What is it to be a Democrat. It is to stand for the right; to feel the throb of humanity, see the wants of humanity and have the courage to strike for humanity; it is to stand by the Constitution, and under its broad shield defend American honor and American interests; it is stand by the State and defend the liberties of the people. At this time and in the present emergency, Democracy means opposition to the tariff, opposition to the force bill, opposition to monopoly; and it means the advocacy of equal protection, free elections, and a fair chance for every man in the battle of life. Democracy means "an indissoluble union of indestructible States," bound together by sacred recollections, hallowed associations, mutual interests and a common destiny.

For ourselves we take our position in Simmons' division of Rogers' corps of the grand army of the Democracy. Our ranks are full. Let the roll be called, as it was in 1888, and the answer will be "here," or "dead on the field of honor."

GOVERNOR JNO. B. GORDON, of Georgia, is a candidate for U. S. Senator. The Augusta Chronicle, in speaking of his candidacy, says: Gen. Gordon has shown the broadest sympathy for the farmers and has treated with consideration the principles of the Alliance. He seemed even to estrange some of his friends by acquiescing in the catechism; but when the alternative was thrust upon him General Gordon did not hesitate. He boldly set aside the sub treasury subterfuge. Every Alliance man must respect him and the people will sustain him.

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NEW BERNE ASSUMING A BUSINESS AIR.

New Buildings Going Up—New Manufacturing Industries Being Erected and Others Enlarged—Skilled Labor in Demand

No one can go far in any part of New Berne before marks of improvement will meet the eye, and the note of busy industry greet his ear. Let us briefly notice some of the improvements now in progress.

On East Front street we find Mr. Basil Manly building a fine one to the north side and rear of his residence and making other improvements and after the carpenters and masons are through he will use the paint brush freely.

Mr. Wm. Gaskins is improving and painting his home.

The Hancock brothers are also adding much to the attractiveness of their home. On the east side they are just finishing a good sized oil. They are changing the entrance from Long to Graves street. Where the entrance formerly was they are placing a pretty veranda overhung by a wooden canopy. A full length piazza fronts Graves street and also extends full length on the other side of the house.

Mr. J. B. Lane is building two tenement houses—one single and one double—on Queen street.

Mr. C. J. Schmidt, our Virginia architect, purchased a piece of property a few months ago on the northeast extremity of the town, extending from the railroad to the river and is fast changing the locks of things in that locality. He has a good two story, four-room office and eight dwellings there now and expects to erect others. On the side towards the river he is now laying the foundation of two dry kilns, each 20x60 feet with 40 foot platform—making the total length of each 100 feet. He is also putting up a planing mill 40x100 feet.

Messrs. D. Congdon & Son are building a high water tower to be used in connection with an automatic fire extinguisher in their mammoth saw mill, dry kiln and planing mill establishments, and Messrs. Jos. B. Clark & Co. are putting up additional dry sheds for storing their kiln dried lumber, and are also building another and larger log pound.

To the left of the railroad shops we notice a neat dwelling that the steward of the Defiance is building; and on the upper part of the macadamized road we notice several in course of erection, also others in the immediate vicinity of the road on the streets crossing it.

A little to the west of the macadamized road lies the suburb known as Pavie town—this is quite a little village, which has sprung up within the last four or five years. Buildings are going up there also. Mr. Jos. H. Hackburn is putting up four in that neighborhood.

The western suburbs Altogether there are about twenty buildings in course of erection.

We see that Mr. John S. Manix has been making improvements on his residence, and has used paint without stint—the dwelling, the outhouses and fences all being attractively painted.

Mr. J. A. Simpson is building a new front fence for the Presbyterian church. He has taken in the lot on the west side of the church which the Presbyterians purchased a short time ago. He will also reshingle the lecture room. On Monday he begins work at the National bank, ceiling several of the rooms.

The Fair Association has taken in the additional property recently purchased by them, and are at work getting things in order for a race track and preparing for the erection of a grand stand. The grounds are now doubly as large as they were last year.

We have, in former issues, spoken of three fine dwellings now being erected. Mrs. Pennell's on the macadamized road under the management of Mr. Geo. Bishop, Mr. C. C. Green's, corner of Hancock and Broad streets and Dr. F. W. Hughes, corner Pollock and Craven streets. Mr. John B. Lane, an able and experienced architect, has charge of the work on the latter and when completed it will be the largest and costliest private residence in the city, and one of the handsomest in the State.

Diagonally across the street from this house a number of carpenters and kalsominers are busily engaged fitting up Stanly Hall properly for the new Y. M. C. A. Hall. Thanks to New Berne's liberal minded citizens, this organization will now have apartments thoroughly adapted to their requirements—a good devotional and business meeting room, a large assembly hall, a gymnasium, a game room, reading room, bath room, etc.

At the foot of the street Mr. J. J. Howard, with a good force of hands is making thorough and extensive repairs on the Old Dominion wharves.

Going to Union Point we find Mr. E. M. Pavie rushing the work of enlarging Moore & Brady's factory, putting up several additional buildings, and extending the wharf. A number of machinists are also at work getting everything in first-class order.

As we have already announced, as soon as Mr. Pavie completes Messrs. Moore & Brady's work he will commence the erection of Messrs. A. Greenabaum & Bro's factory just a little further on, which will employ three or four hundred hands.

Mr. Warren Ellis is constructing a good office nearly in front of his mill.

Adjoining him Messrs. E. H. & J. A. Meadows are erecting a steam elevator in their fertilizer factory, and putting in additional machinery.

Messrs. Howard & Green are building an addition to the old Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and making other changes necessary to adapt it to the requirements of their steam laundry and knitting factory; and parties have just been in the city looking to the establishment of a furniture factory, and we are likely soon to have a large one.

Messrs. Clark & Co., who at present employ twelve sewing-machine operatives and manufacture nearly all the ready-made clothing that they handle, supply a number of stores in the vicinity of New Berne, and find it difficult to keep up with the demand, as what they manufacture equals the Northern made and they can sell clothing of their manufacture cheaper than the imported. They therefore expect to have their machines run by steam, manufacture on a more extensive scale and put drummers on the road. A sewing machine run by the operative makes about 300 stitches per minute, the average by steam is 2,000, though they can be run to make 3,000 stitches per minute, which is ten times what is accomplished when steam is not used.

These are some of the principal improvements now going on—not things of the past but what is actually taking place today, and there are many minor ones of which we have not spoken.

Our increase in population from 6,442 to 7,888, our present industrial activity—old enterprises being enlarged, new ones being started, others soon to be established, new firms commencing business, real estate improvements—those already made and those now in progress—our being supplied with modern conveniences, gas, electric lights, etc., having shelled streets and the finest macadamized road in the State leading to the National Cemetery, the $75,000 National public building soon to be erected, the new $56,000 revenue cutter Winona, the new passenger steamer Neuse—one of the finest steamers that comes to the Southern States—that is to be put on the E. C. D. line next month, our splendid schools, our two successful Fairs a year, our improving banking facilities, the increased amount of money on deposit, and many other things are infallible signs of a healthy condition of affairs in our community generally. Have we not as New Berneans abundant cause to rejoice at these unmistakable evidences of present and future thrift and prosperity?

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION HELD AT KINSTON.

W. J. Rogers, of Northampton, Nominated

The convention held at Kinston Wednesday for the nomination of a candidate for Congress from the second district, resulted in the nomination of W. J. Rogers, an Alliance man of Northampton county.

Only two names were before the convention, Hon. F. M. Simmons and Mr. W. J. Rogers, that of Mr. J. M. Mewborne having been withdrawn in caucus.

Rogers and Mewborne both were Alliance candidates and the nomination is nothing less than an Alliance victory. As that may be, the nomination was made unanimous and Mr. Rogers will find no warmer supporters than the friends of Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Simmons himself desires us to offer his services to canvass the district, or work in any way that lies in his power for the election of Mr. Rogers. This district is a close one and to win success will require the mightiest efforts of the Democracy. Let there be no lukewarmness, nor half-hearted government exert themselves earnestly, enthusiastically and persistently from now until the day of election and we may be once again rewarded with victory.

Below we give the proceedings of the convention as furnished by our special correspondent:

KINSTON, N. C., Sept. 3, 1890.

The convention held here today was most harmonious. There were three candidates in the field: Hon. F. M. Simmons, J. M. Mewborne, of Lenoir, and W. J. Rogers. Two of the last named gentlemen were Alliance men. The contest since Tuesday has been a heated one, and early this morning the force of Simmons withdrew into a private room in order to estimate his strength. It was then learned that Alliance delegates were in the majority two to one, and Simmons' hope was in the eloquence of your Manly and your Stevenson.

In the Alliance caucus the names of Messrs. J. M. Mewborne and W. J. Rogers were submitted to the delegates, and W. J. Rogers having received the greatest number of votes, it was decided by the Alliance men not to place Mr. J. M. Mewborne's name before the convention.

The convention was called to order at 12 o'clock by Fred. Woodard, of Wilson, who addressed the convention in words full of wisdom.

The various committees having been appointed, the convention adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Assembling at 1.30 o'clock, Jno. C. Wooten, jr., was recommended as chairman. C. C. Daniels secretary, E. G. Butler, assistant secretary. The convention was then ready for business, and the chairman announced that nominations were in order. The name of Hon. F. M. Simmons was placed in nomination, which was heralded with tremendous applause. W. J. Rogers was nominated amidst applause equally as great. The speech of your Manly rung with eloquent appeals in behalf of Craven's candidate, and this was followed by one from Mr. Stevenson in words that turned with fire. But all was to no avail, and Craven's candidate, who had done so much for his district and for his people, was to go down in defeat before the irresistible tidal wave composed of the Farmers' Alliance.

The total number of votes was 349. Of these Rogers received 210, only 175 being necessary for a choice, and Simmons received 139. This was on the first ballot.

The speech of Hon. W. H. Kitchin urging harmony whoever the nominee might be, did much to make the convention unanimous in the nomination after the first ballot. The following is the vote by the respective counties:

Bertie, Simmons 17; Rogers, 17. Craven, Simmons, 29; Rogers, 0. Edgecombe, Simmons, 12; Rogers, 22. Greene, Simmons, 20; Rogers, 0. Halifax, Simmons, 16 2 3; Rogers, 33 1 3. Jones, Simmons 13; Rogers, 2. Lenoir, Simmons, 13 5 7; Rogers, 18 2 7. Northampton, Simmons, 0; Rogers, 37. Vance, Simmons, 1; Rogers, 30. Warren, 4 4 5. Rogers, 19 1-5. Wilson, Simmons, 22 1 2; Rogers, 20 1 2.

F. M. H.

Terrible Crash of the Immense Four Story Building in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 2.—The Schwarz building, an immense four story brick building, located at the corner of Canal and Dauphin streets, fell at 11 o'clock this morning. It is reported that ten men were killed by the fallen debris. This is one of the most crowded thoroughfares in the city.

A SOUTHERN TRAIN HELD UP.

THE ENGINEER COMPELLED TO BREAK OPEN THE EXPRESS CAR.

LOUISVILLE, KY., September 2.—A special from Mobile, Ala., says: "The Louisville and Nashville "Cannon Ball" train, north bound, was held up near Pensacola Junction, forty miles above Mobile, by robbers this morning, who entered the express car and compelled the messenger to turn over the contents of his safe. It is not known at this time the extent of the robbery. Affairs having secured the valuables the robbers escaped in the woods. The first news received of the robbery in Mobile was meagre. The train was held up about a half mile above Plantation Junction, and the people there knew very little of what had happened, for the train was delayed seven minutes only and there was not much chance of learning what had occurred.

LATER—Engineer Bob Sizer says that he was pulling out of Flamston and just as the train, which is a through express from New Orleans, was under way he turned around and saw a masked man near him. Before he could ask a question or look twice two big revolvers were in his face. He was told to run his train up to the Escambia river bridge, some miles distant, and stop on the bridge. There was nothing left for him to do but obey orders, and he did so. When the train stopped on the bridge the engineer was told to get off his engine, and he did so. Then the robber directed Sizer to go to the express car and force an entrance. The robber putting a heavy mallet in his hand, Sizer did as directed, and burst open the car door. The express messenger, Archie Johnson, was standing in his car with a pistol in his hand, but seeing Sizer he lowered. The next minute he was covered and told to lay down his gun, and he obeyed. Then the robber, standing in the car door, compelled the messenger to open the safe and hand him the money. While this operation was going on the fellow was standing in the door coolly looking at his victim and firing first to one side of the train and then the other to overawe the passengers and the train crew. When he got the money the robber told Sizer to follow him. The man showed the way to the engine, bade Sizer to pull out, and with a parting shot and a wild yell dashed off in the bushes and was lost to sight.

A posse has left Flamston and another has left Mobile in pursuit of the robber.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT $150,000.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Sept. 2.—The worst fire ever known in this city broke out at one o'clock this morning in Wm. Horner's livery stable, and in less than three hours it had destroyed two and a half blocks in the business centre of the city, and causing a loss of at least $150,000. The greatest loss was the First National bank building, owned by Congressman Morrill. The vault, containing $50,000 in currency and many valuable books and papers, gave way under the intense heat, and its contents were entirely destroyed. For over two hours a furious wind from the north drove the fire southward, but about 3 o'clock the wind died down.

There is only one fire engine in the city, and should the wind rise again the whole of the business portion of the city will be wiped out.

At 5 a.m. the fire was still raging. The fire engine has a small stream on a building near the Hall block, but it is doubtful if this block can be saved.

ARKANSAS ELECTION.

RETURNS SHOW A LARGE INCREASE IN THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

LITTLE ROCK Ark., Sept. 3.—Returns from two-thirds of the counties maintain the increase in the Democratic majority over last year. The increase is especially large in the white counties, while the opposition majorities in the negro counties, except Jefferson, show a decrease.

The majority for Governor Eagle and the Democratic State ticket will not fall below 30,000, and a still larger figure is claimed, owing to the almost uniform heavy gains. The Legislature will be overwhelmingly Democratic, thus insuring the re-election of James K. Jones as United States Senator, he having no Democratic opposition. There are no reports of disturbances at the polls from anywhere in the State.

A Gigantic Enterprise

Durham—A land and improvement company was organized Saturday with $1,000,000 capital. J. S. Carr is president; A. B. Andrews, vice-president; R. H. Wright, secretary and treasurer, and John Vancoy, jr., general manager. The company has bought 815 acres of land lying both inside and outside the city, which will be improved and sold. It will operate street cars, build telegraph and telephone lines, establish a system of water works, and give sites and other assistance to manufacturers who may desire to locate on its lands. It will also build hotels, churches, schools and a Y. M. C. A. building, and build and erect several large manufacturing enterprises. The company proposes to spend $600,000 in these improvements in the next 18 months and will begin active work October 1st.—Goldsboro Dispatch.

A Brooklyn Fire—Loss $200,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Fire broke out in the jute bagging factory of Peter Young, in Will, about the market building, on Washington avenue, near the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, at noon, the factory being destroyed. The fire spread to the kindling wood factory of Hendrick Pieletke, immediately adjoining. The wholesale grocery store of D'Lahn Bros., on the other side of the jute bagging factory, then caught fire.

D'Lahn Bros. carried a stock of groceries valued at $150 000, all of which with the building was totally destroyed. The total loss by the fire will be about $200,000, partly insured.

The Democratic Convention.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—We think that your correspondent in yesterday's issue, giving an account of the congressional convention held at Kinston on the 31 instant, unintentionally gave an erroneous impression as to the status of Hon. F. M. Simmons and his friends.

From your correspondent's article the idea seems to be that Mr. Simmons was by his own seeking a candidate before the convention. This is a mistake, which it is due to Mr. Simmons to correct. Sometime ago the gentleman in the public press expressly withdrew his name as a candidate, and the fact that he was before the convention on the 31 instant was the work of his friends, who thought him the most available and best candidate for the Democratic party and whose nomination they desired.

During the day of the convention a telegram was received from a friend of Mr. Simmons, who had just had a conversation with him in New Berne, in which telegram it was plainly stated that Mr. Simmons was not a candidate. The Democratic convention of Craven had instructed the delegates from Craven to vote for him, and his friends from other counties demanded the right and privilege to vote for him in the convention. So he was before the convention without his seeking.

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