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**DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.**  
As we are just going to press, we can only say that on the twenty-third ballot at the State Convention to-day, Hon. D. G. Fowle received the nomination for Governor.

Hon. F. M. Simmons has endorsed himself to the New Bern people more than ever by securing the passage of his bill in the House appropriating \$20,000 for constructing a road from the city to the National Cemetery near by.

At the Prohibition convention held in Greensboro a few days ago, the following ticket was nominated:  
For Governor, Rev. W. T. Walker; for Lieutenant Governor, Moses Hammond; for Supt. Public Instruction, Prof. N. C. English; for Treasurer, M. W. Dixon. Rev. Sam Small was present and spoke at length.

**MR. LINNEY.**  
In the Republican Convention in Raleigh last week, Mr. Linney, of Alexander, was prominent among the speakers of the occasion. He said that he had been following the Democratic party for fifteen years, but that at last found that in fact it was no longer.

We do not know Mr. Linney, we have never seen him; but we know something of the party he leaves and something of the party to which he goes. And the fact that he goes from the Democratic party to the Republican party explains itself; for long ago, by authority higher than any explanation that even Mr. Linney himself could make, it was said that "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

The Republicans met in Raleigh on 23rd and made the following nominations for their State ticket: For Governor, Oliver H. Dockery, of Richmond; for Lieutenant Governor, J. C. Pritchard, of Madison; for Secretary of State, Geo. W. Stannton, of Wilson; for Auditor, C. F. McKesson, of Burke; for Treasurer, G. A. Buchanan, of Rowan; for Attorney-General, Thor. P. Devereux, of Wake; for Supt. of Public Instruction, Jas. B. Mason, of Orange; D. L. Russell, of New Hanover, was nominated to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court caused by the death of Judge Ashe; D. M. Furches, of Iredell, and R. P. Buxton, of Cumberland, were nominated for the two Associate Justices according to the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Jas. E. Boyd, of Guilford, and Augustus Moore, of Pitt were nominated for electors for the State at large. The delegates elected to the Chicago convention were, E. A. White, of Perquimans; J. H. Harris, (col.) of Wake; John Daney (col.) of Rowan, Thos. N. Cooper, of Transylvania. These delegates are all Blaine men. There was fun in the convention for those who were not interested and could bear harangue without disgust.

**SECTIONALISM.**  
It is quite clear that sectionalism has no abiding place under the blue of heaven, save in the region of his Plutonic Majesty, from whence it originates.—Evansville (Ind.) Evening Tribune.  
Sectionalism should indeed be driven from the ranks of both parties North and South. No more forever should it find place or utterance in National or State politics.  
The issues of the civil strife are now dead issues and should never be resurrected.  
To be sure, to fair-minded men

can ridicule the North for their once strong prejudices for their section. The North to-day even, after a score of years have carpeted the graves of the noble men in blue and gray, and when men now wield the sword of American liberty—the ballot—who were helpless infants during those years that "tried men's souls," even now the North does not understand the condition of the two races in the South. Much less did it when sectional prejudice ran high.  
No fair-minded man can censure the South for her heroic part played in the so-called rebellion. Much was at stake—yae, all at stake with the South then—which the North did not appreciate.  
But those issues are now dead, and the two sections are again a united whole, knit together again by strong national ties which no sectionalism can sever.  
Let the thought be hushed forever.

**LAWYERS AND POLITICS.**  
All the talk about getting along in politics or anything else without lawyers is the meanest sort of boobyism and is pandering to an unreasonable and petty prejudice. When a man gets into a scrape of any sort he runs to a lawyer for help; and when a political crisis is on hand and the welfare and rights of good people are at stake, the lawyer is always called on to help.—Charlotte Democrat.  
We think the above well said. No man who has had any experience in politics, or who has even made casual observation, can deny the fact that lawyers are the controlling influence in the politics of the country. Much is said sometimes against the influence that lawyers exert in shaping political thought in a community.

**Well Said.**  
[Sanford Express.]  
The average North Carolinian who is seen at the hotels, on the cars, generally well dressed and bearing the impress of intelligence, is a "green horn" in local affairs—in counties and State matters. He can talk about the nation, the tariff, and the Blair bill, but he don't know the salary of the Governor, the duties of Auditor and the authority of county Commissioners. This is a striking defect in the interest and reading of State people, and much of it is due to the neglect and diffidence given to local newspapers. A family in Moore county who read no news papers but the Atlanta Constitution and the New York Sun, because they contain a few columns more reading and sell for less money than the home papers, are guilty of an ignorance that is shameful.  
We recently asked a gentleman which one of the local papers was he reading. "None." "The big papers give me so much more for less money." "But what is it they give?" They can not fill the bill, and such a comparison is despicable. But much of the State press encourages this starvation and ignorance of home matters by clubbing with and encouraging the introduction of Northern papers at its own expense.

**JOURNALISM AS A PROFESSION.**  
In a conversation not long since we said that if we had a dozen sons and all were gifted and thoroughly educated, not one of them should become a journalist with our consent. We meant in all seriousness just what we said.

If we could retrace our life for thirty years and more we would not enter a newspaper office for any consideration short of saving life.—Wilmington Star.  
Our able and highly esteemed contemporary, the Star, gives in a lengthy article what we consider the pessimistic view of journalism as a profession. We are well aware that the "forty years' observation" of the able and gifted editor of the Star is the very best authority among North Carolina journalists; yet, we can not see the journalist's profession in just the light the Star sees it.

Several reasons are given by the Star for the low estimate it puts upon journalism. In the first place, it quotes from Mr. James Parton whom the Star calls "the most distinguished American journalist," and his persuasions are against young men entering the field of journalism as a profession. "Few editors have wielded great influence in the past," says the Star. Then, journalism offers a poor field for promotion. There is a poor living in journalism, &c., &c.  
Now, so far as our observation reaches, we think that the tone and standard of journalism in North Carolina to-day is far above what it was five years ago; and we believe that journalism as a profession is improving.

As to success, the rule for men in this life in point of financial attainments, fame and power, is failure. Success—real laudable success—is the exception. Let's compare journalists in North Carolina with the so-called learned professions. Take the editors of the State who have given their entire time and talents for ten years to journalism and compare them with the whole number of lawyers in the State who have given the same to law for the same length of time; and we venture to conjecture that a better ratio of the ten-year editors will be shown to be men of increasing power and growing influence than of the ten-year lawyers. The same with medicine, the same with the ministry.  
The truth is this: With the greater part of professional men it is a question of *meat and bread*—and a hard question at that sometimes.

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What per centum of the lawyers who have obtained license and practiced law in this country within the last 50 years have entered the United States Congress? How many physicians in North Carolina to-day are known professionally outside of their own counties? How many teachers in the vast assembly of pedagogs who will meet at Morehead City in a few weeks ever heard of each other or of each other's kinsfolk before the organization of the Teachers' Assembly at Waynesville a few years ago? What per centum of the great hosts of preachers of every denomination, even in North Carolina, ever have been or ever will be heard of outside of their own State except through the "personal paragraphs" of some stray newspaper?

Many men enter journalism with no preparation and without special choice, but simply because they see nothing else at the time which offers any kind of a living. But we believe that for the man who enters this delightful field of ennobling industry for the love of the work, and has fair talents to begin with may hope, with years of continued perseverance and unflinching energy, to lay up for a "rainy day" and for old age enough to give him sufficient fortune to make him useful and honored and influential among his fellows. So few men stick to it and study the profession. Surely if all our newspapers and periodicals were as faithful to their duties and the work of their spheres as is the Star, there would be no cause for what we consider distorted views on the subject. But we did not mean to say so much.

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