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**THE DEMOCRATIC STATE
TICKET.**

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ELIAS CARR,
of Edgecombe.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

R. A. DOUGHTON,
of Alleghany.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

OCTAVIUS COKE,
of Wake.

FOR TREASURER:

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FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC IN-

STRUCTION:
JOHN C. SCABOROUGH,
of Johnson.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

FRANK I. OSBORNE,
of Mecklenburg.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR THE

STATE AT LARGE:
C. B. AYCOCK, of Wayne.
R. B. GLENN, of Forsyth.

Chairman Ormond's Call.

At a meeting of Executive Com-
mittee held in the city of Raleigh,
May 18th, the Democratic Conven-
tion for the 2nd Congressional Dis-
trict was called to meet at Scotland
Neck on Wednesday, the 27th day
of July 1892.

Y. T. ORMOND,
Chairman.

All Democratic papers in the
District will please copy.

BLAINE RESIGNS.

Hon. James G. Blaine has resign-
ed his position in the Cabinet as
Secretary of State. This means that
he expects the nomination on the
Republican ticket for President.
Harrison stands very little show now,
it is thought. Blaine is by far the
stronger man of the two and doubt-
less Harrison by this time realizes
his chances for losing the nomina-
tion.

TOM DIXON ARRESTED.

Rev. Thomas Dixon has been ar-
rested on a charge of criminal libel
against a city official of New York.
He is charged with reading from his
pulpit and circulating a printed slip
which reflects personally upon the
name of the official. Mr. Dixon dis-
closes any personal assault upon any
one; but is reported by the papers as
saying he has commenced a twenty-
five years' fight against Tammany
Hall and expects to engage two
thousand young men to assist him.
He says he fears nothing from the
indictment. His examination is set
for 8th.

**Col. Polk and the Progressive
Farmer.**

News comes through the press that
Col. Polk has tendered the resigna-
tion of the *Progressive Farmer* as
organ of the Alliance in North Car-
olina. He did this because of the
dissatisfaction expressed by the Al-
liance Executive Committee at the
pronounced views of that paper for
the Third party. The paper will no
longer be held down by the demands
of the Ocala platform, but will strike
out on whatever lines suit the edi-
tor.

A special from Washington said
that Col. Polk would write the edi-
torial for the *Progressive Farmer* this
week announcing the resignation if
he should be able. But his health is
very poor and his condition really
serious, so the announcement may
not be made in the *Progressive Far-
mer* this week.

WILL BE A THIRD PARTY.

A call has been made, signed by
C. P. Simmons as Chairman of the
Executive Committee of the Peo-
ple's party for primaries, to be held
at the different precincts of the
county to-day, 9th, to appoint dele-
gates to a county convention to be
held in Halifax next Saturday, 11th.
We are sorry to see such move-
ment on the part of any of the good
citizens of the county. Time and
again we have given our opinion of
the danger of such action, and we
would call back our friends now at
the last hour and keep them in line
with true democracy if we could.
If they will go we can only let
them go but we can see no good to
come from it. The rather we see
defeat for them, and if many go it
can only bring defeat to the demo-
cratic party. In any event let dem-
ocrats stand together and go down,
if go we must, fighting for the prin-
ciples of true democracy.

KINSEY FEMALE SEMINARY.

A DELIGHTFUL COMMENCEMENT.

The presence and influence of
any educational institution of high
grade is inestimable to any town
and community. LaGrange, N. C.,
is highly favored in this respect.

The Kinsey Female Seminary
Commencement, May 30th, 31st and
June 1st, was an unmistakable evi-
dence of the elevating influence
which that school exerts upon the
community, as well as the good work
it is doing in preparing girls from
other communities for usefulness in
life.

It was the pleasure of the editor
of THE DEMOCRAT to attend the com-
mencement of this school last week,
and a more enjoyable and entertain-
ing commencement we have never
attended.

MONDAY.

The first exercises were held
Monday night, but we had not ar-
rived and failed to procure a pro-
gramme. The exercises consisted
of music and recitations and were
pleasantly mentioned.

TUESDAY.

The programme for Tuesday
night was well arranged and the en-
tertainment was of a high order.
The exercises consisted of music,
recitations, reading of compositions
and essays. We regret that we
have not the space here to print the
programme in full.

Perhaps the most attractive fea-
ture of the exercises was a debate
by eight young ladies. QUESTION:
"Resolved that all Property should
be owned by the Government."

The affirmative was argued by
Misses Verna Little, Mary Middle-
ton, Bessie Rouse and Lizzie An-
derson; the negative, by Misses Sal-
lie Parks, Annie Saunders, Florence
Speight and Clio Draughan.

These young ladies had prepared
their arguments and read them
from manuscript. The arguments
by the affirmative were well an-
swered by the negative and so also
were the arguments of the negative
well answered by the affirmative.

The question was discussed in the
light of history, both of this country
and other countries; in the light of
reason and common sense; in the
light of practical illustrations drawn
from current events, with a readi-
ness and vigor of thought that
showed the young ladies were con-
versant with the questions of the
day and well posted on many ques-
tions over which the professional
politicians and others now have
discussion. The debate was both
entertaining and instructive.

One young lady from either side
selected a judge and the two judges
thus chosen selected a third to de-
cide upon the merits of the argu-
ments.

The two judges selected by the
young ladies were Rev. Mr. Harper,
of Smithfield, and Prof. Crocker,
of LaGrange. They selected Mr. Had-
ley, of LaGrange, as the third man.
After the debate was closed the
judges decided in favor of the nega-
tive with high compliments to the
strong arguments produced by the
young ladies on the affirmative.

"Class Prophecy," by Miss Sadie
Rogers, was quite unique in its
conception, looking humorously and
pathetically through the coming
years and finding each member of
the graduating class in years to
come following the star of destiny
to which the present bent of the
mind points.

WEDNESDAY.

This was commencement day
proper. By 11 o'clock, a large au-
dience had assembled. The exer-
cises were opened by music, after
which Rev. Mr. Harper, of Smith-
field, led in prayer.

Miss Blanche Draughan, from the
Long Fellow literary society, and a
member of the graduating class, in
a most unique and charming man-
ner, introduced the editor of THE
DEMOCRAT as the speaker of the oc-
casion.

Then followed the essays of the
graduating class in the following
order:

"Intellectual Development of Eu-
rope," Miss Annie Blount; "The
Diver," Miss Blanche Draughan;
"Self Help," Miss Ida Fields; "Ec-
coe Coelun," Miss Pearl Hardee;
"Youth, when All Things are Possi-
ble," Miss Myrtle Harper; "The
Greek Sense of Beauty," Miss Eva
Kinsey; "What we know that Sol-
omon Didn't," Miss Sadie Rogers;
"Circles," Miss Emma Simmons.

The essays of the graduating
class were happily conceived, well
written and well read.

The reading of the essays was in-
terspersed with sweet music by the
young ladies, instrumental and vo-
cal.

At the conclusion of the exer-
cises the following were awarded
diplomas in the particular courses
they had taken: Misses Sadie

Rogers, West Va., Eva Kinsey,
Pearl Hardee, Ida Fields, Myrtle
Harper, Florence Hadley, Ella Keel,
Florence McEachern, Maggie Mc-
Eachern, Flora McKinnon, Mary
McQueen, Gussie McIntire, Emma
Simmons, Annie Blount, Blanche
Draughan, Kate Williams.

Also certificates of proficiency
were awarded the following in cer-
tain departments:

Misses Marie Shaw, Minnie Rice,
Alma Dawson, Leah Koonce Myr-
tie Gunter, Ina Kinsey, Ione May,
Blanche Murchison, Iola Anderson.

Prof. Kinsey made some touching
remarks to the graduating class, re-
ferring to the beautiful motto which
they had arranged across the rear
of the rostrum in quite an artistic
manner, which read, "The class of '92,
Not Finished but Just Begun." He
told them that truly their stud-
ies were not finished, but had just
begun; and with a parting benedic-
tion he dismissed them.

AT NIGHT.—Long before the
hour for opening the exercises the
chapel was packed to overflowing
and many came who could not be
seated.

The programme was long but so
interesting that the crowded audi-
ence were quiet throughout, and the
rounds of applause and the fre-
quent encores evinced the high ap-
preciation of the sweet music and
the thrilling recitations. While
every one acquitted herself with
great credit to herself and the in-
stitution, we make special mention
of "Night on Shiloh," by Miss
Blanche Murchison, and "The Char-
iot Race" from Ben Harr, by Miss
Eva Kinsey.

The elocution of the young ladies
was very fine and the singing was
beautiful and showed how thorough
had been their training in the
voice.

The entire programme of the
evening was admirably arranged
and the rendition in many respects
approached perfection.

At the conclusion of the exer-
cises, President Kinsey made some state-
ments concerning the work of the
year and said that it had been the
most prosperous year in the history
of the school.

PRESIDENT KINSEY.

While it would be interesting to
print the programme of the com-
mencement in full, we think it
worth more to the cause of educa-
tion to make some note of the
school, its history, its president and
its teachers.

Prof. Joseph Kinsey, the presi-
dent of Kinsey Female Seminary,
was born in Jones county, N. C., in
1843. He was at an early age pre-
pared for college and entered Trin-
ity College under promising circum-
stances. That dread calamity, war,
which cut off the hopes and pros-
pects of so many thousands of
young men North and South, blast-
ed for a time the hopes of this
young student. True to his patri-
otic impulses, he laid aside his
books and turned from the quiet
life within college walls to the hot
excitement and perilous scenes of
the battle-field.

Through those four years of
bloody strife young Kinsey was
true to the cause he espoused.

And when it was all over he re-
turned, with thousands of others, to
start life anew with that strong in-
dividuality which has marked the
course of so many Southern boys
who have risen to distinction and
great usefulness. Mr. Kinsey turned
his attention to teaching, took it
as his profession, and has been per-
sistently pushing his work ever
since. Among those whom he first
trained may be mentioned Ex-Con-
gressman F. M. Simmons, of New
Bern, and Col. A. C. Davis, the
very successful principal of Davis
School, which made its reputation
at LaGrange, but has recently moved
to Winston.

Mr. Kinsey is one of the born
teachers of the times, and added to
to the natural aptitude for teaching
and managing a school, he has a
most genial disposition, a pleasant
word and a hearty welcome for
every one, and an energy that skip-
ped "failure" and all its synonym-
es in his study of words; and so
he has marched right on to suc-
cess every time.

Some six years ago he conceived
the idea of building and equipping
a female seminary for the higher
education of girls. With him to
conceive is to plan, and to plan is
to finish. He selected the pleasant,
moral, and hospitable town of La-
Grange as the place for his Semina-
ry. And there it is, beautifully lo-
cated, amid the towering oaks,
whose wide-spreading branches
cover the institution with peace-
ful shades where linger the gentle
breezes of summer, and furnish pro-
tection from the cold blasts of win-
ter.

THE FACULTY.

President Kinsey employs his
teachers with only one idea, and that

is their fitness for the work he as-
signs them. It was our pleasure to
form the acquaintance of all his teach-
ers, and a more interesting corps of
instructors we have never found in
any institution.

Miss Dora Rogers, of West Va.,
assisted by Miss Lizzie Hodges of
Lenoir county, has charge of the
Literary Department.

The compositions, essays, and the
various other evidences of proficiency
showed her eminent fitness for her
work. We did not see how it could
be improved upon.

Miss M. F. Noell, of Virginia,
taught Stenography, Typewriting,
and Book-keeping. The thorough-
ness of her work was seen in the
models of neatness in the specimen
work of book-keeping by her classes.
Some members of the class of '92
already have positions as steno-
graphers and book-keepers.

Miss M. A. Day, of New York,
teaches Painting, Drawing Modeling,
Photography, and German. The
work in her studio shows for itself.
We have rarely seen finer portraits.
A number of her pupils had made
life-size portraits which would adorn
any studio in the country. The
drawing, painting and modeling is
all of a high order and would do
credit to a city studio. A friend told
us that when Rev. Thos. Dixon
and wife, of New York, visited the
seminary a year ago, Mrs. Dixon re-
marked that she had rarely seen
better work of art in New York city.

Miss Minnie Dobson, of Tennes-
see, taught Instrumental Music. The
best testimonial in her favor was the
skill with which the young ladies
performed. And the further fact
that there were seventy music pupils
last session shows the popularity of
her department.

Miss Clara M. Phillips, of New
York, was teacher in the Vocal De-
partment. One only has to hear her
own full, sweet voice to be convinced
that Miss Phillips is highly gifted
by nature with the requisites that
meet all the requirements for a first-
class vocalist. The unusual vocal
developments in girls so young as
many of her pupils, strongly attest
the proficiency of the work done in
this department. The vocal training
is really a training in physical cul-
ture.

Miss Hodges, the assistant in the
Literary Department, is herself a
graduate of the Kinsey Seminary and
takes her place in proficiency with
the other teachers.

Too much could not be said for
the ability and faithfulness of the
entire faculty.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENTS.
The main building is 80x36 feet,
two story, with a two story wing
30x107, president's residence, and
music rooms attached. The chapel is
36x65 feet with rostrum extending
across one end.

The music rooms are supplied with
handsome pianos, and the recitation
rooms are equipped with all the
necessities for giving first-class in-
struction.

We learned that over a hundred
students were enrolled last year, and
46 were boarders in the Seminary.

The girls are required to wear
uniform to avoid any invidious dis-
tinction in dress, and the dresses
are cut and made at the seminary at
actual cost, and so also are the
dresses for the girls on commencement
occasions. A dress maker is em-
ployed and any girl who wishes may,
in addition to her course in the
seminary, learn to cut and make
dresses by measure.

EXPENSES.

Tuition for twenty weeks, with
board, washing, lights and fuel, is
only \$75. This covers tuition in
Latin, German and French. Pupils
taking Instrumental Music, Drawing,
Painting, Vocal lessons Stenography,
Book-keeping, (which includes Count-
ing-house Arithmetic, Correspond-
ence and Commercial Law) are
charged \$15 extra for each; \$10 for
Photography, and \$7.50 for Type-
writing.

Special attention is paid to physi-
cal culture. Daily calisthenic exer-
cises are given with Indian Clubs
and Dumb Bells, and the girls are
all required to take this training.
The pupils are consequently well
developed physically as well as
mentally.

MR. KINSEY'S ENERGY.

Perhaps some one who has not
been much interested in schools may
read this account of Kinsey Seminary
and ask how such a good school has
become so proficient in so short a
time. It is all in Mr. Kinsey's
method of building it up. He uses
printer's ink without stint, and
spends his vacations threading the
country on his buggy and spreading
literature that tells about his school.

This article is long, but a visit to
the school convinced us of its merit
and we have felt free to give this
running account of the commence-
ment and the workings of the school.
We have seen no school for whose

management and thoroughness we
have a higher regard.

The writer is under obligations to
President Kinsey and his most
agreeable wife, his accomplished and
attractive teachers, his own daugh-
ters, and the class of '92, for a most
delightful visit to this school.

We are also under obligations to a
few old friends and to new ones,
too, for contributing their share
towards making our visit to the
delightful town and community of
LaGrange one that we shall long
remember with great pleasure.

SEVEN SPRINGS.

While in LaGrange last week, we
took advantage of an opportunity to
ride out to the famous "Seven
Springs" near there.

Wending our way across the sandy
stretch for several miles, at last we
found the roads more solid, and cross-
ing the Neuse river at the old village
of White Hall, and passing up the
river a few furlongs we came to the
springs. And a more agreeable sur-
prise we have seldom met. To find
in the flat and almost monotonous
section of Eastern Carolina a mile of
mountain cliffs along a river bank is
something unusual, and very pleas-
ing in its effects because it is un-
usual.

Seven Springs in Wayne county
are eighteen miles from Goldsboro,
the same distance from Kinston, and
eight miles from LaGrange.

On the south bank of the Neuse
river you find seven springs bubbling
up at the foot of a little mountain—
especially a mountain for Eastern
Carolina—and sending up cool,
palatable water whose medicinal
properties have long been known to
the people of the surrounding coun-
try; and whose curative powers are
being appreciated of late years in all
parts of the State and even in other
states.

It is said that the Indians knew of
the healing properties of this water,
though of course unable to analyze
it; and those who have tested the
water do not doubt the tradition.

From each of these seven springs
flows a stream of water whose analy-
ses show that the properties of the
water from each spring are different
from all the rest. The waters are
right highly impregnated with min-
erals but are palatable withal, so
much so that for persons visiting the
springs no other kind of drinking
water is provided. The temperature
of the water is 57 degrees in winter,
and it varies but little in summer.

The scenery is really wild, on a
small scale, and the mountain-like
hills which overhang the river and
the ravines and little valleys be-
tween, make it a place of great
beauty.

A hotel has been opened up there
with the simple aim of making it a
place of rest for those who are tired
with over work or failing health; and
we are free to say we have never
seen a more restful place. There is
no building to be seen but the com-
modious hotel. It stands amid the
towering oaks on the bluff, a hundred
feet above the river, and catches the
passing breezes as they float from
over the hill-tops and valleys and
ravines, from which one gets a
picturesque view of scenery around.

We enjoyed a most bountiful
breakfast there and really wished to
linger for days to rest from the heat
and toil and excitement of busy life
and its care.

Mr. Nunn, the clever proprietor of
the hotel, is kind and obliging. If
any one whose health has become
impaired by care and over work de-
sires to find a place where to enjoy
a few weeks' perfect rest, we would
advise him or her to go to Seven
Springs.

Any information may be had by
addressing B. F. Nunn, the proprietor
of the Seven Springs hotel.

From Friend to Friend

Does the story of the excellence of
Hood's Sarsaparilla and what it has ac-
complished, and this is the strongest
advertising which is done on behalf of
this medicine. We endeavor to tell hon-
estly what Hood's Sarsaparilla is and
what it will do, but what it *has done*
is far more important and far more pos-
sible. Its unequalled record of cures is
sure to convince those who have never
tried Hood's Sarsaparilla that it is an ex-
cellent medicine.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP
has been used for over fifty years by
millions of mothers for their children
while teething, with perfect success.
It soothes the child, softens the gums,
allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is
the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will
relieve the poorest little sufferer immedi-
ately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the
world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be-
sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's
Soothing Syrup," and take no other
kind.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for
Cuts, Brainses, Sores, Ulcers, Salt
Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped
Hands, Chills, Blisters, Corns, and all
Skin Eruptions, and positively cures
piles, or no pay required. It is guar-
anteed to give perfect satisfaction or
money refunded. Price 50c per box.
For Sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

**Report of the County Commis-
sioners to the Board of Magistrates.**

NORTH CAROLINA,
HALIFAX COUNTY.

The Board of Commissioners beg
leave to make the following report to
the honorable Board of Justices of
the peace for Halifax county.

According to the last abstract of
listed taxables for Halifax county the
total value of the taxable property
of said county amounted to \$4,002,
075; the number of taxable polls was
3,757.

At the last session of the assessors
before the taking of the list for 1891,
this resolution was passed: "Resol-
ved, that we as assessors make a
general advance in the valuation of
the lands of Halifax county of ten
per cent, and that we request the
local boards in their judgment to
increase or decrease the value as
circumstances may suggest."

This rule was generally followed,
except in Weldon township, where
the increase was considerably more
than the amount suggested in the
resolution. While there has been
considerable criticism of the assess-
ors for adopting and following this
plan, this Board believes that such
action was wise. Either an increase
had to be provided for or a debt
would necessarily have been created
by this meeting of your body.

The Board of Commissioners have
not settled in full with the Sheriff.
For several years it has been the
custom to allow the tax-list to re-
main in his hands until the succeed-
ing tax-list was ready to be deliv-
ered to him, for the reason that a large
amount is collected which would not
be collected if he were required to
settle by this meeting. And for the
further reason that on account of the
partial failure of the crops in 1891,
and the low prices for which the
people were compelled to sell the
product of their labor, it has been
very difficult to collect the taxes.

A balance has been struck in the ac-
count with the Sheriff, however, and it
is ascertained that on account of the
county Fund there is due the sum of
\$4,668.97 which is to be credited by
the amount of sales of land. For un-
paid taxes, about \$510.00, and also
the estimated insolvent tax list, \$750
which leaves the sum of \$3,408.97 ap-
on which to pay the current expenses
of the county until the taxes for 1892
commence to be collected. To this
amount must be added one third of
of the tax for liquor licenses and the
purchase tax to be collected in July.

By using the strictest economy the
Board hopes to go to the end of the
fiscal year without a deficit.

The amount on hand for school
purposes as shown by the tax list
now in the Sheriff's hands amounts
to \$7,735.98; this will be subject to
the insolvent tax-list which is esti-
mated to be at the final settlement
not less than \$5,200.00.

The insolvent tax-list on account
of the depressed condition of the
country will be much larger than it
was last year. A final settlement
will be had with the Sheriff before
the tax-list for 1892 is placed in his
hands.

For the coming levy, the State
levies on the \$100 worth of property
for State purposes 45cts; on each
poll \$1.23. This leaves for the pur-
pose of defraying the expenses of
the county, provided you shall levy
the constitutional limit, i. e. 6 2/3 cts,
on the \$100 worth of property and
\$2 on the poll, 23 2/3 cents and
71 cts, respectively. For the coming
year, it will be necessary for
the county to have this amount in
order to meet its expenses. The
Board therefore recommends that the
constitutional limit be levied, and
that the same taxes be levied on sub-
jects in schedules "B" and "C" of
the Revenue Act as is levied for
State purposes, except upon licenses
to sell liquor, and in that case that as
much as 50 per centum of the amount
as fixed by the State be levied to as-
sist in defraying the expenses of the
county. Upon purchases of liquor
the Board recommends that 2 of one
per centum be levied thereon for
county purposes.

The Board calls attention to the
fact that the State Board of Railroad
Commissioners assessed for taxation
and directed this Board to place upon
its Tax-list certain Railroad prop-
erties within the county.

This was done, but the W. & W.
R. R. Co., brought an action against
the Sheriff to restrain the collection
of the taxes which had been assessed
as aforesaid. This Board has de-
cided this action, and is gratified to
be able to state to your body that
the Supreme Court of this State has
decided in favor of the Sheriff, and
the action is now pending by appeal
of the Company before the Supreme
Court of the United States. Should
the county be successful, it will add
\$1,197.18 to the revenues of the coun-
ty annually, or in other words a sum
sufficient to pay the current expen-
ses of the county for one month, ap-
proximately.

An order was passed at a meet-
ing directing that the Board
build a fire-proof vault to be
over \$1,000 when there was a hand
sufficient. The Board was
to have to report that the vault
done so for the reason that the
of the county would not pay the
expenditure out of the treasury
1891.

The Board lays before you herewith
a list of the names of the persons
were Confederate Soldiers and they
receive monthly payments from the
county; and also a list of the persons
who are out of the county and who
for the aged and infirm, and who
the county extends to the sum of
\$950 for soldiers and \$700 for
All of which is respectfully
R. W. HAWES,
June 6, 1892. Clerk Board of



The importance of purifying the blood
cannot be overestimated, for without a
good blood you cannot enjoy good