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- For Secretary of State—J. BRYAN GRIMES, of Pitt.
- For Treasurer—B. E. LACY, of Wake.
- For Auditor—B. F. DIXON, of Cleveland.
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- For Superintendent of Public Instruction—WILLIAM S. TOON, of Robeson.
- For Commissioner of Agriculture—SAMUEL L. PATTERSON, of Caldwell.
- For Commissioner of Labor and Printing—HENRY B. VARNER, of Davidson.
- For Chairman of the Corporation Commission—FRANKLIN McNEILL, of New Hanover.
- For Corporation Commissioner—SAMUEL ROGERS, of Macon.
- For Judge of the Tenth District—W. B. COUNCIL, of Watuga.
- For Electors-at-Large—DAN HUGH McLEAN, of Harnett, and LEE S. OVRMAN, of Rowan.
- For Delegates-at-Large to the National Conventional—JULIAN S. CARR, of Durham; E. S. HALE, of Cumberland; WALTER E. MOORE, of Jackson; THOMAS A. JONES, of Buncombe.

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M. J. HAWKINS, of Warren.
NATHAN O'BERRY, of Wayne.
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DR. J. M. FAISON, of Duplin.
D. E. M'VEK, of Moore.
THOMAS DANIELS, of Craven.
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J. R. YOUNG, of Vance.
WILEY RUSH, of Randolph.
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B. S. ROYSTER, of Granville.
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R. D. REID, of Rockingham.
- SIXTH DISTRICT.
DUNCAN McACHERN, of New Hanover.
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W. H. NEAL, of Scotland.
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R. T. PICKENS, of Davidson.
PAUL B. MEANS, of Cabarrus.
W. H. WILLIAMSON, of Yadkin.
- EIGHTH DISTRICT.
R. N. HACKETT, of Wikes.
CLYDE B. HOEY, of Cleveland.
J. P. LEWELLYN, of Surry.
W. C. ERWIN, of Burke.
- NINTH DISTRICT.
WALTER MOORE, of Jackson.
W. T. LEE, of Haywood.
J. L. C. BIRD, of McDowell.
J. Y. JORDAN, of Buncombe.

Now Is the Season when the small boy fills himself with green fruit, which invariably leads to cramps, diarrhoea or dysentery. If parents are prudent, they will have a bottle of PAIR-KILLER, ready for such summer emergencies. Avoid substitutes, there is but one PAIR-KILLER, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

DR. BLASINGAME RESIGNED.

Dr. J. C. Blasingame, president of the Baptist Female University in Raleigh, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted.

A Wonderful Discovery.
The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old household remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and while some, women or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit, Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all druggists.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The State Democratic Convention held in Raleigh last week was said to be the greatest in the history of the State. A full account was furnished by our special correspondent in Raleigh, but there are other matters of interest which crowd out the details of the convention. Elsewhere will be seen the nominees, who are all able and tried men of unblemished Democracy, and the voters of North Carolina will take very great pleasure in putting them in the offices that control the State's interest. Hon. C. B. Aycock's speech of acceptance is said to have been one of the finest ever delivered in the State. His powers are to be an inspiration for the Democracy of North Carolina, and there is no doubt of our victory at the polls in August.

SENATOR TRAVIS' LETTER.

In another column we print a letter of Senator E. L. Travis, of Halifax, to the News and Observer, which gives unanswerable argument in favor of Mr. Claude Kitchin for Congress from this district. We have no comments to offer on Senator Travis' letter, for it is replete to the fullest in the claims which Halifax Democracy makes for Mr. Kitchin's nomination for Congress. We only ask a careful reading of the letter, and with this we believe the claims for Mr. Kitchin will be strengthened. Senator Travis has been re-nominated to the State Senate for the next term, has been re-elected county chairman, is chairman of the Executive Board of the State penitentiary; and his words will have full weight wherever read.

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The State Board of Elections met in Raleigh last week and appointed the Election Boards for the respective counties. The following gentlemen were appointed as the Board of Elections for Halifax county:
T. L. EMRY, Weldon.
J. B. RICKS, Enfield.
W. F. BUTTERWORTH, Scotland Neck.

The State Board of Elections is composed of the following: Franks, of Swain, Republican, and Johnson, of Sampson, Populist, and all the others Democrats: Walter H. Neal (chairman), of Laurinburg; J. D. McNeill (secretary), of Fayetteville; R. D. Gilmer, of Waynesville; W. B. Pollard, of Winston; William G. Lamb, of Elizabeth City; J. W. Franks, of Swain; J. H. Johnson, of Sampson.
The county boards of Election are required to meet not later than the first Monday in May, when they will organize by electing one of their number chairman and another secretary. The county boards are also directed to divide their respective counties into election precincts and fix the place of polling in the election precinct. The boards of election may also alter or establish entirely new precincts by giving twenty days' publication of such intention.

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DEAD ON THE DECK.

Morning Post.
New Bern, N. C., April 16.—Special. There was a double killing Saturday afternoon at Swan Quater, Hyde county. The trouble began between a negro and Captain McKinney, aboard a schooner. The negro fired at McKinney five times, but McKinney was protected by the mast. The negro then reloaded his revolver and attacked Capt. John Flowers. Flowers shot the negro through the breast, near the heart. The negro then seized Flowers, got his head under his arm and shot him through the brain, killing him instant. As Flowers fell to the deck the negro also fell across him dead. Captain Flowers lived at Aurora.

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The telegraphers connected with the Southern Railway went on a strike last week under the direction of W. V. Powell, of Chicago, the head of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. There has been considerable excitement in some places along the lines of the Southern, but as both sides claim the victory, it is hard to tell the result.

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KITCHIN FOR CONGRESS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Senator E. L. Travis in News and Observer, 11th.
Halifax county presents for nomination for Congress, in the Second Congressional District, Mr. Claude Kitchin, one of the most gifted men she has ever produced.

Halifax feels that by her long record of faithfulness, her almost superhuman efforts in support of the party in every crisis, particularly her wonderful achievements in the last and most desperate struggle, she can lay a better claim to this nomination than any other county in the District.

Years ago she was cut off with the "Black District," and abandoned as being in too helpless a condition to help. But nothing can discourage the Democrats of Halifax. To them there are no impossibilities. With their indomitable pluck, they fought their own way out of that condition, and, although hampered by the largest negro vote of any county in the State (about two to one), for the last fifteen years, she has so regularly placed herself in the Democratic column that she has become one of the surest bulwarks of Democratic strength. In every crisis, the Democracy of the State turns to her with full assurance that she will prove a pillar of strength, and she has never failed in any emergency. From the banner county of the Republicans, she has fought her way through difficulties and over obstacles that would have appalled any other people, to very near the banner county of Democracy, which goal she will reach in one more fight.

But it was in the desperate struggle of 1898 that she signaled herself; not alone by her achievement, but by the resolute and uncompromising way in which she stood firmly by the principles of the party, under the most appalling cloud that overlung any county in the State. She was one of the first counties in the State to hold her convention, and although menaced by a Republican majority of 2,300, passed resolutions unequivocally opposing compromise with any other party, and instructing her delegates to the State convention to vote against fusion.

Fighting the battle on this line, in spite of the fact that the enemy was entrenched behind its own partisan machinery with innumerable offices to dispense, and had Stetcope bench warrants on demand, she elected the Democratic county ticket, without a single compromise, from constable up, by a majority of 1,500, and gave the State ticket over 10,000 majority, a gain of 3,800 votes. Counting the majority she had to overcome and the majority she gave for the State ticket, she did twice the work of any county in the State.

Her vote and her majority for the State ticket exceeded that of any county in the District. Indeed, leaving out Wayne, her majority for the State ticket was as large as all the other counties in the District combined. Having four times the majority to overcome, she beat even Wayne's majority.

Having for a number of years been the banner county of the District, and destined soon to hold the banner of the State; having led the District in 1898, and not having been represented on the State or National ticket in twenty years, we feel that we can justly claim this nomination.

The man we present deserves the nomination upon his own merits. Ever since his arrival at manhood he has been one of the most enthusiastic and effective party workers I have ever known. As a leader, he is courageous, tactful and discreet, never, under any circumstances, countenancing the compromise of a principle—believing it is better to go down with the right than to forsake it and succeed. It was mainly due to his leadership, and to the courage and pride with which his eloquence inspired our people, that Halifax county took such an uncommon and bold stand in 1898. And I have no doubt but that the publication throughout the State of our strong resolution, coming from

There are very few men in the State who can equal Mr. Kitchin as a campaigner. He is a polished speaker, logical, eloquent and strong. He is a well rounded, level headed man, of splendid intellectual power, whose high character and irreproachable habits command the respect and confidence of all who know him. In his intercourse with others he is pleasant, genial and open, readily getting acquainted with those he meets, and quickly gaining their esteem and friendship. If he is elected to Congress, no man whom North Carolina may send there will take a higher stand, nor be a greater credit to the State than he will. He will make his District and his State proud of him.

The county to whom the nomination is due, puts forward a man who in every way deserves it. The right time, the right county, and the right man have come together. The united Democracy of Halifax county asks this nomination for Mr. Kitchin, and is determined to put forth its utmost efforts, in every honorable way, to secure it. Yours truly,
E. L. TRAVIS.

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W. A. DUNN, Chairman.
JOHN D. GOLD, Secretary.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The delegates to the National Democratic Convention for the Second District are:
H. Harvey, of Lenoir, and R. H. Speight, of Edgecombe; alternates, B. H. Stancil, of Northampton and H. G. Williams, of Wilson.

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