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MEETING OF THE FAITHFUL.

S. D. Pool, Waddell, Ransom, Vance, Buchanan, Pebles, Latham, Pipkin, Robbins, McCall and Van Halburn.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Third Congressional District Convention meets at Magnolia on the 30th of August.

A REQUEST.

Persons writing for the Post will please make their communications short as we are receiving a great many that we cannot publish on this account.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Correspondents of the Post must remember that it is an inflexible rule that the name of the writer must be sent with all communications.

A CARD.

We request the honest men of this State to send us the names of all the defectors of public money, all the bribe takers and givers, or any other trades that have been committed.

We publish a list of Republican papers published in North Carolina, and shall keep it standing during this year.

Mr. DANIEL F. BEATTY, manufacturer and proprietor of the Beatty Piano and Beatty's celebrated Golden Tongue Parlor Organs, Washington, N. J.

QUARANTINE

Hungry Democratic politicians and impecunious physicians have been of late making a great fuss about the appointment of Dr. S. P. Wright as Quarantine physician for the port of Wilmington, residing at Smithville.

There are a number of the best and most skillful physicians practicing their profession in this city who are not licentiates of the North Carolina Medical Society, nor ever will be, and the inquiry is never made whether they are or not—no one cares enough about the concern to ask the question.

If the quarantine physician is to be blamed for every case of contagious disease that is brought in vessels into the port of Wilmington, then would gentlemen who have occupied that important post in past days have much, very much to answer for, and none more than a late incumbent who allowed, for reasons best known to himself, but not yet made known to the public, a vessel with well defined cases of small pox on board, to come to the wharves of Wilmington and discharge his cargo, disseminating desolation and death in many households in the community, and running the city to a vast expense and the citizens to a great deal of inconvenience and trouble.

It will be observed that although the restriction was removed from the Catholics, yet were those of the Hebrew faith still under the ban. No Jew could hold a civil office in North Carolina, and although the Secession Convention of 1861 pretended to correct whatever evils were claimed to exist in the Constitution, yet did they not, with even their little fingers, attempt to remove the heavy burden that rested on the shoulders and weighed down the spirits and the freedom of the Hebrews.

Nor yet was this done in the Reconstruction Convention of 1865, nor was it until the Convention of 1868 that gave to us our present Constitution that free thought, free speech and free religion was tolerated in North Carolina. That Constitution says:

"ART. I, SEC. 25. All men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority should, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience."

This great boon that lifted thousands of men from the disgraceful position in which they had been kept ever since the formation of the State, in 1776, to be the peers of the best in the land, was bestowed on them by those who were party as one of the very first acts performed by them when they came into power in 1868. Never till then had the "natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences" been accorded to all citizens alike in this State.

And this is the Constitution, the Democratic party denounces as "anti" for the necessities of the times. And Vance in the first speech he made after his nomination for Governor, advanced boldly and impudently to the front and hurled gratuitously and uncalculated insults on the Catholics of the State, stigmatizing their church as being "superstitious" and to be able to "brush out" the man who attempted its reform: Shade of William Gaston, arise!

The "Reform" (ex-Conservative) Democratic party, only killed about fifty negroes at Hamburg, S. C. and they did so after the negroes had surrendered.

Maine's late Senator appears to have the Marcellus force of character to make a good Secretary of the Treasury and that he has not the hair in his chest.

VANCE'S ATTACK ON CATHOLICS.

During the delivery of the speech by Z. B. Vance in Raleigh on the occasion of his accepting the nomination of the Democratic party for Governor, that gentleman among other things took occasion, when unintentionally on what he was pleased to call the "corruptions" of the Republican party, to say:

"I have tried to reform the abuses and corruptions of the Catholic Church, but after vainly struggling for many years, instead of crushing corruption, he found corruption ever ready and able to crush him:—he went out and inaugurated the greatest movement the modern world has known—the Reformation."

We protest against dragging any church or religious sect, or the private religious views of any man or set of men into this or any other political canvass.

The first constitution of North Carolina, adopted in 1776, provided:—"Sec. 32. That no person who shall deny the being of God or the truth of the Protestant religion, or the divine authority either of the Old or New Testaments, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department within the State."

By which it will be seen that all persons professing to be Catholics as well as those of the Hebrew faith, were excluded from holding any civil office whatever in North Carolina. In 1835, for the first time since 1776 a Constitutional Convention was called and assembled in the city of Raleigh. Among those who were there assembled as delegates was the great and good judge, William Gaston. Judge Gaston was an honored communicant of the Catholic Church, and how, under the ban which was then in force, he became an admitted delegate to that Convention, or how he ever became invested with the judicial emblems of North Carolina, we do not now enquire. Suffice it to say, however, that he was a leading spirit in that Convention, and it was through his unwearied and ceaseless exertions that the one word "Protestant," (quoted in italics) that was so obnoxious to him and to all Catholics, was stricken out, thereby placing them on an equality with all other citizens of the State. This was the first and the most important step ever taken by the people of North Carolina, to admit that all men might worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and it is to Gaston, a Catholic, that we are indebted for that.

Mr. Bear may possibly be able to keep his pious lies from reaching your ears, but we do not believe that he has any authority to speak for any person or party. It is our wish, however, to let the people of the State know that the words of the Constitution, which give the right of free speech and free religion, are not to be violated by any man, and that the people of the State are not to be deceived by the lies of any man.

THE WEATHER. Three persons who were only a few miles from Wilmington, N. C., were this morning (Friday) morning, in a boat, on the Cape Fear River, near the mouth of the river, when the thermometer stood at 90 degrees, and the wind was from the south by west, with a strong breeze from old ocean, those who were there at the time, were all struck with such a violent sunstroke, that they were all taken to the hospital in Wilmington, N. C., and are now lying there, unable to get up, and are all suffering from a severe case of sunstroke. The weather is very hot, and the sun is very bright.

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REBEL FLAG

Col. J. J. KOUNTS. This gentleman received the nomination for Congress at the Congressional Convention of the Republican party of the Fourth District held in Raleigh last week. No better selection could have been made, and we will enjoy hugely the "skinning" process that the gallant Colonel will put Hon. Joe Davis through this summer. If any man in North Carolina knows the ins and outs, the quirks and turns of the Democracy, like Young does, and he certainly will demolish their nefarious plans and lay out their corrupt leaders during the present canvass in a way wonderful to behold.

Zebra Vance attempted to hoodwink his Raleigh audience by telling them of the dangers to their rights and persons because of the civil rights bill, telling them that it meant social equality.

Let us have peace. Vance, if he were not the vilest demagogue in the State, would not have insulted his intelligent hearers by such stuff. The civil rights bill has been a law for more than two years, and the only social equality heard of is that which is practiced on the part of Democrats who will force themselves on the negro.

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A contumacious Israelite now has the hardihood to say that the very pretty and wise remarks made by King Solomon (Bear) at the Democratic meeting the other night, about the Jews not being a scattered nation when the time came to vote for Vance in November, was published some days before in a Charlotte paper.

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