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Conservative Nominations. FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: STEPHEN D. POOL, OF CRAVEN.

ADDITIONS TO CLUBS. Many of our friends who have raised clubs for the WEEKLY STAR write to know if more names can be added on the terms under which the clubs have been raised.

THE CENTENNIAL. The defeat of the bill in Congress appropriating three millions of dollars to the celebration of the Centennial of American Independence should not put a damper on the enterprise.

HOW COULD YOU, MR. FURNELL? Last week at Halifax Mr. Furnell, Radical candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, was unable to define exactly his status on the Civil Rights question.

TOWNSHIP WORK. We would renew our suggestions concerning work in the townships during the approaching campaign. There is nothing in party organization so important as primary labor done in neighborhoods.

MUSCOVY AND JOHN BULLOCK. To the English the landing of the Muscovite Czar on their shores yesterday was an event fraught with interest. Now that England's third Prince is his son-in-law he may be said to have a lively concern in the affairs of the United Kingdom.

A COPY FREE. Notwithstanding the present low price of subscription, we have decided to send one copy of the WEEKLY STAR free to every person sending a club of 10 or more cash subscribers.

Now is the time for getting up Clubs to the WEEKLY STAR. Show the paper to your neighbors and friends, and get them to join in. We want the biggest subscription list in North Carolina.

Remember that this is the year for an important general election in which all North Carolinians are interested. All Conservatives should do their utmost to increase our circulation, as they can thereby contribute materially to the success of the Conservative cause.

THE WISCONSIN RAILROAD WAR. The fight between the people and the railway monopolists in the West has reached a point where something must be determined. The companies refuse to submit to the law passed by the Legislature regulating their charges.

But you must pay full fare! asserted the conductor. The State is taking a hand in this game, responded one, as he leaned comfortably back, crammed his hands in his pockets and smiled contentedly.

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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES. We are not, and never have been, the slave of party, nor can we tolerate the slavery of partyism. But there is a difference as wide as Sahara between the servile following of leaders, the servile acceptance of policies without the privilege of remonstrance or comment, and that filibuster style which scorns the claims of common interest, and works only for self.

OUR APPRECIATION. Yesterday the Appropriation bill passed the lower House of Congress. Among the sums appropriated under it is one of \$100,000 for the Cape Fear.

Common Schools in New Hanover. The following will show the amount expended on schools in New Hanover county during the years 1873-'74.

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The Late shooting of a Great Tar Landing, Onslow County - The Victim Dead - Arrest of the Perpetrators of the Crime, &c. Mr. M. T. Langley, the store-keeper at Tar Landing, Onslow county, who was shot at the door of his own residence on Monday last week, an account of which appeared in our paper shortly after the occurrence of the affair, died from his injuries on Saturday night last.

Wings of the Flamingo. We were shown yesterday, at Mr. H. P. West's grocery store, on Market street, a pair of wings and breast, which formerly belonged to a bird known as the Flamingo, and which has just been received by Mr. S. J. West from the Great Ingot, one of the Bahama Islands.

Adventure with a Mule. Two young gentlemen of this city met with quite an adventure on Sunday, they had occasion to go over into Brunswick county, and were riding in a buggy about two and a half miles beyond Brunswick Ferry, when they were suddenly attacked by a vicious mule which was at large.

Health of Hon. Jefferson Davis. From a private letter from Hon. Jefferson Davis, to Frank H. Alfriend, Esq., of this city, dated London, England, April 28th, we take the following extract, which will be welcome intelligence to the numerous friends of the distinguished gentleman throughout the South:

Preparation for the Regatta Season. It will be a source of gratification to many to learn that efforts are being made by the Carolina Yacht Club to get up a first-class regatta, to take place on the river in the first week or ten days of June.

Good News. The House of Representatives yesterday passed the Harbor and River Appropriation bill, and it now goes to the Senate for concurrence. The bill appropriates \$100,000 to the improvement of the Cape Fear River and Bar.

CAPTAIN NORRIS'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE. LUMBERTON, N. C., May 9, 1874. Col. John D. Taylor, President of the Democratic Conservative Convention: DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 7th instant, informing me of your unanimous nomination for the office of Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District by the Democratic-Conservative Convention which convened in the city of Wilmington on the 5th day of May, and requesting my acceptance of the same, has just been received.

From Jacksonville, Onslow county, we have just received a fine club of new subscribers; and we have the promise of another club from the same place.

Mr. George Lauder has been nominated by the President as Postmaster at Fayetteville.

The Richmond papers give an account of the mournful scene at the Virginia penitentiary when W. D. Coleman, late a State official, convicted of appropriating public funds, was removed there. The prisoner for the first time lost his fortitude, and even the officials of the institution, "albeit, upon the occasion of the molting thereof," shed tears.

To the fine female characters in history must now be added Madame, the noble wife of Marshal Bazaine. Young, beautiful, talented and with wondrous powers of fascination, she withdrew herself from the gay world and shares with her banished and disgraced lord his lonely island imprisonment.

An English author has given us the etymology of various names of persons and places. We avail ourselves of a small part of his labors. Beside the plain and evident origin of many names, as Davidson from David, we have Dawes and Dawson from the same origin.

Macauley was a political philosopher of no mean proportions. In one of his most remarkable passages he said that if there is any proposition universally true in politics it is that disloyalty is the fruit of domestic misrule; that it has always been the trick of despots to goad their subjects into insurrection and then complain of disorder.

The Charlotte Observer says: "The time will come, no doubt, when the Confederate dead will be as little remembered as those who died an age ago fighting for American Independence; but generations must pass away before that time comes."

So much has been said concerning the political prospects and the intentions of Senator Schurz after the conclusion of his present term in the Senate, which soon expires, that he concluded to make a public statement through the medium of the St. Louis Republican, the most influential journal of the Transmississippi. He informs a reporter of that paper that he has no intention of leaving St. Louis and no present desire to leave political life, and re-enter journalism.

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THE BELLGORE GEORGIANS. We quote from the last letter of Hon. A. H. Stephens: It now seems from Mr. Hill's manifesto and confession that he and Mr. Davis were both acting with the grossest duplicity towards me, and in confederation with others, formed a very foul conspiracy to use the Blair proposition, with no other object whatever, but to defeat another mission of a very different character, which it was well understood at the time would be instituted by Congress early the next week.

My resolutions on the contrary authorized the creation of a commission empowered to initiate, or to make overtures for the initiation of negotiations for peace, not upon separate State action, but upon the great principles on which the whole Confederate struggle rested, and upon which the whole fabric of American free institutions was founded.

From a baleful light that Mr. Hill now furnishes, what is of the character of the faint glare from covered lanterns which sometimes glimpses of the most diabolical, underground, midnight deeds of the most fiendish criminals—it seems that he, Mr. Davis, and others were aiming at nothing in acceding to Mr. Blair's proposition, but "to stop Mr. Stephens," and to head and defeat his movement of bringing the war to a close upon those principles on which alone constitutional liberty can be preserved on this continent.

As to what he says about my agreeing to write to Governor Brown not to call the Legislature together on conditions that the delegation would support my resolutions, I have no recollection of anything of the sort. I do not usually make bargains of such a character. Moreover, I thought at the time it was highly expedient that the Legislature should be convened in order to take proper action to arrest the demoralization set forth in the letter of Judge Hansell. I have no question that I assured the delegation that I would use my utmost influence with Gov. Brown against recommending any separate State action looking to the withdrawal of Georgia from the Confederacy, and making separate terms of peace for herself with the Federal authorities.

In Gov. Brown's reply to Gen. Sherman he said: "Come weal or come woe," the State of Georgia never should with his consent withdraw from the Confederation in dishonor. She will never make separate terms with the enemy, which may free her territory from invasion, and leave her Confederates in the lurch." I may have assured the delegation that in case I discovered any change of policy on the part of Gov. Brown in this respect, that I would use my utmost influence against it.

With the views of my brother, Hon. Linton Stephens, I was fully acquainted. We were in almost daily correspondence, and the imputation cast upon his memory by Mr. Hill, that he was to take the lead in the Legislature for a movement looking to the making of separate terms of peace for Georgia is as unfounded as it is unjust.

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