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THE TWO ARCHERS.

Upon the hills above the heights Of life two archers stand; One like an angel, seeming bright, The other dark and grand.

These are the archers high above The tides of mortal life and breath— The cruel angel, Love, The pitying angel, Death.

BOONE, N. C., June 4, 1888. I went to Raleigh as a delegate from Watanga county to the Republican State Convention which met on the 23d day of May.

I fully appreciate, for the first time, what the people of the East have to contend with in fighting against negro rule and negro insolence, and my ideas on county government have altogether changed.

Mr. J. P. Robbins, who wrote the above card, is a good school teacher, has a good public school education, and comes of a family that has influence in Watanga county.

Mr. Robbins regrets that every Republican in the West could not have seen the Republican Convention for themselves. They would have reached the same conclusion that I have.

THE Largest and most costly building in Shelby, beautifully located. First-class fare. Polite servants. Large and well-lighted rooms.

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Schools, J. B. Mason, of Orange, who is notoriously incompetent to fill the duties of the office.

It nominated for Secretary of State, Geo. W. Stanton, of Wilson, who was a member of the Legislature of 1868-'69 and who signed the infamous call to the negroes advising them to use the torch upon the houses of the whites of the state.

It nominated for Treasurer, G. A. Bingham, of Watanga, who has yet to establish himself as a financier.

It nominated for Attorney General, Thomas P. Devereux, a lawyer without clients.

These are the nominations. They were made chiefly by negroes. The question is, Will the honest voters ratify these negro nominations?

This is the question which every voter must ask himself, and which he must answer, in the light of his high duties as a citizen.

The following is a brief account of the convention and its proceedings:

It was composed of white men and negroes from eighty-four counties in the state. It was called to order by Chas. A. Cook, a white man from Warren, who was the compromise man of the two warring factions of the party.

The permanent chairman of the convention was Jas. A. Boyd—well known as "Poking Jim" because, having been a Ku-Klux, he turned traitor and gave evidence against his former associates.

When it was time to elect permanent secretaries four men were placed in nomination—two white men and two negroes. Both the negroes were elected.

A number of names were placed in nomination as delegates to the Republican Convention at Chicago. Two negroes and two white men were elected.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. There has been plenty of rain in Polk county, and the farmers are enjoying a flattering prospect for a good crop this year.

Little Roy, the five year old boy of Sheriff John Blanton, met with a painful accident last Saturday while playing with a single saw, by getting the middle finger of his right hand cut off at the first joint.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McD. Burgin have been sorely afflicted again. Near Knoxville last week their baby died, aged about 8 months.

The Asheville Citizen gives the following "straw": Mr. Milton Black, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., is here, stopping at the Grand Central, with his family.

Some of the machinery of the Willow Brook Cotton Mills has arrived.

Mr. Daniel Yoder caught an owl several days ago in his chicken coop that measured 4 feet from tip to tip of wings.

Mr. C. A. Spencer is away ahead this time. He has swat peat moss measuring 7 inches in circumference, and he didn't prove it to us by bringing one of the blossoms; he brought the tubers themselves.

The Independents held a mass convention at Dallas on Wednesday and nominated the following ticket: Rev. S. D. Brown for the Legislature; Col. F. C. Ferguson, of Dallas, for Sheriff; L. P. Stowe, of Dallas, for Treasurer; J. M. Lineberger, of Lowell, for Register of Deeds; W. M. Robinson, of Gasolina, for Surveyor; and J. W. Abernethy for Coroner.

It is rumored that Mr. Lineberger is likely to not accept the nomination for Register of Deeds, and Mr. Robinson will not accept the nomination for Surveyor.

probably to only one-fifth of the entire county. Oxford, Granville county—Granville county has about 70 per cent. of a tobacco stand in some few sections.

The good crop is very favorable seasons. Fayetteville, Cumberland county—Crops of cotton and corn not suffering for lack of rain.

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POLITICAL POINTS.

Col. Dockery is running well already—away from Judge Fowle and the rest of the Democratic candidates.

Did Dockery, Harris, Eaves & Co. secure any money where with to purchase or attempt to purchase votes in North Carolina?

The Democrats of Craven have nominated for the Senate Mr. H. S. Nunn, editor of the New Bern Journal, and for the House, Messrs. J. W. Lane, Joel Kinsey and A. R. Russell.

Let us see. Judge Russell will not run; Gen. Barringer is going to vote for Cleveland; Mr. Robbins, Col. Lot Humphrey (we hear) and Mr. Loftin come out from Radicalism into the Democratic fold.

The "Old Whigs" of 1840, who voted for Tippecanoe, are now rallying around the standard, so we are told, by General Harrison.

A Republican contemporary inquires: "When is the break in the solid South coming?"

That is precisely the danger ahead of us—a rich class with surplus millions and a poor class with surplus poverty.

A Presbyterian preacher in Indianapolis says that, though he is a Republican, he cannot vote for Gen. Harrison because the platform on which he is nominated is "simply infamous."

Mr. Peter M. Wilson tells us that it has been agreed by all railroads in North Carolina to sell round trip tickets to Raleigh during the next State fair at the same rates as last year.

"Suppose," says the Baltimore Sun, (Democratic), "that 2,500,000 employees working in protected industries do get the whole benefit of the duty on their several products, which they do not, it is plain that the 14,900,000 in unprotected industries get nothing out of the tariff but the enhancement of the cost of everything they buy."

An important addition to the ranks of the revenue reformers is Judge Frank T. Reid, a leading Republican and the Republican nominee for Governor of Tennessee four years ago.

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LAST WEEK IN THE STATE.

Happenings (Social, Political, Financial and Otherwise).

Bishop Leo Had, of North Carolina, was formally installed at Wilmington Sunday. Cardinal Gibbons preached the sermon on the occasion.

The President has commuted young McKee's sentence, who robbed the Asheville postoffice, from two years imprisonment in the penitentiary to eight months in jail.

The two county fairs of Cabarrus, the Poplar Tent and the St. John's, have been consolidated, and the fair will this year be held at Concord.

The signal corps observer at Hatteras, N. C., reports that the German brig Anconan, laden with turpentine, and bound from Savannah, Ga., to Glasgow, Scotland, grounded off Hatteras shoals Tuesday evening.

The twelve year old daughter of Mr. Benjamin Parker, a reputable farmer living three miles from Asheville, was brutally assaulted Saturday by a negro man.

Two freight trains collided on the Western North Carolina Railroad, about a fourth of a mile from the depot at Asheville on Sunday morning.

Owen McLean, colored, was working at the lathe saw in the mill of Messrs. Wilkinson & Fore, at Alma, one day last week, when a sliver about six inches long was thrown with great force by the saw, striking Owen in the eye.

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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

What our Neighbors in the Palmetto State are doing.—A Budget of Notes on Matters in General.

The live town of Florence is moving for a \$20,000 new hotel building.

The Charleston Chamber of Commerce has agreed to advance the funds necessary for the resurvey of the Cumberland Gap railroad from Pickens to Asheville, N. C.

On Sunday last the wife of Jerome Cook, colored, who lives on Crowder's creek, near Henry's Knob, in this county, shot and killed her nine-year-old son, named Samuel M. Cook.

The second annual meeting of the Inter-State Farmer's Encampment is to be held at Spartanburg, beginning on August 6th.

Joseph Sape, a Bohemian tailor of Columbia committed suicide Friday by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a penknife.

At the reunion of Confederate soldiers in Lexington county, two brothers named Reedy forced a quarrel upon Manuel Williams, a peaceably disposed man, who in self-defense shot and instantly killed one of the brothers with a pistol.

A rather novel request has been put in by T. P. Alexander, the white man who was convicted of killing his wife at the last term of court in Pickens, and sentenced to be hanged on the 14th of September.

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ERRATA.

Henry James boasts that he has never loved a woman, though he is now 40 years old. What a waste of time!

Teacher (to class)—Why is procrastination called the thief of time? Boy (at foot of class)—Because it takes a person so long to say it.

A twining lock of a woman's hair The lover's heart sets in a flutter; But when he's wed it makes him swear To find a sample in the butter.

Bostwick (who has been pleasantly refused)—Is this final, Miss Daisy? Miss Daisy (who is coy)—Yes, excepting that I always add a postscript. (And he got her.)—Tid-Bits.

Old lady (stopping open street car)—Ye don't allow no smokin' on this car, do ye? Conductor—Certainly, madam; take one of the back seats. Step lively, please.—New York Sun.

The following singular advertisement appeared in a Scotch newspaper: "To be let—a beggar's stand, in a good, charitable neighborhood, bringing in about 30 shillings per week; some good-will is required."—Scotsman.

A young lady in town says she wants the stores re-opened at night. As she understands it, they were closed to give the clerks a rest, and now she wants them opened to give the girls a rest. We call no names.—Washington Gazette.

"Geek Wilkins!" exclaimed young Bacon, as he hurriedly withdrew his hand from Miss Fessenden's waist, where he had encountered the busy end of a pin. "Now I know what they mean by saying that you have a wasp-like waist!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing else is so calculated to work on a man's sympathies as the sight of a young man's painful effort at unconcern while he is scratching his brow with the hand which he would have tipped his hat to a young lady if she hadn't cut him dead.—Judge.

Higgins (meeting his friend Higgins in a restaurant)—"By Jove, Tom! I should think it'd be afraid to eat that dish. It's fatal!" Higgins—"What's the matter? It's only spare ribs and apple sauce."

Higgins—"Well, isn't that just what knocked out Adam?"—Judge.

For the benefit of those who author printer's ink as a prime factor to the advancement of their interest, we will state that Sampson (the strong man) was the first man to advertise. He took two solid columns to demonstrate his strength, and several thousand people tumbled to his scheme. He brought down the house.—Ez.

"Vat," said the collector for a little German brand to a citizen who sat in his front window, "you no gif noddings for dot moosie?" "Not a cent!" replied the citizen with hopeless emphasis.

"Den ve blay some more, dat's all!" threatened the collector, so the citizen hastily gave up a quarter.—Epoch.

Our Wealthy Men.

Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries.

Editor—From whom do you expect to buy your cane mills and evaporators? Farmer—From Hightower, of Shelby, Ed.—Why? F.—Because he sells the best goods for the least money.

Ed.—Is it the purpose of the farmers throughout this and adjoining counties to buy of Hightower? F.—Yes, I have talked with a quite a number and they all, with one accord, say they expect to buy of him. We know that he has had long experience and knows what we need in this line and will not try to sell us something that will not suit us.

Ed.—Since you are so well pleased with him as a molasses machinery man, what do you think of him as a roofer and gutter hanger and general mill worker? F.—This is easily answered. Actions always speak louder than words. Everybody employs him in all branches of his business and the best of all is that he always gives perfect satisfaction, both in quality of work and in price. Yes, sir, you can count on the farming class being sold for Hightower, of Shelby.

"My Son Oliver" has started on his journey through the dark ages. The warmer the weather the stronger will be his following. Use Pear's Soap.—Ez.