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A FRIEND.

The radiant beauty of her tender face Was but an echo of her lovelier soul;

Where others found but ill some good she saw And held from all what'er unkind she heard;

And what she seemed to be she was, in truth, Earnest and trusting all, for such was truth

She loved the world and made it fair each day About her; to her steps joy seemed to cling;

Through paths of love she took her gentle way, And dropped her words and looks like flowers of spring.

And though she died in youth, who's but will say The world is better for her life's short day?

—Gertrude Alger, in Boston Transcript.

CALL FOR CONVENTION. Of the State Association of Democratic Clubs.

To the Democratic Clubs of North Carolina: RALEIGH, N. C., July 17, 1888.

At a meeting of the delegates representing the Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, at the National Convention lately held in Baltimore, it was deemed advisable to call a convention of Democratic Clubs of the State for the purpose of forming a State Association, and the undersigned, members for North Carolina of the general committee of the National Association, were instructed to call such convention and fix the time and place for holding the same.

The committee therefore invites every Democratic Club formed or to be formed in the state, to send delegates to a convention to be held at Morehead City, N. C., on Wednesday, the 15th day of August, 1888.

To provide for the gathering of delegates and to form a basis of organization until otherwise ordered by the convention, the following provisions have been adopted:

Each club shall be entitled to five delegates. Clubs of over one hundred members to be entitled to one additional delegate for each hundred or fraction over fifty.

The certificate of the presidents and secretaries of clubs will constitute credentials for delegates. Such certificates should, in all cases, set forth the exact number of members borne on the club roster at the time of naming delegates.

Delegates will be entitled to reduced rates of board at Morehead City and to special railroad and steamboat rates to and from Morehead City during the convention.

Presidents and secretaries of clubs are requested to forward to the secretary of this committee the titles of their organizations and the names of their officers.

FASHION NOTES.

Face veils now drop below the chin. All jackets have very short basques now.

The English toque is much worn in Paris. Late summer hats look like moving flower gardens.

With gowns of wash fabrics come parasols to match. Percale and challis in small patterns are much worn.

Dressy jackets are worn with plain gowns by fashionable girls. What is called the redingote gown is growing in popular favor.

Carved amber bracelets are seen among late novelties in jewelry. There are evidence of a return of fashionable favor to real laces.

Greens and browns in all shades seem to be the favorite colors this summer. Palest baby blue and black is a fashionable color combination at the moment.

Capotes are very small, but bonnets grow larger as the summertime flows on to autumn.

The bodice without any basque is almost universally favored by fashionable dressmakers. Very small black birds are seen among the other trimmings of black lace hats and bonnets.

The objectionable features in this summer's styles are that skirts are too short before and too long behind. Fine armure silks in bird's-eye patterns are in the looms of France in preparation for next season's wear.

Elaborate hats, bonnets, and wraps, but gowns of extreme simplicity are the rule for this summer's fashions. A new shade of tawny yellow is tiger lily. It is seen in new tulles, gauzes, and piece laces for evening gowns.

The latest fancy parasol has a handle covered with leather—red, blue, or white—and it is silver capped or mounted. The colored shoes are the "fad" of the fashionable on the other side, both men and women wearing them on occasions when they look out of peace.

Finely dotted nainsook muslins, when one selonge recalloped, are made up into dainty dresses for watering-place wear by the best dressmakers. A late fancy in Paris is the wearing in the hair of tortoise shell combs and pins with heads of faceted steel flowers that look like diamonds by gas light.

Yokes of all kinds, square, round and pointed, smocked and tucked, plain and braided, and half yokes, are all fashionable on children's dresses and coats. Among the prettiest dressy jackets worn are those of heavy net lined with colored, black or white surah, and trimmed with lace to match ribbons and rain fringes.

The great bunches of flowers seen on late summer hats are composed mostly of morning glories, poppies, and tiny sunflowers. The linings are either bright yellow or black velvet. The ribbon loops match the lining.

The redingote gown looks like a long pelisse or redingote, showing a simulated front breadth, a pleated back breadth, also simulated, and a guimpe or waistcoat of another material in the openings of the garment back, front and on the chest.

The greens which are in vogue at present are not emerald nor olive shades, but pale reed green, a roseau, as the French call it, Nile green, snowball and water lily green, apple green, and the dull dark shades known as Florentine greens and serpent.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Can any high protection wool man tell us why the price of wool was the lowest when protection was the highest?—Gallon Inquirer.

Dockery dodges, but Fowle's last shot seems to have struck him square in the mouth. He is as mumm as an oyster.—Durham Tobacco Plant.

The Republican Executive Committee has placed Mr. W. A. Guthrie, of Durham, upon the state ticket as a candidate for Supreme Court Judge in the place of Judge Russell, declined.

Senate Fouy did not lead the Sherman quest to victory at Chicago. He will probably have the same luck in leading the Harrison forces as chairman of the Republican National committee.—Macon Telegraph.

J. H. Wade of Ohio, the millionaire stockholder in the Cleveland rolling mills, was recently hailed as a noteworthy convert to Harrison and high tariff. It now transpires that he has voted the Republican ticket since 1880.

To Constant Reader.—The Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States is Levi P. Morton, of Wall Street, New York. You err in supposing that the ticket reads: "For Secretary of State, James G. Blaine."—Buffalo Courier.

No honest man votes the Radical ticket this year because he hates lawless. (There are three lawyers on the Radical ticket and two lawyers on the Democratic ticket.) If he says he hates lawyers and for that reason swallows Dockery and his ticket, he is a liar—he is a Radical and hates Democrats, no matter what business or profession they have.—State Chronicle.

It is argued that that Harrison-Morton ticket ought to prove satisfactory to both temperance people and whisky drinkers from the fact that Mr. Harrison treated the notification committee to an abundance of ice water and lemonade, while Mr. Morton introduced his visitors to an entire bar of choice liquors.—Mount Vernon Banner.

"I see Quay is getting in his work already," said a local politician on Chestnut street to-day. "Almost as soon as he was elected chairman Candidate Harrison gets the neuralgia and can't see any more delegations nor people. You see it wasn't 'Dear Beaver—Don't talk' this time. It probably was something like 'Dear Harrison—Get sick.'"—Philadelphia News.

We wonder if those misguided men who vote the Prohibition ticket endorse the plank which declares for woman suffrage. Do they want the tender women of our Southland to elbow their way to the polls through crowds of drunken, yelling negroes and have tobacco juice and mean liquor squirted on them as the male voters yell for their choice? Does the third party endorse that plank? If it does would the husbands and fathers be likely to vote for it?—Concord Times.

Mr. Dockery's letter of acceptance puts him squarely in favor of allowing the election of negro Superintendents of Public Schools. This would mean the destruction of the public school system in many of our eastern counties. He objects to the magistrates electing the superintendents, and proposes that they be elected by popular vote. This means negro superintendents, if the colored people so will it. Where is his Board of Audit and Finance to save the Public School system?—State Chronicle.

Dockery wants Mr. Walker, the candidate of the Prohibition party to be accorded an equal division of time in the joint canvass. Has Judge Russell's advice, that a coalition be formed, had its effect. The Prohibition party is governed by Dr. Benbow, a Radical Prohibitionist, and to defeat the Democratic party he will do all in his power. He knows that every white vote given to the prohibition party is one taken away and from the Democratic vote. Dockery understands this, and for this reason he will favor the move, although his record is as an anti-prohibitionist. He needs watching.—Fayetteville Observer.

Commenting upon Dockery's failure to come to time, the News and Observer says: "Everywhere he had bragged that he wanted a joint canvass and could not get one—that Judge Fowle took refuge behind his executive committee, behind political precedent and so on, and was afraid to meet him in the field. Judge Fowle's straightforward, pointed, timely letter stopped his brag and made it generally recognized that Col. Dockery had to come up to the scratch or confess the sham and humbuggery of his professed desire to meet his distinguished antagonist."

"What a spectacle he presents, now that he has made this point against his adversary and is so utterly put to rout! He is shown in his true light of blarney, blustering demagogue only, and all who have not known him as such heretofore, and are not blinded by prejudice, have no excuse for regarding him in future as anything else."

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(From the Rutherford Banner.) There will be a competitive examination of applicants for the West Point cadetship at Asheville on Wednesday, August 1st, 1888.

A mining expert has examined the Idle veins and pronounces them very rich. Developments will be made later that will open the eyes of the state, if not of the Union.

A recent visit to the south eastern section of our county convinced us of one fact—that the people of that quarter are catching on to the spirit of improvement, as is evidenced by the many new and convenient buildings which have been erected on the well cultivated farms. The prospect for good crops is not encouraging, but the farmers have done their duty and had there been reasonable rains, all would have been well for a big crop.

(From the Forest City News.) A force of hands are digging the foundation for the cotton factory this week. Mr. W. C. Chesser, the contractor, with a force of masons, will begin laying brick next Monday.

The Democrats of Cool Springs township met in Forest City Tuesday night, July 16th, and organized a Cleveland and Fowle Campaign Club, with a membership of fifty. The following officers were elected: I. N. Biggstaff, president; M. J. Lowe, vice-president; M. L. Martin, secretary; E. H. Byars, treasurer.

(From the Lincoln Courier.) Lincoln County Teachers' Institutes will convene in Lenocon on the 30th of July, and continue two weeks. A Cleveland and Fowle Club was organized at Lenocon last Saturday. The following officers were elected: President, C. E. Childs; Vice Presidents, B. C. Cobb, Jno. D. Plonk, Thos. H. Hoke, Hugh Jenkins; Secretary, J. M. Roberts; Corresponding Secretary, J. H. Hulary; Treasurer, J. L. Cobb.

(From the Gastonia Gazette.) From the number of hands at work at the cotton factory, it looks as if they are making fine progress and will be ready for operation in September.

Rev. W. Perry commenced a protracted meeting at Catawba gold mines, near King's Mountain, on the first Sunday in this month and continued it until last Thursday. The result was 12 professions of faith, 8 reclaimed, 9 additions to the church and six baptisms, and the people revived generally. They had very good order throughout the meeting. Rev. F. W. Bradley lent a helping hand the last three days and nights. The people were pleased with his sermons. They preached in a vacant tenement house. That has been a desolate corner, the nearest church being King's Mountain, which is 34 miles.

(From the Mount Holly News.) 50,000 feet of lumber were received, one day last week from a point on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad to be used on the fair buildings. An arbor, capable of seating 3,000 people, is to be built.

Mr. K. S. Jones has just finished and launched one of the prettiest and best sail boats that has ever been seen on the Catawba river at this place. The boat is 23 feet long by 6 feet in breadth. There are 36 yards of canvas in the mainsail and 10 yards of canvas in the stay sail.

(From the Morganton Star.) Dr. Osborne, of Cleveland county, spent last Saturday night with Mr. D. H. Peeler, of this county.

By request and consent of all concerned, Presiding Elder Willis has assigned Rev. W. E. Edmiston to Marion station and Rev. T. P. Bonner will devote all of his time to Morganton station for the balance of this conference year.

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

E.—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 metal worker? F.—This is easily answered. Actions always speak louder than words. Every-body 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 prices. Yes, sir, you can count on the farming class being solid for Hightower, of Shelby.

LAST WEEK IN THE STATE.

happenings: Social, Political, Financial and Otherwise. The second session of the State Tobacco Association will convene at Morehead City on the 28th of August next.

The General State Conference of the Second Advent Baptist Churches of the state will be held in the Second Advent Baptist Church of Wilmington, beginning August 6th.

Bills have passed the House to establish light house at the following points in North Carolina: Gull Shoal, Pamlico sound, and at Pamlico Point. A bill also passed appropriating \$75,000 for the construction of a revenue cutter for the Conberne.

Winston Daily: The section of the Roanoke and Southern railroad between this point and the Cape Fear and Yalokin Valley road has been let to contract, with conditions that it be completed by the 15th of December.

An effort is being made to mark the graves of the soldiers buried at Holly wood Cemetery, Richmond, Va. Out of the six thousand soldiers buried there, 1780 are from North Carolina. Contributions may be sent to Col. W. E. Anderson, President Citizens National Bank, at Raleigh.

Burlington has a \$10,000 fire Sunday morning at three o'clock. It was supposed to be of incendiary origin. Three stores were burned Holt's, Townsend's and Sellers' and J. W. & W. W. Lassiter's stock sustained considerable damage by removal. There was insurance of the amount of \$8000 on the property.

The four colored men, David Simmons, York Gibson, Henry Batte, and John Justice, who were convicted of the last term of Durham Court and sentenced to be hanged August 3rd, have escaped death. Governor Seales commuted their sentence to imprisonment in the penitentiary and fixed the term at 10 years for each prisoner.

The contract for the Shotwell Monument has been awarded to Mr. C. A. Goodwin, of Raleigh. It is to be of granite, thirteen feet high and of cast design. The thousands of friends of the gallant soldier and fearless editor, throughout the state, will be greatly gratified to learn that the monument will be such a work of art and beauty as should mark the resting place of so true a man.

Weekly Weather Bulletin. CENTRAL OFFICE, AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, RALEIGH, N. C., July 21. There has been a marked deficiency of rainfall in the eastern and central districts, and a slight deficiency in the western district, affecting all crops injuriously, cotton suffering less than other crops. Rain is needed in all districts. The general rains during the latter part of the week will doubtless improve the condition of all crops.

The temperature in all districts, except the Western, where there was an average, has been below the average. Crops generally have been unfavorably affected. The sunshine has probably been slightly above the average, in all districts and has favorably affected cotton.

REMARKS OF SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS. WESTERN DISTRICT.—Asheville, Buncombe county—Corn is doing well. Oats injured by rust, but good. Hay fine. Cat Cave, Henderson county—Seasons and prospects for corn crop all over the county never were better. General rainfall all over the county Sunday. Davidson College, Mecklenburg county—No good rain for seven weeks. Early corn almost spent. Some badly injured by chintz bugs. This morning (the 20th) we have a prospect for rain. Hickory, Catawba county—Crops have stopped growing, although the prospects were flattering before it became so dry. Mr. Aury, Surry county—With two or three more good rains, well distributed, we will have the best corn and tobacco crop ever known in Surry. Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county—All crops injuriously affected. Shelby, Cleveland county—The cotton crop has improved and is growing rapidly. Corn and other crops have suffered for want of rain in some localities. Salisbury, Rowan county—Half an inch of rain Thursday. The growing crops have been very much benefited by it. Wheat is turning out two-thirds of its year's crop.

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If those who call themselves christians would look about them, their hands could find much to do—and work wherein the right hand should not know what the left doeth. We have the poor, which the Lord left to us, to care for; the sick to visit; the fallen to uplift; the down-hearted to encourage, and the weak to strengthen. Catch the true spirit of charity, and lend your energies to the Lord, who has blessed you.—Webster's Weekly

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

What our Neighbors in the Palmetto State are doing.—A Budget of Notes on Matters in General. The President has pardoned James G. Cisson and John A. Cisson, convicted in South Carolina of violating the internal revenue laws.

The boys named Flem Harris and Perry, aged 12 or 14 years, and living on the Hollingworth place in Pickens county, were drowned Sunday near Liberty.

Senator Voorhees telegraphed to President McCravy that he would attend the Farmers' Encampment and reach here Tuesday, the 7th of August, with Senator Butler.—Carolina Spartan.

The Bell Telephone company has brought suit in the United States Court at Charleston against D. Bieman, of Wallhalla, charging him with infringement of patent.

Written arguments have been presented by the Board of Trade of Spartanburg, to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, complaining of discrimination against that town by the railroads passing through.

A colored man whose name is unknown, was killed Monday morning, on the Cheraw & Darlington road. He endeavored to cross the track in front of the train, and was struck by the engine and dashed to death.

Landy Rush chopped up Noah Pitts, near Nesbitt's mill last week with an axe. He drove the blade of the axe into his body under the shoulder blade and cut him in other places. Pitts has died. Kush has not been arrested.—Carolina Spartan.

Prof. M. S. Johnson, of Gaffney City, died last Saturday, about 75 years old. He was a native of England. He came to this county about 1858 and taught vocal music for Dr. Curtis at Limestone Springs. He was not only skilled in his profession but he kept up with the general literature of the day. He had a clear, strong mind, which was well stored with information on many subjects. His health had been failing for several months and death with an angel of peace and rest to him.—Carolina Spartan.

The Press Convention. The convention met at Morehead City on Wednesday and adjourned Thursday night. There was not much business to be transacted, and, therefore, the business sessions were short. We carefully studied the personnel of the convention. It contained no great journalists. It, however, had among the number present some of the best fellows in the state, some of the hardest working men we know. The Essayists, Poet and Historiographer failed us. We had not the pleasure of the feast we had anticipated. The orator was on hand, but the audience failed to get there. The many empty benches still and made no noise, and showed one good trait that some audiences would do well to emulate, not one got up and went out just as the speaker was reaching the best part of the address. Taking it all in all, the convention passed off very pleasantly. Mr. T. B. Eldridge made an efficient president. Mr. J. H. Lindsay made a good secretary. Their successors, we think, are worthy their predecessors. Mr. Thad R. Manning, of the Henderson Glad Leaf is the president now, and Mr. John B. Sherrill, of the Concord Times, is secretary. We know they are good officers.

Besides increasing the difficulty of becoming members of the Association, by more particularly defining their qualifications, some steps to form a basis of rates for foreign advertising were taken.

The papers of the state are determined they will no longer submit to the dictatorial tone of advertising agencies, and they will soon adopt a basis rate and publish it, and no foreign advertisement will be admitted that does not pay the rate. This is done in self defense. No restrictions relating to home advertisements were made. Each publisher can make his own contract with home advertisers. We hope this may, in some measure, protect the paper from these agencies.

The Plant has always turned a force of fire against these agencies, and numerous letters from them have been unanswered and cast into the waste basket. All the association asks, and all the press of the state asks, is to have a fair chance.

The North Carolina editors are working hard, and by hard work and stinging living they make enough to eat for themselves and build up many big men and big towns.

If anything is wanted, somebody must run to the editor and get him to put a piece in the paper. He is the servant of all, and like the servant, he is expected by those he serves to wait and eat scraps at the second table. But we are going to get ready to come in when the first bell rings before long.—Durham Tobacco Plant.

Smith—How are you, Jones? Jones—Excuse me, I don't know you. Smith—You know me when you borrowed that ten dollars. Jones—Well, I don't want to borrow anything now.—Life.

Groom (to bride)—they are waiting for the minister)—Hadn't I better skip out and see what is the matter, my dear? The minister should have been here twenty minutes ago. Bride—No, George; you stay right where you are.—Harper's Bazar.

ERA-TICS.

She (at Manhattan Beach)—What is that the orchestra is playing, Mr. Simpson? He—Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

She—Oh, is it. I have so often longed to hear it.—New York Sun.

"Now John," said his wife, as she was about starting for the country, "be very careful about drinking ice water."

"Maria," he responded reassuringly, but unthinkingly, "I won't drink a drop of water while you're gone.—The Epoch.

He was rescuing her from the billow waves, but it looked as if they might never see Boston again. "Hold on tight, Penelope," he gasped, "hold on tight."

"Don't say hold on tight," gurgled the girl, with her mouth full of Atlantic Ocean; "say hold on tightly!"—Ulton Observer.

When a stranger comes into church and makes a motion in the direction of his coat-tail pocket for a handkerchief with which to wipe his perspiring brow, the congregation lose the thread of the discourse in a breathless and eager attempt to see whether a handkerchief or a flag handkerchief is produced.—Fayetteville Chronicle.

Mr. Isaacstein (at Coney Island)—Vas you bound to go in dot water, Rebecca, mit dot dangerous unkertow? Mrs. Isaacstein—Ya, Jacob, vot for I puy myself a pathing suit? Mr. Isaacstein (nervously)—Vell, Rebecca, you choost leave dees diamond rings mit me.—New York Sun.

Woman (to tramp)—I kin give you a piece of dried apple pie for breakfast. Tramp—Madam, I only eat pie at breakfast in cases of dire necessity; but if I should eat dried apple pie in July I would feel that I were flying in the face of bountiful nature. I will try and break bread further on.—New York Sun.

He was doing very nicely in the parlor, when a soemn voice came through the open window from the porch: "That young man makes me very tired."

"Don't be alarmed, Mr. Sampson," said the girl, as he hastily started up, "it is only Polly, our parrot."

"I understand it's the parrot," he replied, "but I would like to know who taught her to talk."—New York Sun.

"When you ask for my daughter, young man," said the young lady's father, "do you know you are asking a great sacrifice of me?"

"N-not necessarily, sir," responded Mr. Hankinson, somewhat embarrassed, but anxious to reassure the old man. "Mamie says she doesn't care for an expensive wedding."—Chicago Tribune.

Has any one ever found out why woman, sweet woman, when she goes out to buy her railroad ticket never has the money ready? Why, she will really stand and ask all sorts of questions about the time table after the first bell has rung, and a line of frowning men are behind waiting chances to buy tickets for that very train! It's only her way, dear thing, and everybody forgives her. Even the men who swear hardest at her in the staid smile sweetly upon her when they get into the train, if she is alone.—Ithaca Statesman.

"Ethel," asked a Lewiston mother of her daughter, as the fair young girl sat down at a late breakfast in her morning gown, "did George leave any package for me last evening?" Ethel blushed and said falteringly, "Why, no, mamma! What made you ask?" "Oh, nothing, I only heard him say at the door as he said good-by, 'Now, here is one more for your mother,' and I didn't know but it was that pattern for lace lambrequins that he had promised me." Ethel said nothing.—Lewiston Journal.

Miss Clara (retired for the night)—Ethel, wake up; there is the sweetest music you ever heard in front of the house. I just expected that Charley and his friends would serenade us to-night! Miss Ethel (excited)—Oh, Clara, isn't it lovely? Oughtn't we to drop some flowers from the window? Miss Clara—Oh, I think so (dropping bunch of roses with great caution). There, Ethel! Voice (below)—Mein Gott! it is mol, ye no lift on roses.—N. Y. Sun.