VOL. VII.-NO. 8.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1892.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

JUMPING FROM FIRE FOR LIFE.

BIG HOTEL FIRE NEAR ASHEVILLE.

he Batel at White Sulphur Springs Dostroyed-Guests Jamped from the Win-dows-One Life Lost, Many Persons In-

ASHEVILLE, August 25,—The Belmont Hotel, at White Sulphur Springs, five niles from this city, was destroyed at nidnight last night by a fire which broke out in the laundry and spread with great rapidity. There were nearly 200 guests in the house at the time and all escaped with their lives, many of them by jumping from the windows. Mrs. Dr. Von Ruck, of Asheville, was badly injured, and her sister was fatally injured, and died this morning. Charles Green, of New Orleans, had a leg dislocated. Clerk Henderson also had a leg dislocated, and a colored nurse a leg broken. A few others were slightly bruised, but none seriously hurt. All the guests lost their baggage and some of them other personal belongings. A good many diamonds and a good deal of money were lost in the fire, numbers of those in build-ing escaping only in their night othes. The guests made their way, as a could, to Asheville, where they

made comfortable. The hotel property was owned corporation and leased to Dr. Von R The building was creeted at a cost \$65,000 and there was insurance of \$2 500 on it.

A Plan for Good Roads

A Plan for Good Roads.

To the Editor of the Observer:

I have been trying for many years to find a general "plan" for the construction of good dirt roads in North Carolina—something that could be enacted into a general law. Recently the citizens of Missouri have had a ten days road convention and discussed very ably and fully the road question with the following result. This "plan" may not exactly suit all parts of North Carolina, but the general outline may well apply to the great middle section of the State, and give the basis of some general law. ve the basis of some general law.

RUFUS BARBINGER.

We recommend that roads be classified into three grades or classes. Macadam, gravel or turnpike roads shall be of the first-class. Well graded or thoroughly drained dirt roads shall be of the second class, and ordinary ditched or graded dirt roads shall be of the third class. Roads of the first-class shall be constructed in sections of not less than one mile in length, upon the petition of a structed in sections of not less than one mile in length, upon the petition of a majority of the property-owners abutting on the same and not less than 25 per cent of the costs thereof be paid by said property-owners or by voluntary sub-scription. Roads of the second and third scription. Hoads of the second and third classes to be built entirely at the cost of the county. Congressional districts or municipal towns, as nearly as practicable, shall constitute road districts, and roads shall be as nearly as practicable located on sectional or subdivisional lines, and when not practicable on these lines then according to the geographical features of the county and such district shall be each district shall in the county, and each district shall be in the charge of and under the control of a roadmaster or employe of the county, who shall be employed by and under the control of the county court. We recommend that all the dramshop

We recommend that all the dramshop licenses be diverted to the road fund of the respective count's in which they are collected; that the county courts, in addition to a poll tax, be authorized by law to levy and collect a direct tax upon the property of the county not exceeding to cents on the \$100, to be applied to the construction of roads of the second and third classes, and to revy and collect such apecial tax for the construction of roads of the first class as the voters of the county or any road districts or districts thereof may by a vote for that purpose determine; the amount of such tax being roads of the first class as the voters of the county or any road district or districts thereof may by a vote for that purpose determine; the amount of such tax being within the limit now permitted by the constitution. We would further call the attention of our lawmakers to the enormous amount of money annually expended by our State and the various counties thereof in the payment in cost in criminal cases, and would recommend that our laws in relation to the matter be so amended as to exempt the State from the payment of any costs in criminal cases except for the services of officers, and that the money so saved to the State, together with the tax derived from foreign corporations, be diverted into a general road fund to be distributed to the various counties of the State.

In view of the difficulty of raising money in the various counties by direct taxation wherewith to build roads, we submit to this convention the proposition of loaning the credit of the State to the various counties to the extent of 19 per cent of the assessed value of the property

various counties to the extent of 10 per cent of the assessed value of the property in said county in the way of a bonded in debtedness for the purpose of building said roads, and a submission of at amendment to our constitution to ac complish that end.

The the ofre cave W Twenty-fligh Se

otal to the Observer. Special to the Observer.

LEXINOTON, August 25.—The Third party senstorial convention, compose of Rowan, Davidson and Forsyt counties, met here to-day to nomina two candidates to represent the twenty-sixth senstorial district. Mr. S. A. Barnbart, of Rowan, was chairman and Mr. Jno. Beard secretary. The atten-dance was small. All the counties were represented. Rev. Geo. E. Hunt, of Davidson, and Mr. Virgil Wilson, of Forsyth, were nominated.

Sheriff Ross Loses Mis Residence

RANDLEMAN, August 25 -This more ing at 5 o'clock the residence of A. P. Ross, Eeq., at Asheboro, N. C., was des troyed by fire, the origin of which is no known, but it is supposed to have started from a defective flue. There is some in-surance but the loss is considerable. Mr. Ross in the present efficient shorlf of

Will Support Nahody Who is Weak -Cheveland and Carr. Special to the Observer. Wikeron, Aug. 25.—A large Cloy

self to support the State and Democratic nominees and platfor

THE ASHEVILLE HOTEL FIRE. SOME DETAILS OF THE OCCURRENCE.

List of the Injured.-Where the Fire Started-Scenes and Incidents.

Abridged from the Asheville Citizen of Thursday Afternoon. day Atteracon.

The Hotel Belmont, the fine threestory brick hotel building at Sulphur
Bprings, five miles west of Asheville,
caught fire about 11:30 o'clock last night and was totally destroyed.

At the time of the conflagration there were 138 guests in the building. It is believed that all of these escaped with their lives. A number were more or less in-

The following is a list of those who

were hurt during the fire:
N. P. Strauss, Henderson, N. C., both ankles sprained.
Miss Agues Montgomery, New York, suffering severely from shock.
Miss Abble Moore, Asheville, concussion of spine and contusions about

eyes, Mrs. J. W. Ross, Pensacola, Fla., an kle sprained.

Emma Ruffin, colored nurse, Asheville, ankle sprained.
R. G. Henderson, assistant room clerk.

The fire was discovered by a number The fire was discovered by a number of male servants, who were in their quarters in a building about fifty yards from the hotel. There seems to have been no night watchman. Ed Green, colored, head waiter in the ordinary, was the first to give the alarm. He states that the fire appeared to be in the engine room or laundry, which joined each other in the basement in the northwest corner of the hotel. From there the fire quickly communicated with the elevator shaft to the upper stories. Smoke and flames were pouring out of the windows.

As soon as the guests were arouse they began hurrying, with a terrible fear to urge them on, through the smoke to-wards the various exits. These were the stairways and the wide verandas. Of the latter, there was one at the ground the latter, there was one at the ground floor and one, at two sides of the L shaped building—the north and west—at the second floor. There was none under the third story windows, but several guests who were in the top floor, both men and women, jumped on to the second story verands, and from there made their way to the ground by way of the veranda supports. There were no fire escapes proper to the beilding, but the halls were wide and the verandas easy of access to perhaps half the sleeping rooms.

The flames made phenomenal progress and within half an hour after the alarm was given the whole building was gutted.

was given the whole building was gutted. The rooms of Dr. von Ruck, the proprietor, were in the second story, almos immediately over the spot where the fire

Dr. von Ruck had been in bed some Dr. von Ruck had been in bed some time and says he was roused by shouts in the building. He hastily arose and dressed, and when he stepped into the hallway, he found it full of smoke, and his exit by the main stairway cut off.

Dr. von Ruck grabbed one of the fire extinguishers and ran to the elevator and undertook to subdue the flames, but finding this impossible, he returned to

rescue his wife.

Mrs. von Ruck, who was very ill was sleeping in an adjoining room with her nurse. Dr. von Ruck rushed into their room and took his wife in his arms and found that the flames had cut him off, and he was forced to carry his wife back up the stairs. On reaching the main hallway the smoke had become so dense as to be stilling. He rushed through with Mrs. von Ruck still in his arms, but when he reached the head of the stairway fell exhausted. Two servants were on the stairway, and they carried Mrs. von Ruck to a place of safety.

Maj. McCreery, of Columbia, S. C., one of the guests, said Thursday: "I

Maj. McCreery, of Columbia, S. C., one of the guests, said Thursday: "I wouldn't take \$1,500 for the property I lost, to say nothing of the narrow escape "Twife and myself had from death. We were asleep but our rooms were only two doors from the elevator shaft and the crackling of the flames was what waked us. The elevator shaft was all in a haze then and when we started to the stairway we found that our chance for a blaze then and when we started to the stairway we found that our chance for getting out in that direction was cut off. Just then it occurred to me that there was another stairway at the other end of the hall and we made for that. Thy door at that entrance was locked and a had to kick it down. After this we got to the porch below and from there to the ground without any 'trouble. We didn't carry a thing with us though, for we harely had time to make it with our lives. My wife lost all her dresses and jewelry, and I lost my entire wardrobe, except what I have on and one shirt that I happened to have around here at the

jewelry, and I lost my entire wardrobe, except what I have on and one shirt that I happened to have around here at the handry. We lost four trunks."

Mrs. N. B. Cohen, of Charleston, awoke to find herself in a most perilous position in her room on the second floor. Imprisoned by the flames with her nurse and thirteen months old child there was nothing for her to do but to make use of the window. She stood by the opening for a moment with her child in her arms and her frantic cries attracted the attention of those below. The situation was taken in at a giance by them and several pairs of strong arms were stretched out.

"Drop the child!" came a hoarse shout. "It is the only chance."

Helpless as she was, Mrs. Cohen could but obey, and with only momentary hesitation she dropped the precious burden into the improvised cradle of human arms where it landed safely. She and the nurse availed themselves of the posts and climbed down to the ground unburt. One of the most seriously injured was Miss Abbie Moore, a sister of Mrs. von Ruck. She was compelled to Jump from the second story balcony to the ground, a distance of eighteen feet, suffering a aprain of the back and concussion of the spine, and receiving painful cuts about the eyes.

Mrs. J. W. Ross, wife of Surgeon Ross,

spine, and receiving painful cuts about the eyes.

Mrs. J. W. Ross, wife of Surgeon Ross, of the United States Navy, stationed at Pensacols, Fla., attempted to escape by means of the second story porch and is sa'd to have fallen from there to the ground. Her right ankle was sprained and she received several slight bruises. She lost her entire wardrobe and a lot of

It Appears New Along the North Sea.

LONDON, August 27.—At the port of Leith, near Edinburgh, which has extensive shipping communication with Hamburg and other ports on and near the North Sea, a man and woman were taken sick last evening and developed symptoms of Asiatic cholera.

Thirty Russian emigrants bound for the United States arrived at Glasgow on Thursday by way of Hamburg, with the intention of taking passage from Glasgow to the United States.

The Wealthy Fly from Barlin.

The Wealthy Fly from Ber Berlin, August 27.—The Yossiche Zeitung has a dispatch from Hamburg saying: "There is no apparent decrease in the cholera in spite of the cool weather. The disease has appeared on the islands in the Elbe. Hundreds of wealthy people have left the city. The dearth of doctors is severely felt. Several nurse have died. The school attendance had dwindled materially."

It Appears Now Along the North Sea.

Berlin Confesses to the Cholera Berlin, August 27.—There is now Berlin, August 27.—There is now no doubt that Asiatic cholera is in Berlin. Three deaths are reported from what is undeniably Asiatic cholera of a virulent type. A lady, while traveling from Hamburg, was seized with cholera and taken to the hospital. While the authorities are enforcing the most rigid sanitary precautions, they profess to be satisfied that the cholera will make no serious progress in Berlin.

The Plague at Botterdam. ROTTERDAM, August 97.—A woman died here of Asiatic cholers. The authorities are reticent as to the facts, but there is little doubt that the disease came by way of Hamburg.

All Three Dead at Gravesend LONDON, August 27.—The third of three persons afflicted with Asiatic cholera brought to Gravesend on the steamer Gemma, which arrived on Thursday from Hamburg, is dead. There are no signs of the disease spreading and the hospital authorities at Gravesend believe that they have taken effective measures to prevent the cholera tive measures to prevent the choler from being communicated to others. essation of Traffic Between Hambur

NEW YORK, August 27.—General Pas-senger Manager Emil Bear, of the Ham-burg-American Packet Company Steam-ship Line, stated this morning that all steerage traffic between Hamburg and New York had ceased on their line.

New Cases of Cholera in Antwerp. Antwene, Aug. 27.—Notwithstanding assertions yesterday that there was no more cholera here, five new cases and one death have been reported since yeserday morning.

The Harvest of Death Increasing. St. Petersnung, Aug. 27.—The offi-cial returns of the cholera for all Russis show that yesterday there were reported 6593 new cases and 3262 deaths. This is an increase of 631 cases and 285 deaths over Thursday. In St. Petersburg 108 new cases of disease were reported yeatreday and 27 deaths, an increase of five cases and five deaths over the previous

When They Select for Lenders. Wadestors Messenger and Intelligencer. In this district, Dr. A. A. Maynard, of dorven township, this county, was ballot, Dr. Maynard was put in nomination by Y. C. Morton, late of this county, but now of Rockingham, and his

Pratt, of Anson. Dr. Maynard is a practicing physician and has lived in this county for about four years, coming here, we believe, from Wake county. He is the same Dr. Maynard who participated in the Democratic county primaries and went as a delegate from this county to the late Democratic State convention. On returning home from that convention he announced that he would support Carr for Governor, but we learn that he has since swallowed the whole People's party policy, nigger and all, and that he will support Exum for that high office. Dr. Maynard also a short time ago announced himself a candidate for the Legislature

himself a candidate for the Legislature from this county, subject to the action of the Democratic party, but probably receiving intimation from the assistant Republicans that they would give him something better, as the price of his support, he withdrew his announce-Dr. Maynard is a man of average in telligence, but does not possess the ability that would lead the Democratic party to even think of nominating him to so important an office as Representative in the United States Congress. He probably suits the Wayverites years well as he

the United States Congress. He probably suits the Weaverites very well as he is the equal of any of them in turning political somersaults and refusing to support the nominees of conventions in which he participated.

Two years ago Dr. Maynard was an ardent supporter of Hon. S. B. Alexander for Congress, and we learn that only a short time ago, wrote him a letter in which he said that he was still for him. Now is is willing to sacrifice principle. Now is is willing to sacrifice principle upon the altar of an unholy ambition. It is amazing what strange and inexplica-ble things men will be guilty of when once the greed for office gets possession

Wadesboro Messenger Intelligenzor.

Just after the death of Col. Polk, the M & I. predicted that the People's party could not possibly succeed in North Carolina, for the good and sufficient reason that it had no capable head.

That our prediction would come true, we have never had the least misgiving, but the outcome of their late State convention has removed the last vestige of doubt from our mind as to the fate of the movement. The ticket nominated was an exceptionally weak one, and the whole proceedings were of a most extraordinary nature, proving conclusively that there was a total lack of brains to guide the infant party over the shoat that surrounded it on all sides. We are yeally sorry for the misguided measure of them entirely honest—who have seen fit to desert the white man's party in the hour of its greatest need. They would not presents uch a sorry spectacle if they only had capable leaders. As Judgs Bennett truly said in his speech las Priday, they have brought ridicule upor themselves, and there is no occasion for their opponents to point the finger of scorn at them.

THE PROGRESS OF THE CHOLERA. The VERY MEANEST THING YET. SENATOR VANCE CHARGED WITH HAVING DODGED THE FREE SILVER VOYE.

> m Who Rofnes to Vote the "H form" Ticket Characterized as Cowards
> ---Massey and Shuferd at Thomasville
> Yesterday Make Struight Third Party special to the Observer.

THOMASVILLE, N. C., August 26 .-Three thousand people were here to-day to attend the annual picnic of the Davidson county Alliance. Alliance Lecturer Massey and would-be-Congressman Shuford made straight Third party speeches. consisting of nothing but abuse of the Democratic party. Massey said the meanest thing of the day when he charged that Senator Vance stayed away from the Senate chamber on the day the vote on free silver was taken in order to keep from voting. Not a thing was said against the Republican party. Many Alliancemen were disgusted that strict party speeches were made at an Alliance gathering. Shuford said if an Alliance man voted anything but the "reform" ticket he was a coward.

(Col. Skinner was to have been at Thomasville yesterday. As nothing is infer that he failed to show up. Massey's charge against Senator Vance is the most infamous thing of the campaign, and Shuford's characterization of Democratic Alliancemen as cowards will cause a good many of them who might have stayed away from the polls, to see him in November.-EDITOR OBSERVER.] Third Party Nominations in the Ninth

District. Special to the Observer. Asheville, August 26,-The Third party people of the ninth congressional district, in convention at Waynesville, nominated J. C. Brown for Congress and Geo. E. Boggs for presidential elector. Brown is a sorehead Democrat and prosperous farmor of McDowell county, and Boggs is an old Farmers' Alliance Democrat from Haywood. Neither is considered strong.

FOR THE CAMPAIGN



GROVER CLEVELAND. WEEKLY OBSERVER.

The newsiest, best Weekly published in the State. Every farmer ought to take it:

SPECIAL.

Will send the Weekly in clubs of or more till November 15th for 20 cents. Send in your clubs at once.

Weekly one year \$1.00. Agents wanted in every community. Send for sample copies. Must have ,000 new subscribers.

> Address CHARLOTTE OBSERVER. Charlotte, N. C.

"Gov." Exum Prefers Negro Bule to Tha

cial to the Observer.

GOLDSBORO, Aug. 25 .- Several prom inent Democrats when reviewing here, this afternoon, in the presence of "Governor" Exum, the good done in this State under the past and present Demo cratic administrations and the danger that threatens us in the event of Harrison's election, which undoubtedly means a force bill and negro supremacy received the following response from th Weaverite candidate: "I would prefe negro rule or anything to the rule we have had heretofore."

These are the exact words attered by Dr. Exum and will be substantiated by the editor of the Goldsboro Headlight C. J. Rivenbark, of Goldsboro; James M. Oliver, of Princeton; G. W. Pegram, of Petersburg, Va., and others. Since its atterance the doctor is sick, politically

First Degree,

winston, August 25.—Leonidas Mc McKuight was convicted in Surry cour this morning of burglary in the first de gree. Sentence has not yet been passed. McKnight was tried for burglarizing

the house of W. S. Taylor in Mt. Airy year ago last last January and almost beating to death Mrs. Taylor, an aged lady, whom he robbed of \$2,200. He was captured two weeks ago in Virginia. The only hope McKnight has for his life is the thought that Governors Fowle and Holt commuted to life imprisonment.

NO SPECTRE OF THE IMAGINATION. In a recent very strong article Webster's Weekly of Reidsville presented the following figures, with the accompanying forcible comments:

What is the situation in this State

What is the situation in this State? The vote of 1888 was: Fowle, 147,925; Dockery, 133,472, making a majority of 14,450 for Fowle. Now in the event that every white Republican in the State goes over to the People's party there will be about 115,000 negro votes left. Take 35,000 votes from the Democratic party, and the negro party goes ir. Every same man knows that only a small per cent. of the white Republicans will leave their party. The majority will remain, even if they have to submit to negro rule. So division among the white people in they have to submit to negro rule. So division among the white people in the State can only result in negro rule. The negroes will not divide their leaders; see their opportunity and will improve it. The negro vote can be solidified in a day. A toot of the horn by their leaders is all that is necessary. We want the white men of North Carolina to think about these things. We want them to decide whether or not they want to be ruled by the motley gang who are in control of the Republican party of North Carolina. Do you want that set to squander your taxes?

From the time that the paroled soldier

From the time that the paroled soldie from the scattered legions of Lee and Johnston plodded footsore, but still more heartsore, up to the old homestead or entered the apparently deserted streets of his native town, more than twentyseven years ago, thoughtful men Thomasville yesterday. As nothing is discussing the gravity of the said of him in the foregoing special we situation and the magnitude of the perils environing the South, saw that the only hope lay in the white race keeping together in an alliance as close as that of brothers. It was a wise, prudent, accurate review of our position. It is equally so now. Except that the \$20,000 disfranchisement clause disappeared with "reconstruction," the conditions are little changed. We have among the whites, as Josiah Turner, Jr., said, "the fellow who has been hit in the stomach with a pone of bread," and the other fellow who is willing to bear the blow without flinching; we have, those who though born among us, imbibed hatred of Southern institutions with their mother's milk, and a few, marvelously few, are honestly Republican. The rest

of that party is the negro rabble. The negroes are absolutely powerless without a leader, incapable of formulating or executing a plan, even of carrying on a convention, without some guiding head or hand; but they accept leadership with extraordinary quickness and can be solidified or "mobilized" with remarkable readiness. The prominent white Republicans see clearly the pos-sible danger of the Democracy and their opportunity, and we can imagine the eagerness with which they are following

the trend of events. of their fat political heritage have returned, when, by the help of the negro, they filled the executive chair, sat on the bench, pillaged the treasury at their own sweet will, made laws, issued bonds and slaughtered the public credit-leaving to the black man, where he was so overpoweringly strong that he would submit to no dictation, the complete control and dominion of the great and fertile counties of the eastern part of North Carolina. May God preserve them from the fate which befell them twenty-five years ago, hung over them as a pall, filled each day with grinding humiliation and wasted each night in watching and

Yes, that is what it means. Let But ler, Skinner, Exum, Cobb and the others foremost in the ranks of the Weaver party indulge la what sophistries they may the fact remains that the fruit of their efforts-if it bear fruit-will be to re-establish Republicanism, which in this and other Southern States means

negro rule.

And then the day will come when they will call upon the mountains to hide them and the rocks to fall upon and crush them!

A "Correction" Based on Very Sligh

In your issue of the 25th inst. I see an article in which Mr. James A. Wilson, of Long Creek, claims to have gotten in some fine Third party work while serving on the grand jury of the last term of the Criminal Court, and in justice to the grand jurors I will here state that Mr. Wilson was not a grand juror and that grand jurors I will here state that Mr. Wilson was not a grand juror and that politics were not discussed by said jury; and had Mr. Wilson been a member of that body and had been permitted to enter into such a discussion I think he would have soon become disgusted with his so-called fine work and would have asked to be excused for the term. I hope Mr. Wilson will put himself to the trouble to see what jury he served upon and make the necessary correction.

Respectfully.

A Junon.

[Some people are too particular. It is not material to the purpose whether Mr. Wilson served on the grand jury or any other jury. The paragraph was written to bring out the jest about his having "enlightened" so many people while here attending court. It wasn't said that he discussed politics in the jury room—nobody would have supposed this probable. There is very scant reason, therefore, why we should surrender valuable space to the above "correction."—EDITOR OBSERVER.]

They Made a Mess of It.

They Made a Mess of It.

Websier's Weekly.

The Third party made a mess of it in the selection of their State ticket. Dr. Exum is under indictment in Wayne county for carrying concealed weapons. Mr. Cobb, the candidate for Lieutenani Governor, was indicted a few years age for presenting false vouchers as a deputy marshal. Mr. Long, the candidate for Auditor, defaulted as railroad agent at Salisbury, and it is said that Billy Smith the president of the road, was afterwards asked to recommend him for a Federa position, which he did by entering on his potition the statement that he was a "bully Rrepublican, but a d—d poor railroad sgent." Another member of the carrying her to Canada.

Gen. Adlal E. Stovenson arrived !

HR IS IN A QUANDARY. "How happy could I be with either Were 'tother dear charmer away!"

We may naturally suppose that Pres dent Harrison is now "wasting the midnight oil" on his letter of acceptance, and the poor man is "between Scylla and

Charybdis;" or, with less euphnism but more vigor of expression, he is certainly between the devil and the deep sea. Protection and the force bill fairly blister the glossy surface of the White House stationery.

It is true that protection is the very life of the Republican party, and has been given a hot-house fostering care until it has blossomed forth into a gorgcons but deadly plant, flowering with over 7,000 millionaires some five-fold, tenfold, twenty-fold, an hundred-fold millionaires. But protection six months ago and protection now are two different things as themes for the presidential nomined's eloquence. Now it stands in the way handcuffed with the spectre of Homestead-its ruined households, its fathers of families shot down in the streets, its invading body of hired as-sassins, its camps of soldlery in time of peace, its anarchy, misrule and suffering: Homestead-the legitimate outcome of the tariff policy which declares to the American people that Carnegie and such men as he must be enriched beyond the wildest former dreams of man's syarice, with only the shallow artifice to cover it all that the "American laborer must be protected," while ever and anon the American laborer, goaded past endurance by the fruits of protection, turns upon his task-master with the tools of his trade upraised to take his life. Surely in the depths of his heart

the President anathematizes Homestead. But the force bill! If there be a man committed to it in all the great organization of the "grand old party," from the humblest follower in its wanks to the magnate loaded with gifts and flushed with honors, that man now sits in the presidential chair. He has made it the first article in his political creed, declaring, in response to the remonstrances of the more prudent, that he would rather give up all else held dear by the party than the force bill. Never has it come more forcibly to any man than it comes now to him that "He who taketh the sword shall perish by the sword;" for protection might have delayed to precipitate his defeat, but the force bill will render his second administration impos-

Of course he expected it to cause dismay and challenge opposition in the South: this part of the Union is to him as a strange land, to be hated and persecuted but the very grave features of the indignant protest everywhere. Leading men in the North and West, to whom would never have appealed the horrors of negro domination in the asking themselves whither affairs, are tending and what is to become of free institutions, if the ballot-the very birthright of the American citizen-is to be deposited at the polls on the point of the bayonet. The more extreme of the party declare that it shall become a law, and Mr. Harrison cannot, if he would, now divest himself of the consequences of his full endorsement of the bill. But he would not if he could. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

The force bill is Benjamin Harrison'

THE CONVENTION AND TICKET. The ticket nominated by the Demo

cratic county convention held here Saturday challenges the support of the patriotic and thoughtful people of Mecklenburg. The day's work is one upon which even the intelligent Democracy of this great county has cause to congratulate itself. There will be no apologies to make on the stump for these gentlemen nor apologies to make for the manner in which they will discharge the public duties for which the people have pointed them out. The legislative ticket is strong one in every sense. Mesers. Mc-Dowell, Erwin, Harris and Jetton are all men of experience in public matters, all men of fine sense-some of them of real ability-and they will serve the county with fidelity and credit at Raleigh. As for the nominees for the county offices, each of them is a tried man in the office for which he was nominated yesterday. Messrs. Smith, Cobb. McClistock and the others have demonstrated their capacity and worth, and the people will conserve their own interests by continuing these gentlemen in their several places.

The convention was a fine body of men-men of a high order of intelligence; earnest, patriotic, State-loving, country-loving Democrats. There were many of them, too, and their spirit was all that could have been desired. The convention performed its work decently and in an orderly manner and adjourned leaving no friction, and no arrows to rankle. The friends of J. H. Barnett, Esq., could not but have been a little dis appointed at his failure to secure a nomination for the House, seeing that he led Mr. Jetton a little in the primaries, but location determined the question and neither Mr. Barnett nor his friends have cause to feel that he has been reflected upon. Were he the best and fittest man in the county for the nomination, it could not, under the circumstances and in the natual course of politics, have gone to him, and the OBSERVER is frank to say that it would have been a minfortune it he (intelligent and worthy gentleman as he is) had been nominated and the whole upper part of the county been left un-

represented on the ticket.

The convention acted with wisdom in all matters, as became the representatives

WEAVER AT PURASKI, TENS

Having seen in some paper an accessed of Gen. Weaver's conduct while in charge at Pulaski, Tenn., I wrote to the cierk of the county court for either a verification or denial of the charges. I received the letter which I send you.

Very respectfully.

W. B. ABBRETHY.

Rutherford College, N. C., Aug. 19, 92.

PULLBEY, Tenn., Aug. 15, 1892. Mr. Will E. Abernethy, Rutherford, Co.

Mr. Will E. Abernethy, Rutherford, Colege, N. C.:

Dran Sin: Your letter of inquiry regard to the acts of Gen. Weaver whi in command of this place was hands me to answer. I was between 15 and years old when Weaver was here, and know whereof I write, and in support what I shall write, I refer to a few of zens of this county: J. P. May, predent People's National Bank; Z. W. I ing, ex-Speaker of the Senate, Flour Rivers, State Senator; J. B. Stacey, clork and master of Chancery Ce Thomas K. McCoy, sheriff Giles courted to the Col. Solon E. Rose, Dr. William B. Dr. J. C. Roberts, S. W. Butler, judy of trustee, and L. E. Abernethy, president of these men were here and Most of these men were here and Most of these men were here and ke the facts. The others know from r

tation.

The said Weaver seemed to have perfect hatred for the Southern people the pillaged, robbed, persecuted, vified and abused our people in every i

aginable way.
He had citizens arrested and oned on trumped-up charges, and to pay to be released. He made the fr to pay to be released. He made use released to D. K. Cox pay \$500 for his released. Mr. Cox is dead, but his son, Ed. R. C. Mr. Cox is dead, but his son, Mr. Cox is dead, but his son, points living here and can testify to suid facts. So can Maj. J. B. Stacey and Coy. S. E. Rose, friends of Cox, who paid part of the money. He robbed Mr. Jaspes Cox (no relation of Mr. D. K. Cox) of the money worth of spun thread, Jaspes and worth of spun thread, Jaspes \$3,000 worth of spun thread. Cox is a reliable citizen of this cand now lives near Bodenham,

and now lives near Hodenham, Giles county, Texas.

He robbed John P. Williams, an old reliable farmer and soldier of the Mexicas war, of all his hogs and meat. Mr. Williams' postoffice is this place.

He had Dr. S. C. Roberts, of this place arrested, and tried to make him pay \$500

arrested, and tried to make him pa for his release, but after he four that the doctor would not pay turned him loose. The doctor i living, and will answer any letter January 26, 1864, he made the foll parties pay him the sums opposit names. I have the original reco-yave my father, Charles C. Aber-All the parties are dead excep William Battle, who will cheerfull me out:

me out:
Thos. Martin, \$250; Dr. Wm. Battle, \$100; Chas C. Abernathy, \$250; Robert Dickson, \$250; J. H. Newbill, \$100; J. M. Morris, \$100; David Reynolds, \$250; B. Abernathy, \$260; Thos. B. Daly, \$260; Total, \$1,760.

He claimed in his order that it was fer the support of Union reference.

the support of Union refugees comis—thin his lines. Thos. B. Dair, son Thos. B. Dair, and Wift. S. Newbill, of J. H. Newbill, are living here and w answer any inquiry. I co

Yours truly, J. B. ABBENATHY.

eixth District Democrats Make special to the Officelantie LEXINGTON, August 27. cratic convention to nominate I didates to represent the 26th as district in the next Legislature, was held here to-day. Rowan, Davidson and Forsyth counties were all represented by full delegations. A. H. Boyden, of Rowan, was made chairman and W. M. Sherrill, of the Davidson Dispatch, and W. F. Burbanks, of the Winston Sentinel, were secretaries. E. B. Jones, of Porsyth, and W. S. Owen, of Davidson, were nominated by acclamation. The nominee were present and accepted with ringin speeches. The convention was hard nious and enthusiastic and all pred success for the ticket in November. The executive committee elected here to-day for this district is: Theo. F. Klutts. Rowan, E. E. Raper, of Davidson, and

Samuel S. Smith, of Forsyth. A Good Many Over a Dozen. At Rocky River, or No. 1 box, in Cabarrus county, from 110 to 115 white votes are usually cast, and the Third party has been claiming there are only about a dozen Democrats in that precinct. As they seem to be ignorant of what is transpiring in their midst, we confess to a heartfelt pleasure in informing them that in that precinct there is a Democratic club containing seventy-six members, all dyed in the wool, and the names of twelve others have been handed in who will join at the next meeting, all true blue.

For pure unadulterated claiming of the earth and all that is on it, commend us to the Third party. They are like

us to the Third party. They are like the little tree frog: three or four of them will make as much noise as a hundred stately horses, but when the time comes for facts and figures their numbers are "swunk" to the dimensions of Senator Vance's figh.

The Rally at Matthews.

The call, issued Saturday meeting at Matthews this wee meeting at Matthews this vec-cheery, enappy, aggressive surt. of that sounds good and sections a meeting. "The true, tried and sin Damocrats of Morning Star," is "will have a grand rally at Matthew Thursday, September 1. Everybo-invited to come and let every one comes bring somebody class. The B cratic clubs of Meckienburg and I are specially and cordialry invited are specially and cor-meet with us. Disting meet with us. Distinguished ap will be present to discuss the issues day. Division of time will be gran speakers of the second, third or parties. Speaking will begin at I o Ladies are cordially invited."

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Au estern co

An Old Minister Gor

The Rev. James D. Hall, probable oldest Presbyterian miniates in Mee-burg Presbytery, died at his house in ton county on the 24th inst, at the vanced age of nearly 90 years.