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STAND FAST.

The Democratic party of Craven county is upon the alert. On last Saturday, July 7th, an unusually large township meeting elected an executive committee, and at night the different wards of New Bern and several townships of the county elected delegates to the county convention that meets at the court house on next Saturday, July 14th.

These meetings were more animated than has been unusual on such occasions. There was some sharp shooting on the lines, but no body was dangerously wounded.

The indications are that the present county officials will be re-nominated but whether they are or not the party must be united and stand firm.

Craven county has a right to be proud of her county officials.

Where can truer or better men be found than William B. Lane, James W. Biddle, William M. Watson, Thomas Daniels and Robert Primrose? They are competent, attentive to business and true as steel.

It is admitted by all that James A. Bryan the Chairm of the Board of Commissioners is the leader of the Craven county Democracy, and no party ever had a bolder or more successful leader.

His presence is always the assurance of victory.

The JOURNAL is not given to man worship, but in view of the past, the present and the future, it gives its unqualified endorsement to the Board of County Commissioners under the admirable leadership of James A. Bryan.

We trust that the approaching county convention will be harmonious as we know it will be patriotic.

Delegates are to be elected to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conventions. There may be a sharp contest over the election of these delegates, but whoever may be elected, and whatever may be the action of the convention, every Democrat must accept the situation, and stand by his colors.

IN SUSPENSE.

The country is in painful suspense as to the condition of affairs at Chicago.

In this writing, Monday morning, nothing has been heard from the great metropolis of the West since last Saturday.

We hope that the strife has ended, but it is very much like hoping against hope.

In speaking of the necessity for Federal interposition a few days ago, the JOURNAL said that the people—the good, law abiding people—of Illinois did not repose that degree of confidence in their Governor as to make them feel secure in life, liberty and property. The Washington Post goes further and accuses the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago with being in sympathy with the revolutionists, and asserts that the only hope of deliverance from ruin, absolute and complete, is the interposition of the strong arm of the Federal Government.

It is fortunate in the present emergency, that we have a President of honesty, ability and courage.

We do not know what has hap-

pened at Chicago, but we have the fullest confidence that law and order will be restored in the most speedy manner.

We hope that Justice tempered by Mercy will prevail, and that the laborer will receive just recompense for his labor, and we are equally desirous that the rights of property shall be preserved and every man be secure in his possessions.

Any conflict of authority is to be regretted. Any seeming invasion of the rights of the States by the General Government is deplorable, but even this is better than the rule of the mob and the triumph of barbarism.

TAXES AND TAXATION.

Points on this Subject at Various Places and Times.

Male servants are taxed in Great Britain and several other countries.

A hearth tax was formerly assessed in many of the German States.

Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

The French people pay over \$10,000,000 a year taxes on their windows.

Until about forty years ago, the Persian Government levied a tax on cats.

Germany pays \$10,000,000 a year taxes on salt and \$13,000,000 on sugar.

The taxes of the people of this country equal about \$10 to each inhabitant.

The capitation or poll tax is believed to have been the earliest form of taxation.

Almost all the Turkish taxes are farmed out, and the resulting corruption is very great.

During the Fourteenth century, in Italy, a tax was levied on every one who wore shoes.

The first mention of any sort of taxation in Greek history is a tax levied by Solon, B. C. 540.

In Ceylon the Government dues are often settled by payments in cinnamon, cloves and allspice.

The tobacco tax in Spain brings as much revenue as the tax on lead; each is about \$30,000,000.

On the west coast of Africa the taxes assessed by the petty kings are payable in palm oil and ivory.

One of the earliest historical records of Egypt relates to the assessment and collection of royal taxes.

Finland is the least taxed country in Europe. The total taxes amount to only \$4 per head of population.

The tax on coffee yields the best returns in France 4,600,000 pounds a year, and the poorest in Denmark.

In Siam, until a few years ago, a heavy tax was levied on umbrellas. Every umbrella carrier had to pay.

Peter the Great levied a heavy tax on beards, not for purposes of revenue, but to compel his people to shave.

The English income tax has been changed eighteen times since 1842, varying from 2 pence in the pound to 16 pence.

In the most parts of Syria, Palestine and Arabia fig trees and date palms are counted, and a tax is levied on each tree.

Instances were known in the early history of several of the Western States of taxes being paid in oon skins and beaver pelts.

The Chinese Government levies a regular tax on beggars, and gives them, in return, the privilege of begging in a certain district.

The Greek common people not only paid no taxes, but received large appropriations from the State in the shape of free shows and games.

In 1889 the subjects of the Chinese Emperor, with more or less reluctance, handed over 4,800,000 pounds sterling as taxes on their lands.

The people of Italy are the most heavily taxed of any civilized nation. The State taxation equals 22 per cent of the earnings of the people.

Only a few years ago the Shah of Persia had a peulating Governor, guilty of stealing the royal taxes, boiled to death in a closed caldron of water.

During the reign of Solomon the taxation of the Hebrews became so heavy that immediately on the accession of his son a demand for a reduction was made, and upon the refusal of the chief tax collector, Adoram, was stoned to death and a secession of the ten tribes at once followed.

The internal revenue tax yielded our Government last year \$153,000,000; of this sum \$91,000,000 was from the tax on distilled spirits; \$31,000,000 from that on tobacco; \$30,000,000 from fermented liquors; \$1,260,000 from oleomargarins, and the remainder from miscellaneous sources.

Mullhall estimated that the agricultural earnings of the United States are \$3,490,000,000; the earnings from manufactures, \$4,380,000,000; from mines, \$480,000,000; from transportation, \$1,155,000,000; from commerce, \$1,600,000,000; from shipping, \$60,000,000; from banking \$260,000,000.

Among the Hebrews during the theocracy the taxes were very severe. There was a poll tax of half a shekel, about thirty cents, a tribute of the first fruits and first born of animals, a redemption tax of the first born son, a tithe for the tabernacle, another for the Levites, and a third, every third year, for the poor. It has been computed that the total taxation exceeded 36 per cent of the land valuation. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

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