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The Charlotte Convention.

We would beg leave to remind our Democratic friends in the several counties where our paper circulates, that the Democratic State Convention will meet at Charlotte on Wednesday next, being the 14th inst., and that it is full time that arrangements had been made to have every county represented therein.

The Convention of the 14th inst. is really a most important assemblage, not only to the Democratic party but to the State generally. It may exert no inconsiderable influence in shaping the course of State policy for some years to come, and much may therefore depend upon the presence and sound judgment of its counsels.

On the other hand, can England afford to go to war with France? With India unsettled and its market stopped or curtailed—with China to be disposed of—with a commercial system still reeling from the heavy blows inflicted by the late revolution, her interest is most certainly in the direction of peace.

Now these enquirers have got the information they asked for, and not being able to make anything out of it except Judge Ellis, they seem to get angry at Mr. Cantwell, who responded to their call. What is the use of this? Mr. C. is able to take care of himself, but why should he be called upon to do so? He did not come out with the information asked for until the demand had been made upon him?

Yesterday a large number of persons were admitted into the communion of the Baptist Church here, by immersion in the Cape Fear River. The ceremonies, we learn, were solemn and impressive, although we did not have the opportunity of witnessing them, owing to the large concourse of people assembled.

Our thanks are due to Hon. Asa Biggs and Hon. David S. Reid, of the Senate, and Hon. Warren Winslow, of the House of Representatives, for continued attentions to the House of valuable and interesting public documents.

Mr. Disraeli remarked in a recent speech that the Emperor Napoleon is perfectly acquainted with the strength and resources of England. But there is something else of which the Emperor is likewise aware, and which the statesmen of England, who calculated on our discord and misfortunes, are apt to forget.

On Friday, just before going to press, we received a despatch stating that the Senate bill for the admission of Kansas had passed the House with the Crittenden amendment, and that the bill so amended was then before the Senate.

A committee of conference may be proposed, as affording the only chance of escape from the dead-lock between the two bodies. This may succeed or it may not. Some persons at Washington are not without hopes that the Senate bill may yet pass without amendment, by the House receding from the amendment introduced on Thursday.

The Duke de Roquaire was one day told that two ladies of the court had quarrelled and very much abused each other. "Have they called each other ugly?" asked the Duke. "No," "Very well," answered he, "then I will undertake to reconcile them."

Why is a lady putting on her corsets like a man who drinks to drown his grief? Because in so lacing herself she is getting tight.

Some alarmists in the way of newspaper correspondents, are giving out that a war in Europe is a contingency to be looked for at no distant day. They insist that the entente cordiale between England and France has sustained a shock from which it can hardly recover, and that recent events connected with the refugee question, must tend to precipitate a disruption already sufficiently imminent.

Of course no man of common sense, with the history of France for the last few years before him, places any reliance upon the course of Louis Napoleon, except where his interests lead him; nor does England possess any other guarantee than what these interests may afford. Professions are nothing.

That the French Emperor would strike a blow at England to-morrow if his policy dictated such a course, and that England would meet him half-way, if she could afford it, we have no manner of doubt. But it strikes us that neither of the parties are as yet in a condition to break the peace. The government of France is rapidly assuming all the characteristics of a military despotism. Day by day fresh evidences are furnished that the Emperor distrusts the loyalty of the French people, and feels the necessity of relying more and more upon the bayonets of the army, to please which he is adopting a tone towards his neighbors more appropriate to a military chieftain than to a civil ruler.

Now that the other Counties did not seem willing to raise their proportion of the Stock, it behooved Rutherford to take care of herself, hence she voted against the subscription of \$100,000.

It is possible that any cool, dispassionate man can say that her proposition was unfair or unjust? and if not, should she be condemned for the course she has taken? How do we understand her conduct? Did she mean to make a subscription; have reduced the amount to \$60,000, and the question at once arises—what is it probable that Rutherford did now? We are of opinion that she ought to, and will, vote it down by an overwhelming majority, simply because the other counties interested will not agree to raise their proportion in other words they are trying to take care of themselves, and we think that every county should do so.

It is universally true, that every company or corporation has a credit, whether it be great or small, and unless our sister Counties expect to get the benefit of that credit solely, we cannot see why it is, that they will not agree to wait with us, and raise the proportion of Stock to complete the Road; hence we call on Wilmington, Charlotte and the other counties, to prevent the credit of the Company from being used for the benefit of any one county to the detriment of others.

Before we conclude this article, we have a request to make of our Brother Editors, who are interested in this great enterprise, and especially of those in Charlotte and the other counties, to send us their names, in order that the enemies, as well as the friends of the Road, can have an opportunity of judging of the position of the County's Rutherford.

From the North Carolina Presbyterian. A Brief Autobiography. BY REV. ROBERT FAY, D. D. Soon after my ordination I began to administer the ordinances of the Gospel in the churches with which I was connected. From the small number of persons whom I found willing to come into Christ's fold, that day of the Lord might truly be called a day of symptoms.

It was cheering to me to know, that during my ministry, there was generally on sacramental occasions an abundance of people, and that the Lord was blessing the work with which I was connected numbered 464. Shortly after this there was a falling off in the number of professors. A few by apostasy from the faith, and some by excommunication, but the greater part by the removal of many families to other States, and by death.

Previous to my teaching the classics, a few years after my arrival, parents who wished to give their sons a liberal education were compelled to send them to Wilmington, or to the Grove Academy, which went, I think, into operation about the year 1790, and of which the lamented Principal, and with whom I believe, Hon. Thomas Kenan and Andrew McIntyre commenced their course of education.

Several years before the commencement of the revolutionary war, the Rev. James Tate, a relative of the writer, came from Ireland and located in Wilmington, N. C., and spent a considerable time in the first year taught in the lower country, if not in the State. He was recognized as a teacher and preacher of the Presbyterian order, by many of the people in town. After the war commenced he was in the habit of traveling through a considerable portion of the State, preaching the Gospel and administering the ordinance of Baptism. I have been informed, by a worthy individual, that in some of his excursions during the war, he had been performing the ordinance of baptism to adults and children with one hand, and holding his gun in the other.

This gentleman I saw at my father's house (Hawfield's) I think A. D. 1794, when he examined me on portions of the Latin and Greek languages and some of the sciences. He was on his way from Tennessee to Wilmington, and died shortly after in that town. He was in my opinion a profound scholar. He wore a wig and was well dressed.

I cannot close this hastily written outline without returning my sincere thanks to Almighty God for a protracted life, and apparently his smiles upon my poor efforts in taking up my abode in this country. He has also to my unyielding brethren who may occasionally have labored with me in this wide extended field.

From the Rutherford Engineer. The Position of Rutherford County on the Railroad. We have often heard the question asked—why it is that the county of Rutherford has voted against the subscriptions of \$100,000, also, of \$200,000, to be subscribed to the W. C. & R. R. R. And we have understood that there are many persons on the Eastern division of said road, who believe that we are either opposed to the road, or think it very doubtful whether this county will do her duty in raising her proportion of money, to complete said road to its terminus.

It was positively affirmed that Count Persigny had tendered his resignation of the French embassy at London, but was known whether it has been accepted. There were rumors that the French navy was being put on a war footing.

During a hurricane at Madeira the United States frigate Cumberland suffered considerable damage, and was for a time in imminent peril. Two men were lost overboard.

The Hammonia, one day later from Europe. NEW YORK, April 24.—The steamship Hammonia which sailed from Southampton on the evening of the 20th March, arrived here to-day, bringing with her files of the London papers up to the time of her departure.

On the 20th consols were quoted at 96 3/4, 96 1/2, 96 1/4, 96 1/8, 96 1/16, 96 1/32, 96 1/64, 96 1/128, 96 1/256, 96 1/512, 96 1/1024, 96 1/2048, 96 1/4096, 96 1/8192, 96 1/16384, 96 1/32768, 96 1/65536, 96 1/131072, 96 1/262144, 96 1/524288, 96 1/1048576, 96 1/2097152, 96 1/4194304, 96 1/8388608, 96 1/16777216, 96 1/33554432, 96 1/67108864, 96 1/134217728, 96 1/268435456, 96 1/536870912, 96 1/1073741824, 96 1/2147483648, 96 1/4294967296, 96 1/8589934592, 96 1/17179869184, 96 1/34359738368, 96 1/68719476736, 96 1/137438953472, 96 1/274877906944, 96 1/549755813888, 96 1/1099511627776, 96 1/2199023255552, 96 1/4398046511104, 96 1/8796093022208, 96 1/17592186044416, 96 1/35184372088832, 96 1/70368744177664, 96 1/140737488355328, 96 1/281474976710656, 96 1/562949953421312, 96 1/1125899906842624, 96 1/2251799813685248, 96 1/4503599627370496, 96 1/9007199254740992, 96 1/18014398509481984, 96 1/36028797018963968, 96 1/72057594037927936, 96 1/144115188075855872, 96 1/288230376151711744, 96 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