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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1890.

DEM. STATE CONVENTION.
Raleigh, Wednesday, August 20th.

DEM. CONG. CONVENTIONS.
3rd District, Clinton, July 23rd.

DEM. JUDICIAL CONVENTIONS.
1st District at Edenton, July 23rd.
2nd District at Weldon, July 23rd.

The CHRONICLE desires to furnish
a correct list of all Conventions to be
held in the State, and will thank its
friends to help us.

DIALECT WRITING.
The latest Northern literary fad is a
sort of craze for writing in "dialect."

Even where provincial peculiarities
of speech are felicitously conveyed,
the matter of these dialect effusions
possesses ordinarily but little merit.

Occasionally "a hit" is made in this
line, but such is immediately followed
by a multitude of feeble imitations,

Aside from the ephemeral flavor it
sometimes imparts to merely humorous
verse, it is not easy to discover anything
worth a moment's notice in all this cumu-
lative grist of "the dialect mill."

We do not say that true poetic
thought may not sometimes find its fit-
test expression in this style of composi-
tion, but such instances are excep-
tional; and it may be emphatically said
of this stuff generally, that whatever
else it may be, it is not poetry.

In prose narrative, whether humo-
rous or pathetic—more particularly in
dialogue—it is not only proper, but es-
sential to verisimilitude, that the dis-
tinctive utterances of the characters pre-
sented should be so expressed to the eye
as to be clear, if possible, to the ear of
the reader. But even here an unusual
degree of study and taste are requisite.

One must have personal acquaintance
with the "lingo" and art that borders
very nearly on genius, before he can
tread successfully in the footsteps of
Joel Chandler Harris and Thomas Nel-
son Page.

The prevalence and persistence of this
species of literature would seem to indi-
cate popularity, but we trust that the
popular fancy will take some other di-
rection ere long, for this thing has be-
come almost as monotonous as the
rain-drops which we now and then
encounter which are perpetrated at
the expense of that patient,

and sadly-calumniated female—the typi-
cal American mother-in-law. It is al-
most invariably the case that a genuine
poet deteriorates rapidly if he essays
this kind of writing and persists in it.

We find a sad illustration of this truth
in the later effusions of James Whitcomb
Riley—who, a few years since, was the
peer of any of our younger poets. Dia-
lect doggerel pays better in dollars and
cents—and "the vision and the faculty
divine"—are sacrificed at the altar of
Mammon.

We have seen it stated that RILEY made
but little by his pen, and had only occa-
sional success to the leading magazines un-
til he wrote the poem—shall we call it—
commencing with the line,

"When the frost is on the punkin."

In this he made quite a hit, and he has
cottoned to the humor of the times ever
since.

If this class of rhyme is to become "a
school"—a permanent institution, we
should give it a specific name, for it is
little short of profanation to style it
"Poetry."

We cannot better close this protest of
ours than by quoting a few lines from
stanzas entitled "DIALECT," which we
find in a recent issue of the Chicago
Herald. Their entire is incisive.

The writer first pictures a youthful
poet, whose,

"various waxed aspect,
In philosophy and grace,
Till each poem seemed a vase
Filled with flowers:

In them thrushes seemed to sing,
Bees went by on rapid wing,
Crows held were blossoming
Red and green;

And moreover, through and through,
All his songs were sweet and true,
Thrilled with love of what he knew,
And had seen.

Next represents the bard as dis-
courage'd by repeated rejection of his
Mss. They were weighed in the balances
of the magazinist, and found "not avail-
able." But the poet has his revenge.
"Dialect" sets him even with the undis-
cerning editors; for

"The poet's will was strong;
He rewrote and spelled them wrong
And the grammar in each song
Simply wrecked.

Then that magazine he tried!
And those songs and more beside
All were bought and couped wide—
Dialect!"

GUM.
A State exchange informs us that a
"chewing gum" factory is to be estab-
lished at Southern Pines, Moore county.

The forest growth consists almost ex-
clusively of pine trees, and it is intended
to utilize the resinous exudation of these
to form the base of a medicated article.

This enterprise will be a novel indus-
try in this section, but if a good article
of gum is manufactured, it will be quite
sure to find home market and constant
demand. The gum-chewing habit is
quite prevalent, and the resin, sweet-
gum and Tolu, which constituted "the
quid of other days," have been almost
superseded by rubber and paraffine arti-
ficially manufactured and sweetened by
Northern manufacturers. As to the
healthfulness of the habit, or the whole-
someness and cleanliness of the articles
used, we are not now prepared to ven-
ture an opinion, further than to say that
the resin of our native pines is prefera-
ble, in this line, to the sugared articles of
doubtful admixture that are now so
generally used. We think, after all, it
would be better for our young people—
the ladies especially—to eschew gum
rather than chew it. We heard re-
cently, that, at a fashionable wedding
not far from the metropolis, the fair
bride and all her attendants, save the
groom only, entered the church and
marched to the altar, assiduously en-
gaged in—chewing gum! The bride-
groom doubtless felt lonesome—very,
"wrapped in the solitude of his own
originality"—and consoled himself by
"chewing the end of sweet and bitter
fancy."

A SLAP AT THE ADMINISTRA-
TION.
The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says that
the passage of a free coinage silver bill
through the Senate is in the nature of
an earthquake to the Republican party.

It is the entering wedge of a split in the
party which threatens dire disaster.
Speaker Reed and the President receive
direct blows in the face, and the bill pre-
sents the alternative of sacrificing either
the money power or the Western Republi-
cans. There will be some lively think-
ing done in administration circles for
one time to come.

PHILADELPHIA: OVER A MIL-
LION.
According to semi-official figures the
population of Philadelphia by the new
census is 1,039,449, a net gain of nearly
200,000 over the census of 1880, and an
increase of 20 per cent. during the last
decade. It would seem probable from
these figures that the Quaker City will
retain its position as the second city of
the Union, until the close of the centu-
ry.

Tyrrell County Convention.
[Special to STATE CHRONICLE.]
The Democratic Convention of Tyrrell
county, will meet in Columbia on July
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