

The Commonwealth.

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A STRAIGHT FIGHT.

Let an appeal be made to the reason, the conscience of the people. Let the contrast between the records of the Democratic party and the record of the Fusion party be plainly, truthfully and sharply drawn.

THE COMMONWEALTH prints the foregoing from our contemporary in the upper region of the State to let our readers see what chance fusion stands up there.

THE COMMONWEALTH believes now, has believed all the time, that if the Democratic party had held its head up two years ago and declared for its rights and left off the "mix" that was shoved upon the people Hon. Cy. Watson would be our Governor now instead of Dan Russell.

At any rate, we can not make it any worse; so we declare for a straight fight and a victory if we can win, and a straight fight and defeat if we cannot win.

We dislike muddy things. Let the color be true whatever it is.

GOOD FOR PRESIDENT ELLIOTT.

Did all the officials take the same practical, common sense view of rail-roading and the duty of railroad men toward the public, that Warren G. Elliott, president of the Atlantic Coast Line does, there would be fewer and smaller damage verdicts against them by juries, and not half as much adverse legislation.

"One of the faults of our business, I think, has been our reticence. If we would go out among the people and educate them as to what we are doing and trying to do for them and their State, they would be more friendly to us and our interests.

"Of course that was a wrong view of the matter. The proper way to do under such circumstances would be to sit down and write some official of the line, giving the facts. And my word for it, that fellow would be bounced. That is the proper thing for everybody to do, but they don't know it. We don't want rude and incompetent officials any more than the people want to deal with them.

"I tell you we must change our course in this matter. We lose much by our reticence. When the people are treated properly they will treat us properly."

PER DIEM OF PENITENTIARY BOARD.

A Republican, who is in position to know, said yesterday that the per diem and mileage expenses of the present Board of Penitentiary Directors, during the thirteen months that they have been on the Board amount to more than the Democratic Board spent during the whole four years of service.

Why not have a report from the new supervisor, so that matters of this kind could be shown up?

We live in a country of which the principal scourge is stomach-trouble. It is more wide-spread than any other disease, and, very nearly, more dangerous.

One thing that makes it so dangerous is that it is so little understood. If it were better understood, it would be more feared, more easily cured, less universal than it is now.

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CHAIRMAN MANLY'S CALL.

To the Democratic Voters of North Carolina: Pursuant to a resolution of the State Executive Committee at its meeting held February 22nd, I hereby give notice that the Democratic State Convention will be held in the City of Raleigh, at 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, May 26th, 1898.

The plan of organization recently reprinted is now in the hands of the Chairmen of the County Executive Committees, showing the regulations governing primaries and County Conventions.

The Convention will consider the nomination of the judges for the several districts, wherein the terms of the present incumbent expires January 1st, 1899; will announce the principles and policy of the party; and take such action as it may see proper.

Judicial conventions should be held prior to the date fixed for the State Convention in the following districts: First, Second, Fifth, Sixth Seventh and Eleventh.

The following resolution amending the plan of organization was adopted at the meeting of the committee, held in December, 1897:

"Resolved, That all white electors who intend to vote with us in the next election, and who desire the re-establishment of Anglo-Saxon supremacy and honest government in North Carolina, are cordially invited to participate in all our primaries and conventions."

In the adoption of such a resolution the Democratic party expresses no unkind feeling for the colored people of North Carolina. The record of charity and kindness, public and private, of the white people of this State to the colored race, while the Democratic party was in full power, refutes such a suggestion. But the negro voter, with rare exception, cannot be considered one whom the great principles of government, the wisdom of economic policy, or the qualifications of public servants in their responsible offices, guide or control in his choice of a ballot.

His allegiance to the Republican party or its allies, cannot be disturbed by the corrupt and disgraceful conduct of those for whom he votes. Thus, in this day, when the State is fast seeking dishonor and shame under the hands of a fusion administration, which regards neither the rights of person or property, nor the good name and honor of the State, the call to duty is addressed to the white men of North Carolina.

In national matters no more vital principles can effect the people and their welfare than those which mark the present line of conflict, where the plain people of the country have thrown down the gauge of battle to the money powers and trusts. The increasing control of the necessities of life in the few, by open violation of law, and the enhancement of the purchasing power of money, with the ever decreasing value of property, mark the exigence of the hour.

Of the affairs in our beloved State, no words should be needed to awaken the patriotism of her sons. A political campaign is just ahead of us in which the wager of the contest is the good name and prosperity of North Carolina. We should begin work at once; prescribing no test oath to our fellow citizens, but extending a warm welcome and full fellowship to all who want to join us in securing just laws and good government. An early Convention is fixed, when differences, if any exist, will be adjusted; the plan of fight mapped out, and then a united Democracy will triumph.

I respectfully suggest that the County Conventions should be held as soon as convenient for the election of delegates. The nomination of County officers and members of the General Assembly may be postponed until later, as each County Convention may think advisable.

Respectfully, CLEMENT MANLY, Chairman Democratic State Executive Committee. Winston, N. C., March 18th, 1898.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.

ENFIELD, N. C., March 21, 1898. Miss Minnie E. Whitaker left last Monday for Raleigh to take the position of Matron in the Insane Asylum. Her many friends here are sorry to have her leave, but are glad she got the position and feel sure she will fill it to the satisfaction of all.

The corpse of Rev. F. M. Totten of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, South, reached here Thursday and was taken to Whitaker's Chapel for interment, Revs. J. T. Abernethy, W. A. Bunch, W. L. Harris and R. M. Andrews taking part in the burial service.

Dr. Collins' horse ran away Saturday from fright at the R. R. engine and he jumped or fell out, but have heard of no damage to Doctor, horse, or buggy.

David's Sarsaparilla—the one true blue blood purifier.

ABOUT SPAIN.

Nothing is yet known from the Court of Inquiry concerning the report on the Maine disaster. The report is looked for in Washington to-day. By next week perhaps there will be something to tell.

"THE POORE DARKEY."

ESSEX N C March 21th 1898 Mr Editor

You Seem So unfair I have decided to write again. when we give you facts and figures that you cannot deny you Just hollow negro. Self you Just wait a week and get Some of your tools to follow for you. You Say that the Populist party will Split and part go to the Democrats and part to the Republican party. what part of the Democrat party do you think we will go to do you think we will come to you and the Charlotte Observer who are for Gold. or do you think we will go to Websters Weekly and Bryant who are for Silver

Please allow me to inform the poore darkey who writ in your paper last that the road Machinery was bought by a Democrat and are running under his directions. A Thorne in Your flesh

[We are unable to see how we have been "unfair" to Mr. Hardy, as we printed his former letter exactly like he wrote, and made no comment except to say that we thought it fully explained itself.

As to "hollowing" negro, we have no knowledge of it, as we said nothing at all. As to getting a "tool" to do our work we are also ignorant. As to the "poore darkey who writ" in our paper, his article came entirely unsought and unknown for some time.—EDITOR.

MARRIAGE AT RINGWOOD.

RINGWOOD, N. C. March 20th, 1898.

Married at the M. P. Church in Ringwood, March 16th, Mr. J. S. Warren to Miss Irene Threewits. The church was tastefully and beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bridal couple entered while Mrs. Joseph Weiler was rendering a soft sweet wedding march, with following young couples as attendants: Turner Threewits and Miss Irene Davis, Lloyd Threewits and Miss Mary Bullock, Leo Braswell and Miss Mamie Johnson. Rev. Lat. Harris performed the ceremony. The popularity of the couple was attested by the large crowd present who wish them a long and happy life. A most tempting and enjoyable supper was served at night at the home of the bride.

Mrs. John Davis, of Scotland Neck, is visiting at her old home having come to witness the marriage of her sister, Miss Irene.

Tobacco plants are coming up nicely and prospect so far are fine for beginning of crop season.

Miss Sallie D. Jones, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dan Cuthrell, has returned to her home here and many friends are glad to see her.

Mr. Thad Gaskins, who reside between this place and Enfield, died Wednesday night exactly at midnight. He has suffered some months with that fell destroyer, consumption.

Rev. Albert Wilcox preached the funeral sermon. The body of Mr. Gaskins was interred in the family burying ground Friday. He was an honest, good citizen and will be sadly missed by his wife and three little children and friends.

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A BAND OF TRAIN ROBBERS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) WHITAKERS, N. C., March 21 '98. Quite a large crowd attended the dedicatory services at the M. P. church on Sunday morning. Rev. W. A. Bunch preached a fine sermon, after which, in a very impressive manner, the church was dedicated.

A tramp and a drunken negro were arrested Wednesday charged with disorderly conduct on the streets. They were tried and fined each five dollars and costs, in default of which, they were put to work on the streets. After working a half day the tramp got a chance and skipped, whereupon the negro grew obstinate and refused to work any more and had to be locked up. He, however, paid into the treasury the required amount next morning and was discharged.

Mr. Woodard (our constable) it seems grew tired of single-blessedness and concluded that he must marry—and to give the event the spice of romance, without acquainting any one of the conclusion at which he had arrived, on Thursday morning, (on pretext of urgent business) he left for Nashville, taking with him Mrs. Flonnie Bobbitt (his bride that was to be) and at 4 o'clock they were married. They reached home that night about 9 o'clock. We wish them much happiness.

The A. C. L. detective arrested two men last week for train robbery—Geo. Hanna (one of the men) turned state evidence. He stated that a band of five was organized in '96 with Henry Mitchell (colored) as captain. He said that they would go up to Weldon and get in the car under the shed and put what things they wanted near the door and when the train passed the large trestle about a mile below here, they would shove them off, and Mitchell would be there with a cart and take them to his house, and they would get off at Battleboro, come back to Mitchell's and divide the spoils. The trial took place Saturday. The railroad was represented by Mess. Bunn and Sherrod and the defendants by Mess. Battle and Thorne. While one of the witnesses was being examined there being a large crowd in the room, Geo. Hanna, the main man, slipped out and made his escape. The others were taken to Rocky Mt. that night for safe keeping and were lodged in Tarboro jail the next day.

Mr. Owen Moore spent Sunday here. Miss Lula Moore left Monday for Wilson. Mr. E. N. Ricks, of Enfield, was here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of Gold Rock, were in town Monday. Mrs. Riley, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Taylor, returned to her home in Wilson on Friday. Mrs. L. M. Carter visited Enfield Friday. Miss Rosa Burnette, who is teaching in Rocky Mt., is at home for a few days. Misses Fannie and Emma Speight were here Sunday.

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NOTICE. I have qualified as administrator upon the estates of John T. Lawrence, Ann R. Lawrence, W. J. Lawrence, Geo. P. Lawrence and R. E. Lawrence. All creditors of either of said estates are hereby notified to present their claims to me, or to my attorney, W. A. Dunn, Scotland Neck, N. C., on or before the first day of April, 1899, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This March 16th, 1898. 3 24 6t. NOAH BIGGS.

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