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MR. DOUGLAS AT NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, August 25th.

On landing, he expressed his thanks for the unexpected warmth of his welcome, and for a couple of hours afterwards was occupied in receiving his friends at the hotel.

During the day he visited Portsmouth, by invitation.

In the evening an immense crowd gathered on the streets of Norfolk, bonfires were lighted, hands played, and a queer time of it altogether was had, fermenting an enthusiasm foreign to the Norfolkers. A committee of arrangements was formed, and under their directions the whole body of people proceeded to the Court House park.

Judge Douglas soon appeared there also, and taking his stand on the topmost step of the stone flight leading to the entrance of the building, he proceeded at once to address the assemblage, computed at six thousand. He spoke for nearly two hours.

In the middle of his address a slip of paper was handed to him. It was cut from the Norfolk Daily Argus, and contained two polite questions for Judge Douglas.

Having ascertained the questions thus propounded, he said thereon, I am not in the habit of answering questions propounded to me in the course of an address, but on this occasion, I will comply with the request and respond very frankly and unequivocally to these questions.

The first question is, if Abraham Lincoln be elected President of the United States, will the Southern States be justified in seceding from the Union?

To this I emphatically answer, no. (Great applause.) The election of a man to the Presidency by the American people, in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, would not justify any attempt at dissolving this glorious confederacy. (Applause.) Now I will read to you the next question, and then answer it.

Question.—If they, the Southern States, secede from the Union, before the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln, upon the grounds, an overt act against their constitutional rights, will you advise or vindicate resistance by force to their secession?

Voices—"No, no!" "Bell men say no, Douglas."

Mr. Douglas—I answer emphatically that it is the duty of the President of the United States, and all others in authority under him, to enforce the laws of the United States as passed by Congress, and as the courts expound them. (Cheers.) And, as in duty bound by my oath of fidelity to the constitution, would do in my power to aid the government of the United States in maintaining the supremacy of the laws against the resistance of them, come from what quarter it might. (Good.) In other words, I think the President of the United States, whoever he may be, should treat all attempts to break up the Union, by resistance to its laws, as Old Hickory treated the nullifiers in 1822.—(Applause.) The laws must be enforced, but at the same time, he remembered, it is the duty of every citizen of every State, and every public functionary, to preserve, maintain and vindicate the rights of every citizen and the rights of every State in the Union.

I hold that the constitution has a remedy for every grievance that may arise within the limits of the Union. I am very frank in answering these questions. I am not in favor of the policy which would tend to give rise to uprisings or martyrings, much less to such as would call for resistance from any quarter. I acknowledge the inherent inalienable right to revolution whenever a grievance becomes too burdensome to be borne. I acknowledge the right of every man to rebel and change the form of government under which he lives whenever it proves destructive to the ends for which it was established.

That is a right, however, never to be resorted to until the operations of the government become more grievous than the consequences of revolution. And therefore I say that the mere inauguration of a President of the United States, whose political opinions were in my judgment hostile to the constitution and safety of the Union, without an overt act on his part, without striking a blow at our constitution, or our rights, is not such a grievance as would justify revolution or secession. (Cheers.) Hence I say whoever may be elected President of the United States, he must be sustained in the exercise of all his just constitutional prerogatives and powers. If he transcends them we will punish him with all the rigor of the law, as you punished John Brown when he violated your laws. (A storm of applause.) I, for one, will sustain with all my energy the President whoever he may be in the exercise of all the powers conferred upon him by the Constitution, but I would just take as much pleasure in hanging him if he transcended these powers, as I feel pleasure in knowing that you hanged John Brown when he was guilty of murder and treason against the State of Virginia.—(Renewed storm.) I am a law-abiding Union can be maintained by a faithful observance of the constitution, but I insist in exacting the fulfillment of every provision of that constitution, and I insist on a line of policy which will place all the people of all the States in an exact equality, and maintain and protect them in their just rights, but which will also compel obedience to the constitution and the constituted authorities of the country. Now, these questions put to me the first day I landed on Virginia soil, having emanated from the friends of the secessionist candidate, I ask that like questions may be also put to those candidates, and that you insist upon such frank and unequivocal answers as I have given.

A Voice—"They could not do it square."

Mr. Douglas—Remember that Mr. Breckinridge was nominated on the theory that the election of Lincoln was preferable to that of Douglas. Now, no man doubts that if Breckinridge's friends had not seceded at Baltimore, but had acquiesced in the legitimate action of the Convention, I would have in this contest beaten Lincoln by the popular vote.

Voices—"That's so."

Mr. Douglas—Less than one-third of the Convention seceded from the two-thirds on the ground that Southern honor and Southern rights were not safe in my hands, and that hence it was necessary to divide the party in every State of the Union so that Lincoln might have a chance of running in between the democratic forces of the democratic party and get elected by a majority vote.

A Voice—"That's so."

Mr. Douglas—The only ostensible and true object in making a Breckinridge ticket in the Northern States was to divide the Democratic party so as to give Lincoln every one of those States, so that I tell you if Lincoln be elected President, it will be the secessionists whom you will have to blame for it.

A Voice—"That's so."

Mr. Douglas—Lincoln has no hope of being elected except through the efforts of the secessionists, who have divided the Democratic party—supposing that Breckinridge could carry every Southern State—though it now seems he is not going to carry a single one by the people. Still, by dividing the North, he gives every one of the States to Lincoln, thus allowing him to be elected by the popular vote. Why, what was the true aspect of the contest before the secession? Lincoln had no show whatever for more than two States till the Breckinridge division took place, and I would have beaten him in every State but Vermont and Massachusetts. As it is, I think I will beat him in almost all of them yet. (Cheers.) But should Lincoln be elected, the secessionists who nominated and now support Breckinridge, will be entitled to the credit of it, and upon them will rest the responsibility of having adopted the fatal policy, and drawing the result of their own rash and patriotic vote which give to Lincoln a chance of success, they come forward and ask me if I will help them to dissolve the Union in the event of Lincoln being raised to the Presidential chair. I tell them no—never on earth. (Cheers, and cries of "Good.") I am for putting down Northern abolitionism, but am also for putting down Southern secessionism, and that, too, by the exercise of the same constitutional power.—("Good.") I believe that the peace, the harmony and the safety of this country depend on destroying both factions. (Cheers.)—Both parties, if parties they can be called, are allies in a common cause; for, however hostile they may be to each other, however opposed in purposes and objects, yet their course of action tends to the same deplorable result, and without meaning any disrespect or personal unkindness, I believe that in the event of the success of either party, the success of the Northern Abolitionists, or that of the Southern Secessionists, the Union and our glorious Constitution are alike put in peril and danger. Northern Abolitionism does not exist for any length of time except there was a counterpoise demanding the intervention of the South. The Republicans demand Congressional interference to end slavery, while the secessionists demand that Congress shall interfere to protect and extend slavery. This is the pivot upon which both parties turn; this, my friends, is the whole state of the case, these are the dangers to be apprehended, and thus it devolves upon you to rally to the rescue, and, by voting the national Democratic ticket placed before the country by the Baltimore Convention, to preserve this glorious Union. (Cheers and cries of "We will do it.")

His speech made a favorable impression in Norfolk. Numbers of Breckinridge men publicly proclaimed their desertion from that party and their adherence to Douglas. The Bell and Everett men stand fast to their colors, and are sanguine of the success of their men. They will certainly carry this State.

On Monday, Mr. Douglas will visit Old Point Comfort, and thence proceed to Petersburg. He will address the people there on Tuesday, and proceed to Raleigh to attend a convention to be held on Thursday next. He will speak there, and then proceed to Richmond to address a public meeting on Friday.

**A New and Valuable Invention.**  
Mr. Gabriel Uley, of Chapel Hill, has just obtained a patent for a Machine for Trimming Books, invented by himself. It is a simple and highly effective machine, which admits also of all the adjustments necessary to trim paper to any required size, or different sized paper and books. The machine now in use will only trim one end of a book at a time, while the invention of Mr. Uley will trim both ends and the side at the same time, thus saving two-thirds of the time and labor now required. Mr. Uley informs that his machine can be sold for less than half the cost of those now in use. It is certainly a valuable invention, and we have no doubt will amply repay the inventor for his trouble and ingenuity. We learn that he has already been offered \$10,000 for the patent right, which he refused.—*Raleigh Register.*

**Gov. Letcher for Douglas.**  
In his late speech, Governor Fouts announced upon authority that Governor Letcher had declared in favor of Douglas, and would cordially support his election. This announcement was greeted by the friends of Douglas with hearty and prolonged applause. It is an announcement, too, which will carry terror and dismay into the ranks of the Yancey-Breckinridge throughout the State and throughout the Union. The fact that Governor Letcher is in favor of Douglas will be worth, perhaps, ten or fifteen thousand votes to the "Little Giant" here in Virginia.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

**Fast Running.**  
John Davis conductor, and engineer Wood, on Sunday morning jeopardized the lives of the passengers in a train on the New York Central Railroad by running 81 miles in one hundred minutes. As no accident happened the individuals mentioned are extolled by the country papers for the fact which they accomplished, and other engineers and conductors are challenged to do likewise.

From the Richmond Whig.  
**Progress of the Canvass in Virginia—A Word to our Friends.**

We rejoice to note the extraordinary zeal and activity which are beginning to distinguish the movements of our friends throughout the State! In all portions of the Commonwealth—in a very large majority of the counties—the gallant and unconquerable Whigs and Americans of Virginia are arousing themselves nobly and enthusiastically, and buckling on their armor and going forth intrepidly to the fight, with an earnest and solemn resolution to carry the day, gloriously and triumphantly in November! The work of thorough and systematic organization, we have good reason to hope and believe, is going on bravely. Bell and Everett Clubs are being formed in almost every county and neighborhood, as the proceedings of meetings daily published in our columns attest. Mass Meetings and Bazaar, also, are being gotten up in many portions of the State, attended by thousands of honest voters of all parties, and addressed by the most talented and eloquent speakers of the State. Our electors and orators are all taking the field in good earnest, and evince a determination not to falter in the glorious work they have undertaken until a mighty and a rousing victory perches on our banner—the pure and noble and honest banner of the Constitution, the Union, and the Enforcement of the Laws!

Thus, then, the great and indispensable work of the canvass has been fairly and earnestly begun. It only remains for our friends in every county and neighborhood of the State to see to it that the work is pushed on constantly, vigorously and energetically. Let them continue the formation of Bell and Everett Clubs in every proper and convenient locality—in every single neighborhood—indeed wherever ten or fifteen or twenty voters can be conveniently assembled. In some counties, we already hear of the existence of as many as ten or a dozen flourishing Clubs, composed of members faithful and zealous, and winning Democratic recruits every day. There is no reason on earth why any county in the State should fail to have forthwith organized within its limits at least half a dozen Clubs, to be increased to a dozen in the next two or three weeks. It is only necessary for one or two or three active and zealous friends of the cause, in each neighborhood, to issue a call for a meeting at a designated place, and obtain the signatures thereto of as many voters as possible in order to effect at once the organization of a flourishing Club. A few active and determined gentlemen, how many may they not accomplish in a short time, in furthering the election of our noble candidates? If these few, in each and every neighborhood, will take hold of the matter at once and earnestly, we should confidently expect to see, by the 10th of September, the establishment of at least half a dozen prosperous Bell and Everett Clubs in every single county in the State! And why should such not be the case? What hinder? What in the way, if our friends are really anxious for the success of the cause, and are willing to put forth the necessary efforts to render success a fixed, certain and glorious fact?—We call upon them all—we especially call upon two or three of the more intelligent and zealous in each neighborhood—to start this ball and keep it in constant motion, until every single county in the State is distinguished by the establishment of a large number of Bell and Everett Clubs, and a thorough, efficient and systematic organization of the Bell and Everett forces.

However bright our prospects now, we desire to impress upon the minds of our friends the simple and urgent fact that these prospects may be dimmed and blasted, unless there be that through a sort of organization, which we so earnestly recommend. Without such organization, no party can hope to succeed, no matter how strong in point of actual members. Those members need to be enrolled, disciplined and encouraged, or else our adversaries may seduce them from us. Organization, therefore—thorough, systematic, universal Organization—is what the Bell and Everett men in Virginia should set about securing right away. Not partial, but universal organization—not organization in fifty or a hundred, or a hundred and fifty counties—but organization in all the counties in the entire one hundred and fifty odd counties, and in every district and neighborhood of those one hundred and fifty-odd counties—that—that is what is necessary now, and indispensable to our complete and certain success! Shall there not be such organization in Virginia forthwith? We urge, earnest, and importune our gallant and glorious comrades throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth, to give heed to our earnest and disinterested appeal, and carry out our suggestion without a moment's delay!

We have heretofore alluded to the fact that the Yancey-Breckinridge faction in this State will doubtless have the command of immense sums of money, to be employed to their advantage in the present canvass. The corrupt administration at Washington will flood the State with money to secure the votes of disunionists in the Gulf States, who are anxious to bring Virginia into the support of their traitorous schemes, will also, it is probable, contribute thousands and ten thousands of money to carry Virginia for the Yancey candidate in November. We have no doubt indeed that these Gulf State Disunionists would willingly contribute from one to five hundred thousand dollars, rather than allow Virginia to cast her vote against the Yancey candidate. The carrying of Virginia for Breckinridge and Lane is their trump card in the great game they are playing for Disunion, Revolution and Civil War! And they are determined not to lose Virginia, if money can save her to the Disunionist cause! 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FOR PRESIDENT,  
**HON. JOHN BELL,**  
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
**HON. EDW'D. EVERETT,**  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ELECTORS  
For President and Vice-President.

For the State at Large:  
HON. GEO. E. BADGER, of Wake.  
DR. R. K. SPEED, of Pasquotank.

Districts:  
1st District, J. W. HUNTER, of Pasquotank.  
2d do CHAS. C. CLARK, of Craven.  
3d do O. H. DOCKERY, of Richmond.  
4th do L. C. EDWARDS, of Granville.  
5th do ALFRED G. FOSTER, of Randolph.  
6th do HESLEY WALKER, of Davidson.  
7th do WM. P. BYNUM, of Lincoln.  
8th do TON R. CALDWELL, of Burke.

## THE DOUGLAS TICKET.

Well, the die is cast; the friends of Douglas in North Carolina, have met in Convention, and after canvassing the matter fully and thoroughly, have nominated a straight on Douglas electoral ticket. That the Yancey-Breckinridge disunionists of the State, are wonderfully exercised, and dreadfully frightened on account of this movement of the Douglasites, is very evident, and it is now generally conceded by those of them who make any pretensions to candor, that the vote of the State will be cast for Bell and Everett. But the question arises, have the Whigs in reality, gained anything by this movement, and have they any cause to rejoice over the action of the Douglas men at their late convention? For our part, we think the Whigs have gained nothing, and that it would have been better for them, that a Douglas ticket had not been formed. In expressing this opinion, we know that we run counter to the views of a large majority of our Whig friends, but when they come to reflect upon it we feel assured that they will agree with us, and will come to the same conclusion as we have, and that is, that while it may enable us at this time, to carry the State for Bell by a larger majority than we otherwise would have done, yet it will be the salvation of the Democratic party hereafter. And instead of the Whigs gaining a clean and an overwhelming victory at this time, as they most certainly would have done, the victory will only be partial, and they will find at the next election, an enemy in the field as strong and so powerful that it will require every effort on the part of the Whigs to overcome them. In other words, without this Douglas ticket, we had the enemy completely in our power, and from the position they occupied, after defeat they would have had no rallying point; but with the Douglas flag in the field, the position of parties after the election, will be quite different from what it would have been had the fight been simply between Bell and Breckinridge. What then, have the Whigs gained by this Douglas ticket? Without it Bell would, beyond all doubt, have carried the State, and with it he can do nothing more. In the one case, it would have been a triumph of patriotic Union men, over a sectional disunion faction, and that faction being composed entirely of Democrats, the party would have been swept from the State, or so completely mashed up that for the future it would have been utterly powerless; but in the other case, the Douglas party, standing before the country as Union men, will serve as a nucleus, around which all these scattered fragments of the Democracy will collect, and the next battle will be even more fiercely contested than the present, and to the Whigs, will be fought under much greater disadvantages—for then, the question will not be, Union and Disunion, but we will have the same old cry of the "Great National Democracy," the only party that can save the country." For, however certain Douglas and his friends may be of his election at this time, it is very clear that they are fixing their triggers so that if they miss it now, that four years from this his election will be placed beyond all doubt.

The formation of a Douglas ticket in North Carolina, we regard as a movement on the political board, from which nothing in reality, is expected at present, but from which very important results may hereafter flow.—That the Douglas men desire the defeat of Breckinridge we admit, but why could they not effect this as easily by voting for Bell as they can by forming a separate ticket—in fact would not such a course, be the most effectual way of saving the State for Bell?—Most certainly it would; and had not a Douglas ticket been formed, we feel assured that thousands of the Union-loving Democrats of the State would have voted for Bell, and in that event, they would hereafter have remained and acted with the Union party—but now, after the election, they will set up for themselves, and with a few exceptions, every secession disunion Democrat will flock to their standard, and hereafter we will have to fight these same disunion men, and we will have to fight them at a great disadvantage—for led on by Douglas, and with the Douglas Union flag floating over them, they will as heretofore, claim to be the "great National Democratic party," and the only party that can save the country.

We are willing to accord to Mr. Dick and others, the leaders in this movement, a large amount of political sagacity, and, that the Democratic party in North Carolina will not be totally annihilated, will be owing entirely to Mr. Dick and those acting in concert with him. But while we admire Mr. Dick and his friends for their sagacity, we regret that we cannot profess the same admiration for their sincerity. The Douglas men say that their object is to defeat the Yancey Disunionists, and that to do this, they will, if necessary, sacrifice the Democratic party, for that they prefer their country, this Union, to party.—Now, if Mr. Dick has the preservation of this Union so much at heart, and regards the de-

feat of Breckinridge so necessary to its safety, why did he delay to take any steps to bring this about until the 30th of August?—Did not Mr. Dick know that the election of John W. Ellis, a Yancey-Breckinridge Disunionist as Governor of the State, would have the effect to greatly strengthen the Disunion party? And did not Mr. Dick know that if a Douglas ticket had been formed before the August election that Mr. Pool, the Union candidate, would in all probability, have been elected, and that all chance for Breckinridge to carry the State would have been at an end? To judge Mr. Dick then, by his acts, are we not compelled to say that his object is not so much to save the Union as it is to save the Democratic party? Had not a Douglas ticket been formed, the Democratic party in this State would have been so deeply buried that it could never have been again resurrected; but now if Douglas can get some twenty thousand votes, the party will still live in all its vigor. Whether or not Mr. Dick and his friends can induce enough of the Democracy to throw off their party shackles to effect this time will show. It would be well for the Whig party that he could not.

For the above reasons we see no cause to rejoice over the formation of a Douglas ticket in North Carolina.

## THE CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the Douglas wing of the Democratic faction as taken from the Standard, will be found in another part of the paper. Returning from the Eastern part of the State, we took the train at Warrenton on Wednesday. On entering the cars we found Mr. Douglas aboard, together with the Committee, whose duty it was to escort him. Although Mr. Douglas was expected on the train that day, there were but very few at the different stations to get a sight of him; he created no enthusiasm on the route; and indeed, the only demonstration of any kind, was at Henderson, the dinner house, where some dozen or twenty persons crowded into the room and gazed for a while at the great man while eating; but finding, we presume, that he ate like other persons, they soon retired. On arriving at Raleigh, quite a crowd was at the depot to receive him. Judge Douglas is low in stature, somewhat on the dumpy order, quite stout however, and weighs just 197 pounds—this we had from his own mouth, and it may therefore be considered as his true weight. Mr. Douglas seemed to be in fine keeping, and if he drinks as much spirits as some say he does, we are very confident that it has none of any body's strength in it. Mr. Douglas is certainly a fair specimen of a sucker, and if Illinois contains many more such, she is well entitled to be called the sucker State.

We found in Raleigh quite a number of strangers, and Douglas stock seemed to be at a premium. Hundreds sought an introduction to the "Little Giant." He received all quite cordially, and although a great man, was very approachable. During the evening, quite a number of the citizens called to pay their respects—among them, Mr. Badger and Mr. Holden; we inquired for Mr. Whitaker of the Press, but was informed that he had left town before Mr. Douglas arrived, nor did he return until after Mr. Douglas had left. He was looking somewhat pale, though we thought not greatly frightened. Why Mr. Whitaker left the city on so important occasion, we leave him to explain. Was it because two lions cannot traverse the same forest, or two eagles build their eyries in the same mountain? We know not but certain it is, that Raleigh did not at the same time, contain within its limits, Mr. Douglas and his bitter assailant of the Press. It's a poor shepherd that leaves the flock when the wolves are about.

At 12 o'clock Thursday, Mr. Dick called the convention to order. Mr. Dick's speech was not only appropriate and in good taste, but it was truly eloquent, creating quite a sensation, and making a deep impression on all who heard it. After the convention was fully organized, Thomas Settle, Esq., introduced a resolution complimenting Mr. Dick for the bold and firm stand which he had taken at the Baltimore convention; after some very eulogistic remarks from Mr. Settle and Mr. D. K. McRae, the resolution was unanimously adopted, when Mr. Dick appeared before the convention, and thanked them for the compliment, after which he retired overwhelmed with applause.

At 4 o'clock in the evening, some 2,000 persons were assembled at the East wing of the Capitol to hear Mr. Douglas. The speech was very able and eloquent, and was listened to with the greatest interest and attention.—We will publish the speech in our next issue. The Rev. Dr. Baker used to say, that when he got to Heaven, he expected to be surprised at two things. In the first place, he would be surprised to miss some whom he expected to find there; and in the next place, he would be surprised to find some whom he never expected would be there. It was even so with us when we looked in upon the Douglas convention. The presence of some who were there surprised us, and we looked in vain for others whom we expected to see. Cousin Thomas was there, but Cousin David was not to be found. We once knew a merchant and his wife, who made a profession of religion at the same time. They had no particular leaning towards any Church, and so in order to be in the way of custom, they thought it prudent that one should join the Methodist and the other the Presbyterian. The world commended them for their wisdom. If it is wise for families to divide up in Church matters, is it not equally so, that they should follow the same policy in political matters. If Douglas is elected, then Cousin David will have a friend at Court, and if Breckinridge is elected, then Cousin Thomas will be in the same happy condition. This being near of kin to great men, is a thing much to be desired, and we were struck at the great number of relations which old Joe Lane seemed to have in and about Raleigh. We heard no one speak of him, except as Cousin Joe—and even in the Douglas Convention, he was always alluded to as Cousin Joe—and indeed, when it was stated that there was but one man in Moore county that would vote for

Breckinridge, it was added, that he would do so on account of his affection for Cousin Joe. Somehow or other, these Presidential aspirants seem to have a heap of kin folks in old North Carolina. One thing, however, did not surprise us, and that was, to find Duncan K. McRae there; we must confess, however, that his presence caused us some doubt, as to whether the Douglas men were the Simon pure orthodox party—for it is well known that Mr. McRae always runs on the opposition line. Mr. McRae made a speech, and in the course of it, handled a Mr. Matong very roughly! Mr. McRae said Matong was French, and meant sheep, and as Mr. Matong seemed to have no friends there, no body appeared disposed to call in question Mr. McRae's definition; and so upon the whole, we thought that Mr. Matong was a damaged man.

The speeches in the Convention were all greatly applauded; but if we were to judge from the racket, we thought that Dr. Piemont's effort carried off the palm. It appeared to us, however, that the convention applauded the Doctor's speech in the wrong places—the racket was always at the beginning instead of the end of a fine sentence. It struck us as an effort to clap him down, but he did not take it as such, and so we presume that we were mistaken;—the Doctor's speech was received with a great racket.

## THE WARREN DEMOCRACY.

Last week, the County Court for Warren was in session; a little matter of business made it necessary for us to attend. While there we had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the untutored disunionists of that county. Mr. Weldon Edwards as Chairman of the meeting, made quite a speech, denouncing every body generally, and Douglas in particular. Having heard a great deal of Mr. Edwards, and having so often heard him quoted as one of the orthodox leaders of the Democracy in this State, we listened very attentively to what fell from his lips, and judge of our surprise when we heard him, with great emphasis say, that he greatly preferred the election of Lincoln to that of Douglas. We looked around, expecting to see the crowd start to their feet, and cry out abolitionism—but greatly to our astonishment, a smile of satisfaction seemed to rest on every countenance—no, not upon every countenance, for we must except Mr. Venable, who shook his head, and exhibited various signs of disapprobation. As Mr. Venable was to speak, we anticipated some fun at the prospect of seeing him and Mr. Edwards look horns on this matter of preferring Lincoln to Douglas—but Mr. Venable steered entirely clear of the point, neither expressing his approbation or disapprobation of the sentiment so dogmatically put forth by the honorable Chairman. It is due to Mr. Venable, however, to say, that after the meeting was over, he came to us and said he desired it to be distinctly understood that he did not endorse the sentiment of Mr. Edwards. We were glad to hear Mr. Venable say so, but we would have much more admired his independence, if he had had the boldness to say so in his speech.

Mr. Venable had two objections to Douglas. The first, because he favored the compromise of 1850. We thought a little strange of this, when we reflected, that the Democratic party in convention in 1852, endorsed this compromise, and recognized it as a finality on the slavery question. His second objection was, that Douglas had never been regularly nominated; that the delegates having been appointed to go to Charleston, that they had no power to adjourn to Baltimore, and that consequently, their action at Baltimore was a nullity. This position necessarily compelled Mr. Venable to say that Breckinridge had not been nominated by any lawful constituted convention, but he very easily got out of the difficulty by saying that Breckinridge received his nomination from the hearts of the people.

What will the Democracy say to the sentiments of Edwards—that he preferred the election of Lincoln to that of Douglas? Had a Whig said as much, a perfect howl would have gone up, and he would have been pronounced as an abolitionist. No man can prefer the election of Lincoln to that of Douglas, unless he is at heart a disunionist. Mr. Venable says he can't endorse such sentiments. What has the Democratic Press to say in defence of its great favorite, the Hon. Weldon N. Edwards?

## BE NOT DECEIVED.

We have in another article, given the main reasons why we were opposed to a Douglas ticket in this State, but there are others to which we will, briefly refer. In the first place, a Douglas ticket is calculated to lull the Whigs into a false security, and cause them to relax in their efforts to carry the State for Bell and Everett. We have now, nothing to do but to look on, say a great many Whigs;—the Douglas and Breckinridge men will cut each others throats, while the State will go for Bell, just as naturally as a ripe apple will fall to the ground. Others again, say that a vote for Douglas is a vote for Bell, and that they had just as soon that a Union Democrat should vote for Douglas as to vote for Bell. Aware of the difficulty at all times, to bring up our Whig friends to the polls, we dreaded the influence of a Douglas ticket as calculated to add to this indifference, on the ground that all was safe, and that we had nothing to do. In the second place, there will not be as large a vote polled in November as there was in August, by at least 15,000 votes, and when we say that eight tenths of this falling off will be from the Whig vote, we only judge the future from the past. Say then, the Whig vote will be 12,000 less than it was in August, and the Democratic vote only 3,000 less, this would leave a Democratic majority of 15,000. Now can Douglas get over 15,000 votes in the State? If he can, why Bell would carry the State even with a loss of 12,000 on the Governor's vote. It is safe however, to risk Douglas getting 15,000 votes—the Breckinridge men say that he will not get 3,000.

It is always well to state things as they are, as no man in the end, ever gained any

thing by deceiving himself, or by concealing the truth. And from the above, it will be seen that there is a necessity for every Whig working from now until the day of the election. There is no necessity for any falling off in the Whig vote from last August, but on the contrary, it might be largely increased, and if the proper exertions are used, it will be—but we much fear that this Douglas ticket will have the effect to lull the Whigs into a false security, and that they will not see their error until it is too late to apply the remedy. Then let every Whig go to work, let him feel the necessity of working—and let him persuade all the Douglas men he can to vote for Bell. And how shall this work be performed? Let our readers turn to the first page of the paper and read the article from the Richmond Whig, headed "The Progress of the canvass in Virginia."

## THE SPLIT.

In March last, Gov. Ellis promulgated the sentiment, that however much Democrats might differ yet they never divided; yet the history of the last few months has shown that in this, Gov. Ellis was very much mistaken. Throughout the Union, the great Democratic party has divided and subdivided, while hundreds and thousands of them have gone over to the Black Republicans. The Douglasites and the Breckinites, throughout the whole South, are now fairly pitted against each other; and in this division, especially in North Carolina, we find that the Douglasites have their fair proportion of talent and beauty. In point of ability, Messrs. Miller, Settle, Dick, McRae, Hyman, Busbee, Wilder, and Myers, are fully equal to any eight of the Breckinites. As regards beauty, Mr. Haywood is generally recognized as decidedly the best looking Breck in the State, but in our humble opinion, and we profess to have some taste in these matters, we regard Mr. Settle as far excelling him. Should Mr. Haywood, as it is rumored, come over to the Douglasites, the Brecks will suffer a great loss in the way of personal appearances.

## A NOTICEABLE FACT.

While casting our eye over the late Douglas Convention, we were struck with the fact, that none of the old fogies of the party were present, but that it was made up entirely of young men and those who were in the prime of life. Regarding Douglas and his friends as Union men, we asked ourselves how it happened that in the division, all the old men of the party had arrayed themselves on the side of disunion? We could account for it in no other way than that the old fogies of the party had so long bowed their necks to the party yoke, that they had lost all spirit to resist. Such being the case, we can only the more admire the boldness and independence of Messrs. Dick, Settle and others, the leaders in the Douglas movement. We are well acquainted with Mr. Dick and Mr. Settle, and esteem them both as personal friends, and would take pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability, purity, firmness, and integrity of these gentlemen, but well do we know that were we to do so, that we would be accused of being actuated with sinister views. Before the canvass is over, however, if we mistake not, these gentlemen will be heard from in such a way that they will need no one to speak their praises.

## PEACHES.

A. Reid Esq., sent us a mess of very large, fine peaches for which we make our acknowledgements. They are full grown democratic peaches; but whether of the Douglas or Breckinridge stock, we are not advised; but from a late incident with which Esq. R. had some connection, we feel authorized in presuming they are "Union" peaches. For farther information on this point, see marriage head.

## Old and New Together.

Mr. Thos. H. Fentress complimented us with a basket of sweet potatoes, containing a mixture of last years and this years growth. Mr. F. must be in possession of some secret plan by which he keeps his potatoes sound through summer,—they being now as sound as the new ones.

## Early Pumpkins.

The first ripe pumpkins we have seen this season, were raised by our Sheriff Col. C. A. Boon. Col. B. presented us with a couple of fine ones—the largest measuring four feet 8 inches in circumference.

## Change of Schedule.

A change has again been made in the schedule of the mail train on the North Carolina Rail Road. The train from Charlotte arrives here about ten, A. M. and from Goldsboro at three, P. M.

## Noisy People and Noisy Things.

As a general rule—such has been the result of our observation—the more noise a man makes in the world the less value he is to the community. Cowper never wrote truer sentiments as he has seldom written more beautiful lines, than those:

—'Stillst stream is  
Of water fairest meadows; and the bird  
That utters least is longest on the wing.'

And it is very much so with things as well as man. The fact is, we don't like noise—certainly not unless we have a hand in making it. It was always a formidable objection to the introduction of the sewing machine into the family that the little thing was so noisy. But Mr. Grover, the inventor of the sewing machine patented by the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company, has just made an improvement in his pattern, by which his machine works with the least possible noise.—We go for it decidedly. It strikes us as a most perfect embodiment of what a sewing machine ought to be for the family.

The Census.—We learn that the Census-taker in Cabarrus, east of the N. C. Railroad, has finished his labors, and finds in that part of the county a population of 6,888. The whole population of the county will be near 11,000. In 1850 it was 8,674. In this county (Mecklenburg) the census, so far shows a large increase in population. In Mr. Phelan's division, west side of the county, we learn that the population will probably reach 10,000, exclusive of the town. In 1850 the whole county numbered only 11,724. Charlotte Democrat.

From the Philadelphia Monitor.		
The Chances.		
The combination of the Union Douglas men with the Union party, will probably carry the following States:		
	Bell.	Douglas.
Massachusetts.....	13	7
Rhode Island.....	4	2
Connecticut.....	6	3
New York.....	35	10
New Jersey.....	7	3
Pennsylvania.....	27	10
Powa.....	3	1
Wisconsin.....	5	1
Illinois.....	11	3
Indiana.....	13	4
Ohio.....	125	3
California and Oregon.....	7	3
Southern States.....	113	—
	163	104

We believe Bell will be elected by the people, and that the result will not vary much from the above.

But falling in this, let us look at the chances in the House and in the Senate. In 1856, New York gave Buchanan 350,482 and Fillmore 174,705.

Popular majority over Fremont.....	45,777
This year the defection of the Seward men will more than counterbalance the defection of the Administration men, and the Union Ticket will be sure to win by 50,000 majority. This result defeats Lincoln, even if he should carry every other free State in the Union. Pennsylvania, in 1860, gave Buchanan and Fillmore.....	312,332
Fremont.....	147,350

Majority against Fremont.....	164,982
We will suppose Lincoln gains 64,982 and the Buchanan men will throw away 5,000 votes.....	69,983
	85,000

Bell and Douglas are sure to carry the State by 85,000 majority, and Lincoln cannot possibly be elected without getting, every other free State in the Union. If he got every other, he would just have a majority of four votes. But Jersey alone will defeat him. Jersey is where she was in 1856. How was it then?

Buchanan and Fillmore got.....	71,058
Fremont.....	28,351

Majority against Fremont.....	42,707
If the Buchanan men should all go for Lincoln, the Union ticket will carry the State by not less than 20,000 majority—and Lincoln is defeated.	
And how is it with Illinois and Indiana? In 1856 in Illinois Buchanan and Fillmore had.....	141,730
Fremont.....	96,250

Majority against Fremont.....	45,450
The Buchanan men in 1856 cast only 6000 votes in favor of Lincoln and can do no more in 1860; and the combined Union ticket will have 45,000 majority.	
In 1856, Indiana gave Buchanan and Fillmore.....	142,068
Fremont.....	94,816

Majority against Fremont.....	47,242
There being not more than 2000 Buchanan men now in this State, the Union ticket will carry it by 45,000 majority!	
Electoral vote of Illinois.....	11
" " Indiana.....	13
" " New Jersey.....	7
" " California, which in 1856 gave a majority of 64,056 against Fremont.....	4

The South.....	120
	155

And Lincoln is defeated, even if he were to carry New York and Pennsylvania.

The Union men and the Douglas men are not beating the air. They are fighting for something, and they mean to get it.

We have calculated the "chances" of five Presidential contests, and have never yet made a material error; and we confidently predict that if the President is elected by the people, John Bell will be that man. If it goes into the House, Bell and Everett will be the first on the list. If it goes into the Senate, Edward Everett will be the next President of the United States.

Foreign Intervention in Mexico

We have the best authority for stating that the Mexican question is on the point of being prematurely settled by a decisive intervention of four of the Great Powers most deeply interested in the restoration of order through the dominions of our distracted neighbor. France England, Spain and Prussia had signed a convention for the pacification of Mexico, to which they invite the adhesion of the United States, but which they propose to carry into effect without that adhesion should the United States refuse it.

The bases of toleration for all religious opinions, and of a modified establishment for the Roman Catholic Church, we understand to have been already accepted by the Constitutionalists under J. Jarez on the one part, and by the Clerical party under Miramon on the other. An armistice of twelve months, duration is to be declared between the respective leaders and during this period those portions of Mexico occupied by each are to be held without dispute by the actual occupants, joint action being taken to secure the carrying on of the necessary business of the public administration and the maintenance of order. At a time to be hereafter fixed the people of Mexico are to be called upon to elect between the principles represented by the two factions, and the respective leaders are to pledge themselves to resign all their authority and to turn into the hands of the Government thus designated the sanction of the intervening Powers.

The grounds of this action, already submitted to the Administration at Washington are that the party of Juarez, which might have been established as the Supreme Executive more than a year ago, under the terms of the treaty proposed by Senor Ocampo through Mr. McLane to the Washington Government, has demonstrated its incapacity of conducting power, and that the United States have definitely abdicated their pretensions to act in this contest; that the party of Miramon in like manner has proved itself dependent upon an isolated friend, the Duke of Salabrida; and that the interests of the subjects of the intervening Powers and of civilization generally, can no longer be left at the mercy of the partisan warfare which has raged for six years in Mexico and has reduced the country to the very brink of chaos.

It is unnecessary for us to point out to our readers the gravity and importance of this act on the part of the European States. Our Government is understood to have announced that while a pacific intervention of the sort contemplated, if it fails to command the assistance, cannot provoke the hostility of the United States, no armed interference to enforce its provisions must be made without previous notice, communicated to the Administration at Washington.—New York Times.

## THE DOUGLAS CONVENTION.

THURSDAY, Aug. 30th, 1860.

At 12 o'clock the Convention was called to order by Robt. P. Dick, Esq., of Guilford county, who delivered a chaste and eloquent address, announcing the purposes for which they had assembled. He said they had met pursuant to a call which he had issued to the Democratic people of the State, and their only representative in the National Democratic Convention which had nominated, at Baltimore Stephen A. A. Douglas for the Presidency.—He was glad to see so large an assemblage and hoped that a spirit of generous conciliation would pervade their councils. The first great political lesson which he had learned was that the majority should rule, and hence as a loyal Democrat he was determined to support the regular nominees of his party.—He had stood by the Democratic party in sunshine and in darkness, had rejoiced in its triumphs and mourned its defeats. Rapidly sketching the history of the Charleston Convention, together with the causes which led to the final disruption of the party at Baltimore, Mr. Dick alleged that advocates of Congressional intervention for the protection of slavery were alone responsible for that great calamity that the agitation of the question of slavery had inflamed the worst passions and prejudices of the people of every section—had kindled the fiercest fires of sectional hate, and threatened to deluge the country in fraternal blood. Mr. Dick continued: "The cardinal principle of my political faith is the doctrine of non-intervention. The national Democratic convention at Baltimore re-affirmed this principle. It has been for twelve years the Shibboleth of the party, and has borne it triumphantly through the two last Presidential campaigns. Denouncing in no measured terms the Yancey, of Alabama, Rhett, Davis and others, he next paid a glowing tribute to Stephen A. Douglas—"as brave as true—as gallant a leader as ever led a host to battle." In conclusion, Mr. Dick observed that he "did not use the language of an excited alarmist, when he said that the union of the States was in imminent peril. It was assailed at the North by a cold determined, fanatical fanaticism by a wild and mad enthusiasm at the South. It remained for the great Democratic party to rally once more around the ark of their covenant, fired with the spirit of the hero of the Hermitage who said, 'The Union must and shall be preserved.' Mr. Dick was warmly applauded throughout.

On motion of Mr. Myers, of Mecklenburg a committee (consisting of one delegate from each Congressional District) was appointed to report permanent officers for the Convention. The Chair appointed Messrs: Tucker, Pennington Jones, Sloan, McDougall, Jenkins Phipps, Merritt and Hyman. On motion of Mr. Myers, there was a call of counties that delegates might present their credentials.

The following delegates were present: Alexander—John E. Rhein. Burt—Josiah White. Buncome—Jno. D. Hyman. Cabarrus—C. Scott. Carteret—Stephen H. Willis. Chatham—M. D. Williams, Ser., Kelly Mitchell, H. Wilson, H. H. Burke, Ridley Burgess, Thos. H. Burgess, Henry Burgess, Joshua Ward, B. R. Ward, L. J. Merritt, Jno. Williams, J. G. Giffen. Craven—W. F. Marshall, D. K. McRae J. L. Pennington, J. N. Whitford. Davidson—D. W. C. Johnson. Franklin—A. Taylor, H. Cooke, S. M. Stone. Forsyth—Ransom Phipps. Granville—R. A. Heavly, R. H. M. Paschall, W. H. Jenkins, C. A. Gregory, R. O. Gregory, Turner B. Newsom. Guilford—B. G. Graham, W. A. Dunn, Benet Idol, P. R. Waggoner, J. W. Dick, Wm. Adams, Robt. P. Dick. Gause—Dr. Wm. Sloan. Harnett—D. McDonald, A. D. McLean. Johnson—E. H. Woodard. Jones—Norman Jackson. Martin—Thos. Jones, A. S. Williams, S. W. Watts. Mecklenburg—W. R. Myers, Dr. Chas. J. Fox, J. H. Jones, W. A. Owens, Capt. Jno. R. Harrison, W. W. Elms, Wallace Alexander. Moore—Col. John Morrison, W. D. Harrington, Geo. Wilcox, Dr. H. Turner, S. C. Barrett, A. M. Branson, W. Burgett, Hiram Wadsworth. Nash—G. W. Blount. Northampton—Thos. G. Tucker. Orange—W. Brown, Geo. W. Vickers. Thomas S. Vickers, —Wilson, —Brown. Person—Francis D. Koonce. Onslow—Matthew Nelson, Robt. Williams Ralph Williams. Pitt—S. E. Milburn. Pasquotank—Dr. R. Piemont. Rockingham—Dr. Thos. W. Keen, Thos. Settle, Col. J. E. W. Hancock, Richard H. Wray, Dr. J. W. Ellington. Wake—Gaston H. Wilder, Henry W. Miller, Q. Busbee, George W. Norwood, William White, H. P. Tucker, John W. Reynolds, M. A. Prendergast, Jas. M. Royster, Mr. B. Royster, J. Q. DeCarteret, John W. Rogers, Jeremiah Williams, Mark Williams, A. J. Woodard, W. J. Lougee, John R. Harrison P. Kerral, J. B. Lassiter, Jeff. Fisher, Jno. M. Fleming, Dr. B. S. Harrison, and J. L. Bunting.

Washington.—Uriah W. Swanner. Wayne.—J. V. Sherrard. Wilson.—B. B. Barnes. When the country of Moore was called, Mr. Harrington said "he hailed from Moore," and knew but one Democrat in that county who vote for Breckinridge. That one would do so merely for the sake of "Old Joe Lane," (Applause.)

The Committee on permanent organization reported as follows:

For President of the Convention, Dr. C. J. FOX, of Mecklenburg.

For Vice Presidents: Thos. Jones, Esq., of Martin. Maj. G. H. W. Wilson, of Wake. Thos. SETTLE, Jr., of Rockingham. Col. Jno. MORRISON, of Moore.

Secretaries, J. Q. DECATERT, of Wake, Q. BUSBEE.

Messrs. Sherrard, Tucker and Sloan conducted Dr. Fox to the Chair, who briefly returned his grateful acknowledgements to the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Pennington, Reporters for the Press, irrespective of party were allowed seats in the Convention.

On motion, a following Committee consisting of one delegate from each Congressional District was appointed to prepare business for the Convention, viz—Messrs. Wilder, Myers, Hyman, Swanner, Pennington, McDougall, Morrison and Settle.

The Committee, returning, submitted, through Mr. Wilder the following report, which on motion of Mr. McRae, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially reaffirm and heartily endorse the platform of principles adopted at the National Democratic Convention which recently assembled at Charleston and Baltimore, and pledge ourselves to support cordially the nominees of said Convention for President and Vice President.

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Convention, and necessary to the success of the National Democratic party, to nominate and sustain an Electoral ticket pledged to the support of Douglas and Johnson.

Resolved, That we instruct our Electors to vote for Douglas and Johnson in case it will either elect them before the people, or carry them to the House of Representatives.







