

BATCASTER.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6, 1880

PEDERAL ELECTION LAWS.

It is understood that the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States now in session, are equal y divided upon the question of the con stitutionality of the Federal election laws. Justices Field, Clifford Bradley, and Harlan, being of the opinion that they are unconstitutional and Justices Waite, Swayne, Strong, and Miller, being of the opposite opinion. It is not known how Justice Hunt, who has been unable from sickness and old age to attend the Court, would decide. No decision of the question seems possible, by the Court, as at present constituted, as Mr. Justice Hunt obstinately refuses to die, resign or attend, both Republic as and Democrats are considerably exercised as to how the matter will terminate .-In case of death or resignation of Justice Hunt, It is believed that Judge Edmunds, Senater from Vermont, who favors the constitutionality of the laws, would be appointed, but a Dem ocratic Senate, (with his known views upon the subject) might well hesitate

to confirm his appointment. These laws having become so obnoxious to the people in many parts of the country, Congress at its session attempted to repeal them, but failed from some cause or other and as the question of their constitutionality was before the Supreme Court of the United States, it was hoped that before another Presidential election that Tribunal would declare them unconstitutional. In this, according to the recent account of the opinions of the Judges of the Court now in session. we are likely to be disappointed,-Congress will have to try again, and we see no good reason why with a Democratic majority in both branches of Congress, these obnoxious laws, intended to perpetuate the control of the Republican party by force and fraud, should not be repealed. If the President interposes his veto, let the responsibility be upon him and his

OUR STATE DEBT.

Our readers, we are quite sure, will be gratified to learn, that our excelbeen so successful in compromising the State debt. The Raleigh Observer of a recent date gives the follow. ing information on this subject.

"That excellent financier and capable Treasurer Dr. Worth, has met with more success in his efforts to compromise the State debt than could have been expected. It is at the be ginning that such matters present the greatest difficulties. Ordinarily the creditors between whom there can be no co-operation hold aloof not knowing 'how the cat will jump,' and each fearing to sacrifice his bonds, while others by holding out may do better. It is the same old story. All who have had experience in compromising the liabilities of large firms or corporations, know and appreciate the cause why at first the movement is embarrassed. After the adjustment has proceeded sometime, and many have assented to the arrangement, others who originally held back were doubtful about accepting the proposal, come forward and entered into the agreement. Fortunately we are now past the iniatory state in compromisingour State debt, and it is only a question of time, when all the bonds will be exchanged.

Dr Worth has exchanged \$2,410,800 of old bonds of the first class issuing therefor \$964,320 in new bonds. He has taken in \$1.486.045 of the second class, issueing for them \$371.511, of new bonds. Of the third class he has taken in \$1.279.400 giving in exchange

\$191.910 in new bonds. The old bonds retired amount to \$5.176.245 which are now reprtsented by \$1.527.791 in new bonds.

ANOTHER CONVENTION.

From present indications it is probable that there will be another Republican Convention to undo the work of the one held in Raleigh last week. Sherman it seems will not be permitted to have it all his own way in North Carolina. The Shermanites have been playing a bold game to obtain control of the Republican delegation from this State to the Chicago Convention .-Considerable dissatisfaction exists among the faithful at Wilmington and other places.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

After a half century of repose and quiet sequie cence, the doctrine of "non-interference by European nations people take up the refrain and in harin the affairs of the American or the monious chorus proclain to the world Western Hemisphere," enunciated by President Monroe, and since maintained as a vital principle by the Uni- of a foreign war, if need be in defense ted States, is again attracting atten. of our rights on this Western Hemtion and exciting discussion, in re. isphere against European intermedcanal of M. DeLesseps, which is to and eventual downfall? connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The projector of this gigan tic enterprise has already attained a ercice, has awakened our national jeal- tor. ousy for the preservation of the Monroe doctrine. An inteligent corres-

pondent of the Baltimore Sun says: The news from Washington a few days ago advised the American people that the House Committee on interoceanic canal connection had a satof the Navy, and that the committee and the Secretary were unanimous in the maintenance of the "Monroe doctrine," which opposes the interference of European nations with the affairs of the American or Western Hemisphere. To-day your paper reports from Washington that Senator Gordon, of Georgis, had introduced into the Senate yesterday a bill for the organization of an interoceanic canal committee from that body. From these movements it appears that the de mands of commerce now require a connection of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans at some point on the North American continent, and that our Congress is vigorously pressing investigation for the most suitable line, whether by Tehuantepec, by Nicaragua or by Panama. Whichever line, however, may be adopted, the control of the connection. whether by canal or rail, should be, as Congress seems determined it shall be, in the American people. It is a vital question of commercial supremacy between Europe and America, or. narrowing it to nations, between England and the Uni ted States. As in the struggle of 1776 the contest was for political sovereignty, and in the war of 1812-'15 for a place on the high seas among the maritime nations of the world, so now the third and last battle is for commercial supremacy on those seas opened to us sixty-five years ago by the gallantry of Decatur, Hull, Bain- be worth two millions of dollars to the

to which they are destined. In 1860 the United States were a the zenith of the greatness and pow er attainable in combination with African slavery, and the right of seces sion negatively reserved to the States in framing the constitution of the United States by the convention of 1787-both elements of weakness in the economy of a Union that should be perpetual in the composition necessary to the full development of the national unity needed to bring out political integrity, sovereign prosperity and unimpaired power. The negro had fulfilled his mission by clearing the malarial swamps and evening the dense forests of the productive South fitting it for the occupation of the white man, and secession came to his relief. The same secession determin ed the question of perpetual Union, and presents the United States to the other nations of the world of bound together in national unity-a nation as firmly held together (indeed more firmly) as, or than any other, recognized sovereignty of the world.

and 1815 the United States have been

The question, therefore, of the maintenance or abandonment of the principle of non-intervention by European powers in American affairs, as defined by the "Monroe doctrine," has become to us a problem of vital national importance, affecting equally every portion of our country. It is in which materests clasp the hands of the North of the South, of the East and of the West in the closest grasp of friendship and support. The question common to and affecting all is simply, "shall England control us or shall we be supreme in our independence and in the maintenance of our the exponent of those free principles rung out by the old bell of Indepenor shall we quietly succumb to a plaint of said plaintiff during said term of debted to the concern will call and settle at Stono Acid Phosphate secondary provincial dependence upon

the commercial power of England?"

Gen. Burnside sounded the key note of American grandeur and power last June, and shall not the American our firm purpose to stand by the prin eiples of our fathers, even at the cost ference to the great interoceanic dling with them for our weakening

CENSUS ENUMERATOR.

We learn from the Raleigh Observer world-wide celebrity, by his brilliant that there are 1.100 Townships in this success in the Eastern Hemisphere, in Stire, each of which will generally be the construction of the famous Suez entitl d to one enumerator. And that canal. He now proposes to open a high i reply to a letter from Col. W. L way for the commerce of the Western Steel M. C. House of Representatives, Hemisphere across the Isthmus of addressed to the Superintendent of Darien by way of Tebuantepec, No. Census, enquiring the size of the dis aragua or Panama, and thereby avoid tricts entitled to an enumerator, the the dangers and delays of a voyage Superintendant communicated the around Cape Horn. The preponder following information, which, may be ance European Capital in the en- of interest to those of our readers who terprise, and the probable controlling may contemplate making an applicainfluence which it will attempt to ex- tion for the position of census enumer

> DEP'T OF THE INTERIOR CENSUS OFFICE WASHINGTON D. C. Jany. 31. '80

HON. WALTER L. STEELE, SIR:-Your communication of the 29th January is received. In reply I transmit below and extract from a circular letter of instrctions to Supervisors isfactory interview with the Secretary now in press, which covers the point respecting which you enquire.

Very Respectfully FRANC'S A. WALKER, Superintendant of Cesus. Extract.

3. In general, every town, township, nilitia district, or other permanent ewil division of the county should be constituted an enumeration district the estimated population thereof exceeds seven or eight hundred inhabitants The only reason which office could recognize as sufficient for making such a civil division a part of a larger enumeration district would be the impossibility of securing a competent and trustworthy enumerator within its own limits.

The enumeration districts must be nade small enough to secure the com pletion of the canvass within the limit set by the census law, viz: during the month of June. To this end, supervisors will be expected to exercise their best judgment in good faith .--Compliance with the law in this matter will be rigidly insited on.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS PENSIONS

Julge T. J. Mackey of S. C., who has recently returned from Washington City, where he has been in the interest of the Mexican Soldiers pension bill, is confident that it will pass both houses of Congress. And that this act of justice long delayed, will lent State Treasurer Dr. Worth has bridge, Stewart and their associate South. Two companies volunteered from Edgecombe county one commannaval horoes of the quarter deck and ded by Capt. Wilson and the other fore castle. Since those days of '76 by Capt. Duggan. The latter still preparing, and were being prepared survives and many of the men of both by Providence, for the great mission companies in Edgecombe and this county, to whom, we have no doubt. this will be agreeable news.

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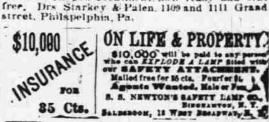
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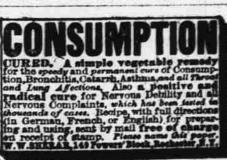
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