

THE ROANOKE NEWS.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1878.

OUR TICKET.

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE:

W. N. H. SMITH,

OF WAKE.

FOR ASSOCIATES:

THOS. S. ASHE,

OF ANSON.

JNO. H. DILLARD,

OF GUILFORD.

COUNTY POLITICS.

Last Saturday the regular radical pow-wow convened in Halifax town and proceeded to promulgate a ticket for the legislature and county offices. Of the legislative ticket it is sufficient to say Rev. Henry Epper a gentleman of midnight hue was nominated for the Senate and White and Reynolds, the present incumbents were renominated for the House. These men will be elected and they will look well rattling about in seats which Daniel, Devereux, Smith, Whitaker and Long have filled. For clerk of the Superior Court Jno. T. Gregory and for Register of Deeds R. J. Lewis were both renominated, while the County Treasurer fell to the share of E. T. Clark.

The great surprise of the day was the defeat of Larkin for sheriff by one James T. Dawson, but to us this was a remarkably agreeable surprise. It is true that we know nothing against Larkin, but his politics, and from all we can learn, Dawson is one of the most thorough-paced scamps with which a county was ever cursed, but Larkin has been so long the very head and front of the republican party, it is so much due to his talent for management that the negroes have at all times presented an unbroken front in this county, that we hail his defeat by any one, regarding it as the beginning of the disruption in the negro ranks, the first rift in the dark cloud which for so long has overshadowed our political horizon.

Since writing the above the card of I. F. Larkin announcing his determination to try conclusions with Dawson before the people, has been handed to us for publication, and we cheerfully give it room—at our regular advertising rates. The matter is now before the people, it is now of our fight, only for the benefit of the county we hope the best man may win.

JUNE CROP REPORTS.

We are in receipt of the reports giving the acreage, condition and prospects of the crops of the nation, for the month of June, issued by the National Bureau of Agriculture.

Most of the information comes too late for practical use this year, and only the corn and cotton reports have interest to the people who read the News, and for this reason, and, further, because we have already given on our first page an exhaustive report of the small grain crop, we shall now only give the reports on those subjects.

We quote from the circular in relation to the corn crop as follows:

As this crop is not all planted in northern latitudes on the first of June, returns of acreage are not included in the June circulars. Voluntary notes of its condition are favorable throughout the South. In the Northern and Western States the condition is less favorable. The warm weather of April encouraged early planting in the central belt, while the succeeding cool and wet season either caused the seed to rot in the ground, or impeded the vigor of the young plants and retarded their growth. Replanting of considerable areas was required. It is not enjoying favorable conditions for a vigorous growth in the higher latitudes, and must depend upon future conditions for successful development.

We desire to call attention especially to the unfavorable aspect of affairs in the Northern and Western States. This foreshadows a high price for breadstuffs in the next season, and we hope our people will pay attention to their corn, of which we believe an increased acreage has been planted, and thus avoid the necessity of sending away for food.

The returns indicate an increase in the area planted in cotton. The percentages, as compared with the acreage of 1877, are: Virginia, 100; North Carolina, 101; South Carolina, 103; Georgia, 102; Florida, 100; Alabama, 104; Mississippi, 100; Louisiana, 101; Texas, 106; Arkansas, 28; and Tennessee, 98. The condition of the crop is better than in June of last year. The figures indicating it are the same as in 1877 in Virginia, and Louisiana, and higher in all other States. They are as follows: Virginia, 88; North Carolina, 87; South Carolina, 99; Georgia, 101; Florida, 98; Alabama, 101; Mississippi, 98; Louisiana, 98; Texas, 104; Arkansas, 98; Tennessee, 97. The general average of condition is 99. The stand average of condition is 99. The stand is generally good. In limited districts

it is imperfect, in consequence of the planting of seed of impaired vitality. The season is earlier than the last, by an average of ten days. In some districts the crop is no further advanced than usual at this date. In a few localities, a difference of from three to four weeks is claimed in favor of the present crop. The comparatively low condition in North Carolina is due to wet weather and cool nights. In South Carolina and Georgia planting was unusually early, with seasonable weather until the first week in May, since which time there has been little rain, and drought generally reported. In several districts in Georgia the best prospect for many years is claimed. In Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas rains have been frequent, and in some districts injuriously heavy. Very favorable weather has been enjoyed in Texas. Few insects are reported. The cutworm was a partial cause of defective stands at many points on the Atlantic coast, and plants are beginning to be infested with lice in limited areas west of the Mississippi. The injury has been very slight. Fields are unusually clean in culture, and labor is increasing in efficiency.

This New York Stockholder does not take the cheerful view of business prospects that other papers have taken. It does not believe in an early recuperation, and says those who do will be greatly disappointed. Who are right—those who are hopeful that a new era of prosperity is about to dawn upon the country, or those who believe there is still a "flower deep"? We know not.

Astonishment is not a very well bred feeling but it was manifested we felt on seeing the above in the Wilmington Star for we really thought that there was nothing in the past present or future which was hidden from the piercing keen of the editor of that paper.

(Advertisement)

To The Voters of Halifax County.

HALIFAX, N. C., July 4th, 1878.

Ordinarily when a candidate for public office has submitted his claims to a convention of his party, and it has by such convention been decided against him, it behoves him to submit quietly. But the circumstances connected with the nomination for Sheriff, by the late Republican convention in the town of Halifax, are such as, in my opinion and the opinion of friends with whom I have consulted, justify me in appealing from the verdict of the convention to the people themselves. It has transpired that many of the delegates who voted against me were, at the primary elections instructed by the people by whom they were sent and whose wishes it was their bounden duty to carry out to vote for my re-nomination. Aside from these instructions many of these same delegates in open meeting at the time of their appointment pledged themselves for me. By what acts of misrepresentation and tricks of chicanery these same delegates were induced to disregard the wishes of their constituents, I will not now say, that they did so, however there is no room for doubt, and that I should submit to have the voice of the people stilled and their wish disregarded would be a departure from the principles of a Republican for form of Government which principles I have ever endeavored to uphold. For these reasons then and for others which I expect to explain at length in the course of the canvass I have concluded to make the run for Sheriff before the people of Halifax County and let them give the verdict. I believe I am the choice of a majority of the voters of the County. It is a question that can only be decided on the 1st. of August next, and I now promise that before that day I will give you ample reasons why you should cast your ballots for me.

Thankful for your support in the past and soliciting the votes of all, I leave the matter in the hands of the people themselves. L. F. FARKIN.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SAVES WINE TILL IT RIPENS.

There is a curious story about some native wine which was extensively advertised now and then, but only recently been put upon the market. It was made by a certain grist-grinder of Cedar Point, died in 1878. Some of his heirs entreated temperance views of such extreme kind, that they were unwilling to allow the stock of wines then on hand to be sold or any more to be made. The grapes have sometimes been sent to market, and sometimes left to decay upon the vine. The vines are now dead, and the proprietors are engaged in arranging for a settlement of the estate and the sale of the wines on hand. Among them is a wine of the vintage of 1868, described as "Sweet Union Port," but suggesting the Imperial Tokay, more than any other European wine, being wholly unlike any other wine of American origin. It is now and always has been highly valued for stomach, Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels.—Hon. Landon Stevens, Va.

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