THE ROANOKE NEWS

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We return thanks to Senator Vance for a copy of his admirable speech against the protective tariff.

Governor Jarvis has appointed Maj Henry A. Gilliam to the Superior Court bench in place of Judge Seymour and he has accepted the appointment.

Roscoe Conkling has been nomited associate justice of the Supreme Court. This is a matter of surprize to most people as it was generally known that he declined the Chief justiceship when Grant was President. But then he had not resigned a seat in the Senate and been defeated for re-election. Some think he will hardly accept, but the nomination would have not been made unless President Arthur was assured he would accept.

At the election in November there will be five ballot boxes, and candidates for the following offices will be voted for: Members of Congress, an associate justice of the Supreme Court, four Judges of the Superior Court, for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th judicial districts, Solicitors for all the judicial districts, members of the Legislature, Clerks of the Superior Court, county Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Surveyor, Coroner, Sheriff and township constable.

Mr. Blaine delivered a eulogy on President Garfield in the Hall of the House of Representatives Monday. The Senate and a large number of invited guests were also present. No one could more ably perform this duty than Mr. Blaine and we doubt not that he acquitted himself well. The address was listened to attentively and at the end there was a burst of applause. Resolutions of thanks were voted him as a matter of course.

This issue closes our tenth volume. We intend in the future to do all we can to give our readers a good newspaper, sparing no pains or expense to attain a perfect pattern of what we conceive a good newspaper ought to be. The year 1882 will be politically full of interest as the election of many officers will take place. We will endeavor to keep our readers informed of what goes on in the country in politics and other matters. We hope we will receive as liberal a patronage as heretofore and will endeavor to merit it. With these few remarks we close our tenth volume.

On Thursday last the Senate passed a bill placing General Grant on the retired list of the army with pay according to his rank. This is wrong we think. General Grant is wealthy, has held the Presidential office two terms and it was while he was President that the salary was doubled. All this is very well, but when he left the office he became a private citizen and had no claim on the public treasury, and why he, above every other private citizen who has rendered the State service, should be given this large salary we do not know. It would be perfectly proper for a law to be made giving a suitable pension to every Ex-President because the country ought to provide for them and such a pension would assure a competency to those who after serving the country during their prime would be too old to work; and if General Grant had become entitled to such pension there would be no objection, but to give him a pension exclusive of all others and give it in a roundabout way is bad.

The papers are still discussing Mr. Tilden's health. Some say he is growing feeble and age begins to tell on him, others say that he is strong and will live many years yet. The object of one class is to do all they can to prevent his being a candidate for the Presidency while the other class wish to impress on the people, the idea that he will be perfectly able to bear the burdens of office three years hence. What is the true condition of Mr. Tilden's health can hardly be ascertained by the people at large on account of the conflicting statements in regard to it. It seems that he is well enough to keep friends and foes alike, exercised about his future movements and if he were to be nominated he would give somebody hard work to defeat him. It has been stated, however, and not been contradicted, that Mr. Tilden desires no office and this statement is borne out by the fact that he positively refused to allow his name to be brought before the last nominating convention.

Mr. Tilden has many friends in all parts of the country who would delight to see him made the candidate the Democracy in 1884 though ... pose it; and various reasons ... all for their opinions.

A letter to the News and Observer suggests that there be a trial justice in each township who shall be paid a small salary for his services, instead of fees, and that he with the other justices levy taxes and control county affairs. The writer also suggests that bonds be required of magistrates. These are new ideas but there is sense in them, whether they are practicable could be told only by experiment.

The Salisbury Watchman sustains the present system of county government. It says:

"Our present system of county government has worked well for a number of years. It has fully met the requirements of the people; has benefited all and damaged no interest, public or private. It has been of incalculable value to about thirty eastern counties of the State and economical to all. And yet there will be an attempt made to destroy it. Men who are most anxious to pull down the works tried and proved should be able to show wiser and better works of their own to commend them. It is a good rule to let well enough alone."

The News and Observer comments on the above, says:

Our information is that the people of the west generally are content to let matters stand as they are. Republican leaders are making a stir about the appointment of magistrates, etc., just as they have always done, and some of the local politicians are also talking about it. There are but few leading Democrats advocating a change, and they, we are sure, will not press the matter if the people shall signify that they are content to let the law stand as it is.

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If the system should be abolished and the east be remitted to negro domination, her prosperity would vanish and her capacity to pay taxes would be decreased; and certainly the valuation of her property would be greatly diminished, thus necessitating that the west should raise more revenue for the support of the government. Besides that, if the eastern whites are put under negro control by the western whites, it will doubtless result in their turning about to take care of themselves. In that case the State is likely to become Republican.

"B" in the News and Observer gives a plan for redistricting the State by which the Democrats can elect eight of the nine Congressmen to which North Carolina is entitled under the new apportionment. He says no one is injured by this plan. We see Halifax is again placed in the black district. As we would like a change of diet we respectfully ask the legislature to put us in the mountain district. But here are the proposed Districts:

First district—Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington. Population 144,452. Democratic majority 827.

Second district—Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Green, Halifax, Jones, Lenoir, Northampton, Vance, Warren, Wilson. Population 184,195. Radical majority 6,818.

Third district—Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Sampson, Wayne. Population 178,601. Democratic majority 1,516.

Fourth district—Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Orange, Wake. Population 167,385. Democratic majority 759.

Fifth district—Alamance, Caswell, Granville, Guilford, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes. Population 148,000 to 150,000. Democratic majority 1,220 to 1,225.

Sixth district—Bladen, Robeson, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland. Population 170,407. Democratic majority 2,238.

Seventh district—Forsyth, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Stanly, Moore. Population 132,706. Democratic majority 1,717.

Eighth district—Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin, Catawba, Wilkes, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander, Burke, Davie. Population, 132,481. Democratic majority 2,982.

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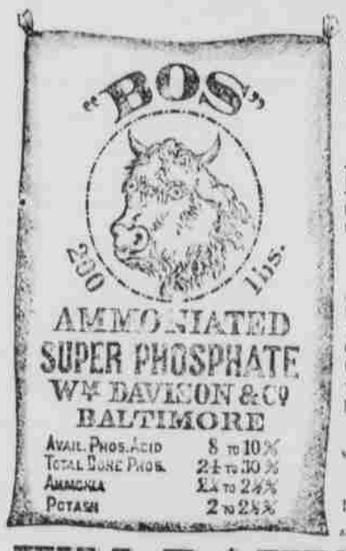


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