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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE: RYDEN TYLER BENNETT, of Abbeville. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT: THOMAS RUFFIN, of Orange. First Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: JAMES E. SHEPHERD, of Washington. FOR SOLICITOR: JOHN H. BLOUNT, of Perquimans. Second Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: FREDERICK PHILLIPS, of Edgecombe. FOR SOLICITOR: WILLIAM C. BOWEN, of Northampton. Third Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: ALLMANN B. MCKOY, of Sampson. FOR SOLICITOR: SWIFT GALLOWAY, of Greene. Fourth Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: JAMES C. MACRAE, of Currituck. FOR SOLICITOR: JOHN D. MCIVER, of Moore. Fifth Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: JOHN A. GILMER, of Guilford. FOR SOLICITOR: FREDERICK N. STRUDWICK, of Orange. Sixth Judicial District, FOR JUDGE: WILLIAM M. SHIPP, of Mecklenburg. FOR SOLICITOR: FRANK J. OSBORNE, of Mecklenburg.

The office of Governor of the Empire State seems rather to be a stepping-stone to something higher than an end to be attained. Of the twenty-seven men who have held the office, three have been elected to the Vice-Presidency, and though but one has been chosen President, four have been nominated for that office. Five have held Cabinet positions. Only one of these Governors has died in office, while but two have resigned.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Plaindealer is noticing the presence in that city of the colored principal of the colored Normal School at Fayetteville, this State has this to say of North Carolina Democrats: It is somewhat suggestive that in North Carolina, under control of what Republican newspapers are pleased to call the "Bourbon Democracy," there should be a State Normal School conducted and maintained by the State and designed to furnish teachers to the colored people, while in Ohio no such State institution exists, and there are people who want to abolish even normal schools maintained by the cities.

It is thought that the disturbances in Egypt will cut off the cotton crop from that country and will raise the price in this country next fall. But it will not do to depend too much on that. The crop in America will be short and even should the price be high the amount of money needed to raise it will be about the same. Economy is necessary for our people; probably more so now than ever. Grain is plentiful, but the same reason that may cause cotton to go up may probably have the same effect on wheat and corn.

The terms of twenty-six Senators expire in March and it is interesting to see how the new Senate will stand. Six elections have already been held. Three Republicans have been elected to succeed Republicans. Lamar succeeds himself. Riddleberger takes the place of a Democrat, and Gibson, Democrat, replaces Kellogg. So far there has been no change. Grover, of Oregon, will probably be succeeded by a Republican. Morgan, Garland, Salisbury Hill, McPherson, Ransom, Butler, Harris, Coke, and Davis of West Virginia, ten Democrats, will have Democratic successors. Plumb, Hoar, Windom, Saunders and Rollins will have Republican successors. The political complexion of the Senate will then depend on who are to be the successors of Chilcote, of Colorado; Davis, of Illinois; Frye, of Maine, and Ferry, of Michigan. The Protectionists out West and the Greenbackers in Maine make the problem doubtful. It is understood that the Germans in the West are all leaving the Republican party because of its trying to force prohibition on them. The Germans constitute a very large portion of the population out there.

We recently published Col. Folk's record on the county government bill and his silence on the matter lead us to suppose that his opinion was still unchanged. He has lately written a letter going back on his record, but he does not say when the change took place. Here is what he says: "Some allusion has been made to my vote as a Senator in favor of the county government bill. I voted for the bill because I was assured that the property holders of the East were laboring under a steadily increasing weight of taxation, for which there was no other adequate remedy, and because it was otherwise impossible to obtain the desired appropriations for the Western North Carolina Railroad and the Western Asylum. Upon more deliberate investigation, however, it became evident to me that the law was not in harmony with the general scope and design of the constitution, and what was still more objectionable for all practical purposes, it removed the body of men in control of the local interest of the people, always the dearest, to a region in which they could not be made responsible to the people, otherwise than by a process at once devious and unsatisfactory. "For these reasons I have for a long time entertained the opinion that the law ought to be repealed, and have often privately and publicly so expressed myself."

It is curious, that during all discussion on this subject, this letter was not written until some weeks after his nomination for Judge, by the libera's.

SENATOR RANSOM. The following article is taken from the Evening Critic, published in Washington City. It is highly complimentary to Senator Ransom. In fact it could not be more so: The people of the District of Columbia, and all others who are interested in the future of the National Capital, owe to Senator Matt Ransom a debt of gratitude which cannot be estimated and which must be perpetual. It is safe to say that no single project of improvement ever undertaken here was so vital to the welfare of the community and the comfort of its people as the scheme for reclamation of the Potomac flats, which Senator Ransom has so successfully inaugurated. In estimating the value of the services of an individual it is necessary to take into account not only the magnitude of the benefit he confers, but the difficulties under which he labors.

In the case under discussion these two considerations were about equal. The work to be done was of incalculable importance, while the difficulties in the way of a practical beginning were great and almost insuperable. To such a task Senator Ransom addressed himself over a year ago. He had to contend with the proverbial apathy of Congress toward all District affairs; he had to surmount the opposition, open or covert, of a host of theorists and quacks who, under the guise of "sanitary engineers," were filling the public prints with a multitude of schemes most impracticable and each hostile to the other; and it has been rumored that he found in his way at more than one stage of his operation the machinations of individuals who hoped for benefit to the masses from the inaction of the Government.

In one way and another, with characteristic patience and a savvy that no annoyance could ruffle, Senator Ransom braved obstacle after obstacle; and finally, when balked by the folly of the Committee on Commerce—which would have sacrificed the health of the National Capital to an absurd Constitutional quibble—he appealed to the Senate, and through a legislative "coup d'etat" more striking than has been seen in the Halls of Congress for years, carried his project by the exemplary vote of fifty to seven.

In saying these things we have no desire to depreciate the less conspicuous services of Senator Conger and one or two others who at various stages have energetically seconded Senator Ransom's efforts. But we think that even they will agree with us that the chief credit belongs to the North Carolina statesman. Senator Ransom belongs to the type of man which a cultivated and sensible community, like the District of Columbia, delights to honor. Combining the grace of a Chesterfield, with the learning of a Bolingbroke and the legislative skill of a Walpole, Senator Ransom is a character of exceptional adornment in times like these. His career in the Senate, embracing a period of nearly eleven years, has been an uninterrupted history of modest attention to business in public life, and a consistent department of gentleness and honor in his private capacity. In all that time, tending as it has done with bitter strife and savage personalities, Senator Ransom has never provoked conflict or roused an enemy. He is an ornament to the Senate, a source of pride to his State and a benefactor of the times in which he lives.

The people of Charlotte are worn out with Col. Jones and the Observer and have determined to have another daily paper there. They made proposals to Mr. Caldwell, editor of the Statesville Landmark, but he having declined, they are making other arrangements.

New York scientists are discussing a theory that induces artificial showers of rain by atmospheric disturbances. Professor Pillsbury and Thomas Silver, a scientist of some note, are positive in their belief that such a thing is practicable and ask that the trial be made under the auspices of the authorities of California, where the climate is peculiarly adapted to the test. They argue that as rains follow severe battles it would only require an agency capable of creating the same disturbances to have copious showers whenever wanted, but the ingenious theorists, instead of relying upon the explosions and concussions of the battle-field, propose to resort to electricity. By what means, or through what particular process this agency is to be applied the gentlemen are as yet reticent or unable to state.

EVIDENTLY the Republicans in Congress are beginning to discover that something must be done about the revenue. They are trying to reduce it in some particulars, confessing thereby that it is not right, although for twenty years they have pretended that the country could not get along without it. Last year the revenue collections amounted to \$360,000,000, and after paying all expenses, including pensions, there was a surplus of \$100,000,000. This year, unless there is a reduction, the receipts will amount to \$450,000,000, says Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the ways and means Committee, and although the expenditures have also increased, there will be a surplus of about \$172,000,000.

In the face of this large surplus it is extremely doubtful whether the Republican majority in Congress will reduce the revenues. So far every reduction made, was in the interest of rich men and the poor have not benefited one dollar. They still have to pay high taxes on necessities such as blankets, farming utensils, salt, cotton ties and in fact everything of the kind while the only reductions hitherto made give much money to the rich men. And yet the people are asked to keep this party in power. Every day under Republican rule monopolies are growing stronger and more powerful. They already wield a powerful influence.

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