

THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

John H. Hannon was duly elected Register of Deeds of this county by a large majority for the term beginning in December.

It will be the duty of the Commissioners to investigate the matter thoroughly before he is allowed to give bond, and in order to do this they will, we presume, examine witnesses if necessary.

As a Democratic newspaper, the ROANOKE NEWS would be glad to see Hannon defeated, provided the proof of his ineligibility is conclusive, but it should be conclusive and the decision of the Commissioners should be on the merits of the case.

If Hannon is not entitled to the place by reason of his not being domiciled here then he should not be allowed to enter upon the duties of his office but if after a thorough and impartial examination he is found to be qualified in every way then he should be allowed to file his bond and enter upon the discharge of his duties without unreasonable delay.

It is plain that the gains for Docketry were in the East, and, therefore, explanations are in order. We would like to know that good reasons can be given why some of the worst governed of the so-called "negro counties" under the Cauty system—in whose behalf we, in common with the Democratic press and Democratic speakers, appealed so earnestly to the people of the West—have fallen so far short of their usual vote in the election just passed.

We are aware, of course, that local causes of dissension in many of these counties have existed, but it is to be remembered that the question of County Government was proclaimed to be the one vital issue in the East, before which it was supposed that every other issue paled into insignificance. And yet the result in these counties to which we refer shows that this great vital question was subordinated entirely to others, affecting only individuals, and matters of trifling interest to the general public.

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"In all his life, Ben Hill never did a more graceful thing," said General Evans in his funeral oration over the late Senator from Georgia, "than when he made his last visit to the portrait of his mother, which hung in one of his rooms. When President Garfield placed his manly arm around his venerable mother in the presence of the vast multitudes that witnessed his inauguration, and kissed her with lips fresh from pronouncing the obligation of the Presidential office, he drew unto himself the warm heart of American motherhood forever. So when the great Senator went as a child to gaze upon his mother's pictured face, and murmured 'I will soon see her,' he left the sons of this State and the Union a lesson of filial love they should never forget. The portrait shows a dear, old, good face, well traced with marks of intelligence. The wrinkles are there, the sweep of age, and other signs of failing life. Long since she went away. But the wasted statesman became a boy again in feeling, gazed with a true, adoring love upon the portrait, and then above the faded picture looked with eyes that saw Home and Heaven and Mother, all in one vision of transcendent glory."

The Charlotte Observer publishes a telegram from Salisbury which says:

From the full figures now in, it is learned here that York's majority over Robbin in this district is 196, correcting a clerical error of 66 votes in Wilkes county in favor of Robbin. Frauds are charged in Mount Ulla township, Rowan county, where it is alleged voters were registered on the day of election; in Davie county, where York's tickets were printed on blue tinted paper; in Frap Hill, Wilkes county, where 51 more votes were cast than names found on the polling book, and, in one precinct in Ashe county where irregularities occurred. It is not yet known whether in view of these facts Mr. Robbin will contest or not. He will be governed by his sense of duty to his constituents and will not contest unless he is satisfied that it is his duty so to do.

It may be set down as a fact that if Bennett is declared elected, which is a decided matter by this time, that Docketry will contest, his friends claiming to have discovered sufficient irregularities in Cumberland, Leon, Franklin and Edgecombe to change the result as now claimed by the Democrats and elect Docketry. He will initiate his contest before the State canvassing board, and if decided against him he will carry the contest into the next House of Representatives. What the alleged irregularities are they prefer at present not to make public.

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND is a Bachelor as also the Lieutenant Governor, nor elect, of New York. Probably they would find it easier to get help now than before. Will they change their condition now that they have been so highly endorsed by their fellow citizens?

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The fair last week was successful financially, and in point of numbers of visitors and articles exhibited. The visitors on Thursday have been estimated as high as twelve thousand and the quantity of articles exhibited were greater than ever before.

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