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OFFICE SEEKING.

If Virginia's greatest orator, noble old Patrick Henry, were living to-day, devils' inkshop." We consider it suwho knows but that we might have preme deviltry for a political aspirant. him exclaiming in trumpet tones, or any other man, to set to work to "Give me office, or give me death !" He break up our party in order to elect might have caught the infection that himself to office. has spread everywhere, throughout all classes of society. have 'gone over' to the Republican

Office seeking is the greatest contagion of modern times. Nothing has ever been known exactly like this fearful disease, since the world was made, We know of nothing comparable to it, save the rage for quarter-master's positions during the "late unpleasantness." Everybody wants an office. It is anything to keep from working; any thing to save from the dust and sweat of honest toil; any thing by which to get a fair chance to get rich without labor; any thing to climb up into that glittering heaven of Armenians-the green pastures around the United States Treasury, where the office-holding aristocracy and the hierarchy of thieves flourish like the fat kine whom Joseph saw in his dream. Men smile now-a-days when you talk about the honor of office. They Interviewed by a Newspaper Reporsay honor is played out-it is old fogy-

We have yet to see a real hard-working, money-making man take the field Senate Merrimon lectued in Raleigh Wednesday night on Education in Con-

as an Independent candidate. Busy men havn't time to ran after such Jack-o'Lanterns of glory. The inde-Mrs. DeCarteret, of Raleigh, aged 80 pendent candidate is usually a gentleears, fell out of the door and broke man who has little to do, and plenty her arm. of time to turn the whole thing over

Durham boasts that there were four in his mind, and finally persuade himbirths within her borders on Wednesself that he is the man the people day of last week.

want, rather than the man they have Only two marriages have taken place nominated. Then he rises up from in Germanton" Forsythe county in the last sixteen years. the slough of despondency; marches

A gentleman in Wilmington has straight to the nearest newspaper, puts canary which is S1 years old. It was in his modest card, pays his five dol brought from Cuba long ago. lars, and takes the field against all

Rev. J. H. Pegram, of Winston raiscreation, "regardless of consequences." ed 200 stalks of wheat from one grain The best cure for independent candiand gave the bunch to the editor of dates is hard work. They should be the Sentinel

kept busy all the time; a constant It is said that a degraded white wo-man near Raleigh has married the state of activity is the only protection negro keeper of a little grog shop disappointed office-seekers have from the 'independent' disease. Idleness is three miles from that city.

the hot bed of independent candidates. Hickory wants to learn how to stumble through the "mazy," and to this end would patronize a dancing mas-So true it is, "that an idle brain is the ter or mistress, the latter preferred. Judge Settle has returned from Richmond Hill, the home of the Chief Justice Pearson, and re-

STATE NEWS.

sumed his seat on the supreme bench. Judge Pearson is yet quite "CALICO

The Wilmington Star says that Capt. George Morrison has commenced active service on the C. C. Bailway again, having run a freight train on that road during the past week or two. Verrily, "the King is himself again !"

Raleigh Crescent : There is a gentle man in an upper story on Hillsboro Street who is learning on the fiddle. It just shows that there is one man in this city who hasn't forgotton the 'ways of his fathers" and who means to go to Congress or die a trying.

manity, even though it appears to us The Sentinel says that the case of in the shape of a poor deluded officethe State of North Carolina vs. the seeker, we would urge him, before he Richmond & Danville Railroad pendtakes the fatal step, to maturely weigh ing in the Supreme Court, has again been continued at the request of the the homely wisdom of the old pro-Chief Justice who is unable to be presverb, "A bad wound heals ; a bad name ent on account of illness. It is the gauge question.

The Piedmont Press says that quite a stir has been created in the lower edge of Burke county by a sermon of the Rev. Adam Hunt. Protestant Methodist minister. His reverence Reporter-Do you, General, think advanced the doctrine that if the



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ism-a relic of barbarism ! Smart' is Heathen Chinee doctrine, of "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." Successful villainy is the highest honor in the 19th century, if we may judge in the adulation that is paid the officeholding aristocracy-the broad-slope and is very apt to do so. I am very by their trade in official guise.

The office holders have come to be ly intends to run again, the lords of the land. And it is their power, and riches, and glory that exhumility and indomitable persever- of this ambition are evinced dailyance of the professional beggars who himp the streets of our large cities in publican leaders, the indifference with to lie drunk during the night.

of office that attracts the eye of the of time before professional office-seeker-and not the honor of the station. Hence the avidity with which men seek office---that is paying offices. Hence the energy they that he is President not of one secdisplay'in trying to lay hold on the horns of official plenty, or to reach the pleasant shades by the walls of some stripes. Still, if Grant wants the pecially so by his recent trip to Wash-Public Treasury. And hence, the offi- nomination of the Republican party, ces of the government are mostly fill- he will get it; not that they prefer ed with men-men whose chief element of strength is their possession of lic, and in the spirit of our instituthe arts of political trickery.

The people are the doctors to curse this office-seeking fever. Let the office

is the thing for the present times-the that there is anything of truth in the church prayed for a man's death and Such as Peques, Brilliants, Swiss Lawns, and third term aspirations of General the destruction of his soul, their pray-Grant, as suggested by the Courier ers would certainly be answered .-Any member of a church who prays Journal? General Gordon .-- I certainly do. I for the destruction of his fellow man's

One or two prominent Conservatives

Party since the beginning of the pres-

ent campaign, and there may be others

who are inclining the same way. The

spoils of office are powerful load-

stones; and we may have to chronicle

other defections from our ranks before

the fight is ours. We have a few very

weak brothers on our side, and al-

though our party could easily spare

time, yet out of tender regard for hu-

Senator Gordon on a Third Term,

ter.

kills.'

think that President Grant is soul is as ceatain to go himself to the infernal regions as the Scripture is EXCEEDINGLY ANXIOUS TO RUN AGAIN. true.

Raleigh News: Louis Ketchy, the knives-the light-fingered gentry who most any one, and he is always very brother of John Allen Ketchy, who

cordial with me. I think he certain- was recently executed in Salisbury, Reporter-Will the Republican par-

ty nominate him again? cites the ambition of thousands, and desires a party nomination at their with the dying wish of his brother. It converts the American portion of man- hands. His ambitions is to ran as will be remembered that Ketchy wrote Fancy French, English, Scotch and Amerikind into a swarming hive of office- the peoples' candidate, not as a Dem- bis life while in his prison for the pe- can Cassimeres, Cloths and Suitings, most of scekers, and fills the country with men ocratic or Republican candidate, but cuniary benefit of his widowed moth- them recent purchase, are this day reduced as a candidate of the people of the er and sisters. The work will soon 50 per cent.

who go begging the people for their United State; as a candidate of a great appear, probably from one of the Ralvotes, hat in hand, with all the mock Grant party, if you please. Evidences eigh job offices.

his absolute independence of all Re-Wm. A. Graham returned to that place on Sunday morning from Washingthe day, in order to get money enough ton, Logan or Butler, and, above all, ton City, whither he went in connecthe evident pains he takes to show the tion with his duties as arbitrator in on as liberal terms as any other House. It is the gold, the glitter, the tinsel South that he is not her enemy. A the Virginia and Maryland boundary

man cannot be with Grant any length case. He met Hon. Jeremiah Black, who appears on the part of the State

HE CATCHES HIS KINDLY DRIFT of Maryland, and after a preliminary hearing of counsel on both sides, they favor of the Southern people. His postponed further action until they idea seems to be to show our people had selected a third party, which they tion, but of the republic, and that he are authorized to do by the terms of shall deal to them just judgments as their commission. Gov. G. appears to those who followed the stars and of late much improved in health' es-

ington. The Piedmont Press tells this him to any other candidate-not all; 'whopper": A friend sends us an acfor, with the tradition of the repubcout of a thrilling equestrian adventure of a Morganton belle. The lady tions so decidedly against such a in question was out riding with a gencourse, they will be tlemau one evening last week. They

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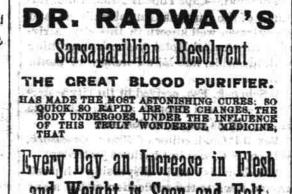
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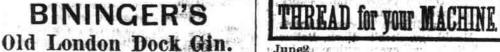
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