

CHAS. E. JONES, Editor & Proprietor. SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1881.

A CONFESSION AND A SCHEME.

There is nearly thirty more or less of method in the mad-dash, slash-around style Billy Smith has of presenting himself to the public through the news papers. He has just enough of dash to render him essential to a Republican exigency, and plays a bluff game with greater skill than any other man in the party.

The coming man in North Carolina politics is that Democrat who can rally "around him a personal following sufficiently strong to secure to Republicanism the vote of the State."

It is in keeping with the policy which the Republicans have pursued in North Carolina. They will coalesce with any organization and endorse any policy which will tend to impair in ever so slight a degree the unity and harmony of the Democratic organization.

Billy Smith says Ransom could be the Mahone of North Carolina. This is little short of an insult, and had it come from some other source would have doubtless been so regarded by him.

It will be observed that the friends of prohibition in this city have realized the necessity of taking some steps towards defining their attitude and organizing for the work before them.

The great disaster in the theatre of Nice, first reported yesterday morning, and more fully described this morning, has invested the little city itself with special interest.

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REPUBLICAN STRAITS—A RETROSPECT.

The Republican party came into power in 1860 by a kind of political hop-skip-and-a-jump, or rather they got the control of the government by coming in at the back door, Lincoln receiving 1,866,452 of the votes cast at the November election of that year as against 1,375,187 for Douglas, 847,968 for Breckinridge, and 690,631 for Bell.

Success brought its reward and the war over, the Republican party found itself fully installed with power as the conservator of the nation's best interests.

In 1880 they robbed the Democracy of a free and fair expression of political opinion in Indiana and in New York, and again in 1881, they have inaugurated another minority candidate. Step by step they have succeeded in establishing a kind of official plutocracy, whose acme is reached in the open purchase of Mahone's vote in the United States Senate.

It is not generally known, but such is the fact, that the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta railroad has made an eight per cent. offer to lease the Georgia railroad, giving the Richmond & Danville railroad as its security.

Republicans may encourage Mahone as much as they please; they may give him control of every office in the State, and Virginia's share of those in Washington, but he will never be of any service to them outside of the Senate; he will never carry Virginia.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, freely expresses the opinion that the funding bill with 3 per cent. interest will pass Congress, with the Carlisle amendment, which is compulsory to the national banks, attached. He says there will be enough Republicans in the House who will vote with the Democrats and Greenbackers to carry it.

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SENATORIAL SQUABBLES.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—SENATE.—Ingalls offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for a list of all the appointments, other than those in the army, made in his department from the 1st of December, 1876, to March 25, 1881, and the names of the persons appointed.

Johnston, alluding to the remark made yesterday by Hoar, to the effect that the present course of the Democrats is to filibuster against the resolution was treasonable, and suggested that some eastern college should confer on that gentleman the degrees of which Dr. Pangloss was so proud, LL.D. and ASS.

Logan inquired what effect the election of sergeant-at-arms could have upon the bill. Johnston replied that if the Republicans elected a man, they endorsed his public life and career.

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Johnston then proceeded to describe the improved condition of Virginia under the control of the party called "Bourbons," and at the conclusion of his speech, a motion to go into executive session, made by Vandenberg, was defeated.

Subsequently, Brown, of Georgia, obtained the floor and commented on the great hardship and injustice which would be done to the present officers of the Senate and their subordinates by the action of new officers. This question had been made one of endurance by the Republican side, one as to whether a special session should extend till the first Monday in December.

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READJUSTERS.

They held a Council in Virginia and their object was to readjust the State. Richmond, March 25.—The Readjuster State executive committee met here tonight. In the absence of Gen. Mahone, the chairman, who is detained in Washington, Gen. S. Bell, of Petersburg, presided.

Further About the Nice Disaster. NICE, March 25.—Most of the artists were in the dressing rooms of the theatre last night, and were not aware of their danger, but it was too late to escape.

Torturing the Czar's Assassins. PARIS, March 22.—A dispatch from Geneva states that the correspondent of the Tribune, who is supposed to be no other than Dragomanoff, the reputed chief of the Nihilists, this morning declares that Bysakoff and Jeliboff have been mercilessly put to torture in the presence of General Corbis Mohon.

Mr. Beecher Tells His House. NEW YORK, March 23.—Mr. Beecher has sold his house at 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, to Mr. Ludovic Bennett. The purchase price has not been made public.

Kaloch Acquitted. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—After being out twenty-four hours, the jury in the Kaloch case, this afternoon, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was received with much applause, and the defendant was heartily congratulated by friends.

The Office Seeker Under the New Administration. National Republican. March 4.—Might be induced to take an assistant secretaryship.

Confession of a Female Nihilist. LONDON, March 25.—A Petersburg dispatch says: "The female Nihilist, arrested yesterday, is named Sophia Piloffsky, and is the daughter of a councillor of the Ministry of Domains. She confessed to having given a signal to Hartman for exploding the mine under the imperial train near Moscow; and also, a signal to Rosokoff to throw the bomb which shattered the Czar's carriage."

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS. A Home dispatch received in London yesterday, says Count Passi, brother of the Emperor, is to be appointed ambassador to the United States.

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