

THE NEXT SENATE.

Indications Pointing to a Probable Tie.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The Star this morning figures out a probable tie in the Senate after the 3rd of next March. It says on the 3rd of next March the terms of sixteen Republicans and nine Democratic Senators will expire. Of the sixteen Republicans who will retire twelve will certainly be succeeded by men of the same party. Messrs. Sherman, Aldrich and Edmunds have been re-elected, and the Legislatures of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are Republican. The Democrats lose one of the nine whose terms expire—Fair, of Nevada—and are secure of the remainder, so that if the Legislature of California, Indiana and New Jersey prove to be Democratic, the result of the change in the Senate after the 3rd of March will be a net loss of three to the Republicans. A Democrat having been chosen to succeed Mahalo from Virginia. The present Senate stands 41 Republicans, 3 Democrats and one Reader (Kiddlerberg), but Senator Van Wyck comes back from Nebraska as a people's representative. He made his fight before the whole people and won on an issue of opposition to corporations. During the present term he has not hesitated on occasions to antagonize his party, and under the conditions of his re-election he may be more independent still. Leaving Van Wyck and Kiddlerberg out of the count the next Senate will stand, provided the Democrats cede the three doubtful States mentioned, 37 Republicans, 3 Democrats. Thus Messrs. Van Wyck and Kiddlerberg would hold the balance of power. In connection with this probable situation it is a fact worth mentioning that both Van Wyck and Kiddlerberg have given evidence of a kindly feeling for the administration. In the event of any conflict between the executive and the Senate the two votes from Nebraska and Virginia would determine the issue. Van Wyck and Kiddlerberg would have it in their power by co-operating with the Democrats to organize the Senate, or should Van Wyck vote with the Republicans and Kiddlerberg with the Democrats on the question of organization, there would be a tie and there is no Vice-President to cast the deciding vote.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Items of Interest in and Around Walter.

Master Herbert, son of Tobie Howell, was right sick last week, but is improving.

Miss Bessie Thompson, one of our young lady visitors, was very sick at Col. Crawford's for several days.

One of Johnson's fairest daughters, in company with a young man, Wadley, all the way from Selma to the fair last week, driving a span of horses. They returned Friday morning.

Mrs. Elva Cox died at her residence in the Fork township, October 30th, 1886, after an illness of a week's duration. She was taken with a severe chill a few days before her death, after which pneumonia set in and caused a fatal yet peaceful termination of her life. Mrs. Cox was personally known to the writer, and was considered by all who knew her as an exemplary Christian woman of the real old-fashioned Methodist type, she having been a member of that church at Ebenezer for a number of years, and to say she was "good" does not half express her qualifications, and after serving near three score years—leaving only one month and twenty-five days of being fifty-seven—she quietly and sweetly passed over the river and entered peacefully into that bliss from which there is no waking. She leaves three loving children, two of whom are married, to mourn their loss. Dream on, dear mother, we will grieve no for thee here, knowing we will meet thee once again in a better world than this. We would not call thee back, knowing as we are that "soft as downy pillows are, While on his breast thou hast lain the head And brushed thy cheek with sunny tress, Our news docket has been 'flummoxed' this week, and the election returns have made us almost sick—but we will bear it yet a little while, for we are not alone in our disappointment, for we will venture the assertion that both parties, the one gladly, the other sadly disappointed by the result. But 'twas thought by some of our best citizens that the "Returning Board" would throw out the returns from the Fork, as the "appointing powers" gave us a set of young and inexperienced men for Registrar and poll holders, who, we suppose, let every body register and vote that wanted to, and there was not a J. P. in the lot, and we will go a treat on a "dry ticket," that there was a number of imported voters who can't be found to-day, for we never saw the like of darkeys here before.

A party of young ladies met at Sasser Brother's and gave the young bachelor a storm party Monday night and they had a candy and hair pulling frolic.

WILSON'S MILLS NOTES.

After the strife and confusion of a two weeks heated campaign, John Wilson is again at business as though nothing had happened. The election here was a great surprise to many; but we are to be content. Some say the Knights of Labor defeated the Democrats, others that the prohibition question defeated the ticket, others, still, try to lay it to the no fence question. We can't say, what did it, but only know it to be a fact.

The speaking here on Saturday Oct.

30th, brought considerable of the

On the night of Nov. 23, the West bound through freight ran over and killed a man by the name of A. F. Card about two miles east of Clayton. He had gone from this place to Clayton where he had been drinking too freely. When found his head and one arm was cut off, and the other arm broken. He was a tobacco curer by profession and was useful to a community when not under the influence of whiskey.

Our village was pretty well represented at the Goldsboro Fair last week, among the number we note the names of Mr. C. M. Wilson and wife, Messrs J. N. and W. G. Wilson, and Misses Annie and Aral Wilson.

Miss Pansy Wood was the guest of Mr. John Vinson one day last week. May her stay next time be longer.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Nov. 1, 1886.

The Board met in regular session, all the members present.

Pauper orders were issued to Jennie Thornton, N. Holmes, J. Singleton, Rachel Braek, Lum & Tempe Barnes, Stephen Williams, E. Howell, Sabrey Wilson, Sarah Howell, Body Ward, Phoebe Hinson, M. Gay, Tom Baker, Arch and Sam Barnes, C. Seckland, Jo Green, Mary Thompson, P. Forehand, Cesar and Susan Stevens. \$42.00.

Accounts were audited and allowed as follows:

A. B. Thompson, Stony Creek, fence.....	\$ 9 00
A. P. Holland, Fork, fence.....	14 27
L. E. Edgerton, Fork, fence.....	8 03
M. J. Ham, Fork, fence.....	2 50
C. B. Thompson, Stony Creek, fence.....	165 00
E. B. Borden, Goldsboro fence.....	18 71
J. H. Caldwell, Fork, fence.....	10 95
J. T. Hollowell, Brogden, fence.....	12 50
C. P. Moore, Brogden, fence.....	17 50
W. K. Hollowell, Brogden, fence.....	25 00
J. H. Sasser, Goldsboro, fence.....	1 50
B. P. Hooks, Fork, fence.....	4 50
R. Kayner, bridge guard.....	6 00
J. M. Swearingen, for bridge lumber.....	8 53
J. A. Harrell, book for Register.....	2 00
W. W. Ingram, burying pauper.....	1 00
L. J. Grantham, burying pauper.....	1 00
G. E. Grantham, bridge lumber.....	11 50
L. H. Jones, October poor house wages.....	15 00
M. Coley, October poor house wages.....	10 00
Jane Battle, washing for poor house.....	1 60
L. H. Jones, cotton baskets for poor house.....	1 00
J. Applewhite, coffin for poor house.....	1 50
W. T. Gardner, account filed.....	79 60
G. P. A. Smith, prisoner from Wilson.....	5 25
Laura Best, mattresses for jail.....	1 75
Tony Best, burying pauper.....	2 00
Hood, Britt & Hall, poor house supplies.....	7 96
G. W. Pipkin, account filed.....	3 75
M. F. Jeffries, for Arrington bridge.....	100 00
J. M. Grantham, October jail fees.....	65 75
A. T. Grady, C. S. C. account filed.....	53 50
H. M. Strouse, blankets for jail.....	8 90
J. W. Kilpatrick, granted 12 months retail license at Goldsboro.....	12 00
Thos. Himant, granted 12 months retail license at Goldsboro.....	12 00
J. J. Baker, tax collector, reported \$3,744.61 of tax collected in October, 1886.....	

Tax orders were issued as follows:

ALLOWED TO LIST.

Stephen Sutton, D. G. Hollomon, J. B. Harrell, Nathan Coley, L. H. Reeves, Harris Amey, Troy Crawford, Jo Adams.

RELEASES:

J. Y. Joyner, released of tax on \$300.00.

Robt Yelverton, released of tax on \$550.00.

C. E. Smith, released of tax on \$554.00.

W. H. Mitchell, released of poll tax.

Mrs. M. Robinson, released of one-fourth of fence tax for 1886.

Jeannet Korngrey's heirs, released of \$55.00 on land.

Henry Griffiths, released of poll tax for 1885.

John W. Giddens, released of poll tax for 1885.

Troy Crawford, released of poll tax for 1886—error.

The Board drew per diem and mileage to date as follows:

E. F. Hooks, 5 days and mileage.....	\$11.50
A. B. Thompson, 6 days and mileage.....	15.00
J. A. Stevens, 6 days and mileage.....	18.60
M. T. Johnson, 6 days.....	19.80
J. H. Loftin, 5 days.....	18.00
A. B. Thompson, 2 days extra travel service.....	4.00
J. A. Stevens, 2 days extra service.....	4.00

Buck Swain's bridge and Kennedy's Mill bridge were made public bridges.

Fork Road petition, filed at last meeting, was granted upon condition that the county shall incur no expense.

The Board then adjourned.

Published by order of the Board.

W. T. GARDNER, Clerk.

KINSTON ITEMS.

Gathered By Our Regular Reporter.

On Friday night Oct. 29th, the warehouse and office of the Neuse and Trent River Steamboat company, at this place, were broken into, and entered by a thief, nothing is missed except a clock in Capt. White's office. No clue as yet to the perpetrator.

Capt. Bird was in town Monday, receiving the census returns for the school children of the county.

Board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday.

Unusually large crowd in town Saturday several were "three sheets in the wind."

We are glad to note improvements going on in various parts of the town. The Neuse and Trent River Steamboat Co. are now engaged in erecting two ware houses and repairing their wharf. The old warehouse was a disgrace to the company. The wharf was becoming dangerous.

Mr. Willie W. Grady of Woodington township died on Tuesday Nov. 23, of Bright's disease. He was a young man of excellent character and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

In the same township and on the same day, Willie a little son of Mr. Benj. Sutton died. He was sick only about twelve hours. The friends and acquaintances of the bereaved extend sympathy.

Lenoir democracy elected their ticket, with the exception of Treasurer. The majorities were all small.

The Republicans handled that rooster so roughly last Tuesday, that I decline sending him to you this week. They disfigured him badly, put out his right eye, and nearly ruined his tail; in fact, the poor fellow came near losing his life, and is now in sad plight for exhibition. He is game, nevertheless, to the gizzard and crowed nearly all night Wednesday. He will have special attention paid him for the next two years, when he will reappear in much better trim.

A large crowd of Kinstonians attended the Goldsboro Fair last Thursday.

On Wednesday night Nov. 3d, our town was illuminated with far barrels, in honor of the democratic victory achieved in the county, "Young America" was out in full force.

Misses Sallie Turnage and Sallie Alexander joined the M. E. Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washington have returned from their summer visit in the mountains. We are sorry to see Mr. W. looking so feeble.

Mrs. Jane Dunn, of Contentnea Neck Township, died Sunday, Oct. 31, and was buried Monday, Rev. N. M. Journey officiating.

We regret that some young men hailing from this county, behaved so badly on the train from the Goldsboro Fair last week, drinking, cursing and falling in the presence of ladies and gentlemen.

"O wad some power, the giftie gie us, To see ourselves, as others see us."

A Signal Service Station will be an established institution in this place. The instruments have been ordered.

Arrangements have been made to establish a Branch Office for the Goldsboro Messenger in Kinston, with T. J. Meacham as Manager. One column of the paper can be used by our merchants and business men for advertisements. The paper has a large circulation in the county and is constantly increasing, and there is no better medium through which to reach the people. Printer's ink all ways pays. Subscription and job work solicited.

Some body has been playing havoc with the local option law in town. The doctors and Druggists are accused of selling whiskey as a medicine "to be used as desired" by the codes. The Code says "It shall be unlawful for any person to sell spirituous liquors in any town where they have voted it out. The thing may be ventilated at court, at least there is a good deal of talk now about doing it. If we must have whiskey let it be kept in the Saloons, not in Drug Stores.

Last week, at Mr. Alf. Kennedy's place, a colored man, named George Parrott beat his wife unmercifully, put an axe helve across her neck and tried to break it "possum style, then thinking she was dead, threw her in the well. This occurred in the night. Next day at dinner time, he told Mr. Kennedy, his wife was dead and in the well. They went to examine, and to his astonishment she was not there, he then gave a very confused statement and unsatisfactory explanation of the affair. Mr. K. instituted a search and found his wife at a colored neighbors house. She said, George had beat her severely on different occasions before, and said, when he threw her in the well, "d—n you, you were hard to kill but I have finished you." The well contained about three feet of water. A warrant was issued, but he escaped.

Atty D. E. Perry was absent most of last week, attending Jones Superior court.

Lenoir court November the 15th.

Gen Hill and Trent townships are demoralized to the core. Give them a banner.

Mr. Arthur, rep. Senator elect, was in town Saturday.

Mrs Sallie B. Taylor, wife of Col. Taylor of Catherine Lake, Onslow county, passed though on her return from Raleigh and Goldsboro Fairs last Friday.

J. Q. Jackson, A. J. Loftin and S. H. Abbott spent Saturday at La Grange, arbitrating a case between Edwards & Murchison vs Geo. L. Taylor.

Misses Sallie Dunn and Mattie W. Rountree remained over in Goldsboro, Thursday night, to attend the Theatre.

Mrs. Susan W. wife of Rev. Iroquois Harding, spent Sunday and Monday at Cotton Craven county visiting her daughter, who is teaching school at that place.

DUPLIN NEWS AND NOTES.

Chroniced by our Warsaw Reporter.

We were not at home last week and return thanks to a friend for writing the news and notes for us.

The Magnolia Reading Club will give another one of their popular entertainments on Friday night, the 19th inst. Attend, you will be pleased; they have considerable talent in their club.

Rev. L. M. Curtis, pastor of Johnsons Baptist church, tendered his resignation last Saturday, the resignation to take effect January 1887.

We are glad to know that Magnolia's graded school, under the judicious management of Prof. Shaw, is doing fine work. The Magnolia people give their schools a generous support.

We have (in a former communication) alluded to the growing interest in fine stock, and now Mr. J. E. Sprunt, of Warsaw, presents, for the admiration of his friends, a thoroughbred colt. By the way, there are four horses in Warsaw, whose owners claim that they can make a mile in 3 minutes. Are we a fast people?

Mr. D. L. Farrior, of Kenansville, carried his herd of Jersey's to the Goldsboro Fair. We hope that he received a premium.

The majority of the farmers have gathered their crops and with the exception of two or three localities the cotton yield is not more than half what it was four years ago; the corn is almost an average, while rice and potatoes are fine.

Mr. H. S. Boyette, of Warsaw township, raised 213 bushels of rice on a little more than two acres of land. Who in Duplin has done better?

Rev. W. M. Kennedy has shown us a sweet potato grown upon his farm that measures 22 inches in circumference and weighs six pounds.

Mr. Levi Moore and sons have lost seventy-five hogs this Fall by that fatal disease cholera. They have lost three hundred hogs in the last five years.

The Warsaw rice mill is again running on full time; and those who wish their rice prepared for market will do well to consult Mr. Pearsall.

Mr. Robt. Doors will supply the Warsaw market with fresh oysters. Bob, why not advertise in the MESSENGER, it will pay as we can testify.

Many of our farmers are anxious to sow small grain but have been unable to do so for the want of rain. It has not rained with us for more than two months.

Mr. D. S. Kennedy, of Warsaw, and Miss Estelle Armstrong, of Culpepper, Va., were married in the Baptist Church, of Culpepper, on the evening of Nov. 3d. Rev. Dr. C. F. James officiating. Mrs. Kennedy is not a stranger in Duplin and her numerous friends are glad to welcome her to the Old North State.

SURVEYING THE BATTLE-FIELD.

The Results of Last Tuesday's Struggle.

WASHINGTON, November 4.—The result of Tuesday's election and the probable change in the respective strength of the Democrats and Republicans in the next House, is the principal topic here among politicians and officeholders. The Republicans are delighted with the reported gains of Congressmen, and profess to be better satisfied with cutting down the Democratic majority to a very narrow margin than if they had carried the next House by a slight majority. Free trade or tariff reform, they say, has received a black eye, and something has been done, too, in Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia to break up the solid South.

The Democrats are generally quiet, but say they will be satisfied if Mr. Carlisle is elected and they hold the House. Nothing is said at the White House, except that they are satisfied with the result. Friends of the Administration say they think that, taken altogether, the result of the election shows a healthy condition and cannot in any way be construed into a set back for the Administration. Protectionists, they say, seem to be to distribute the strength of the party over the country and take from it all sensational character. The gains in Minnesota, Colorado, Nebraska and Massachusetts, and the gain of a Congressman in Pennsylvania, they say, effect the disruption in the South. The men who have been defeated have not been conspicuous friends of the Administration. Quite the contrary has been the case. The only place where it might be said that the Administration was squarely the issue was in Massachusetts, and there very satisfactory gains were made. In Virginia, where the Democrats lost so heavily, the cause was not the result of the election to the President and civil service reform. In North Carolina where the Democrats lost two Congressmen, one of the men defeated was the anti-Administration candidate who was nominated over Mr. Cox. The force of the whole protectionists' organization, they say, was used against the Democratic civil service reformers. Besides this, Mr. Morrison was opposed to the Administration, so was Warren, of Ohio, and several others were. They think Mr. Buck's outspoken antagonism to the Administration hurt the Democrats in Kentucky, and Mr. Carlisle in particular. Moreover, Mr. Carlisle was taken by surprise, having given no thought a serious opposition. Protectionists claim that the result of the election gives them great strength in the House, and it is generally conceded that they are the gainers by the fight. The defeat of Morrison and of Carlisle's narrow escape, is an immense victory for them. It is believed that the Randall element in the party will be in the ascendancy in the House during the Fiftyeth Congress, and Randall, it is thought, will be master of the situation.

A prominent official to-day said that the result of the elections, especially in Virginia, will drive Republican orators from charging that the votes are not counted in the Southern States.

The defeat of Small, in South Carolina will make the 50th Congress the first purely white Congress since the war.

At the Clerk's office of the House of Representatives a Democratic majority in the next House of three is figured out. This counts Carlisle as elected.

OUR STATE RAILROADS.

North Carolina Has 2095 Miles of Railway.

We are indebted to a friend who is informed on the subject, for the following summary of the Railway system in this State, showing a total of 2095 miles:

Goldsboro to Charlotte.....	223.15
Greensboro to Salem.....	25.20
Danville to Greensboro, in N. C.....	45.00
Atlanta & Charlotte in N. C.....	43.65
Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley.....	144.50
Gr. to S. C. State line.....	10.50
S. C. Pacific Ry. in State.....	10.50
Carolina central, Wilmington to Shelby.....	242.00
Albemarle & Raleigh.....	32.00
Ashville & Spartanburg.....	48.00
Atlantic & N. Carolina.....	95.00
Western Tennessee & Ohio.....	44.00
Charlotte Columbia & Augusta.....	11.50
Chester & Salisbury.....	14.00
Chester & Lenoir.....	62.20
Danville Mocksville, & S. Western.....	7.75
Suffolk & Carolina.....	60.00
East Tenn. & West. N. C.....	3.00
Jameville & Washington.....	22.00
Melrose Valley.....	1.25
Milton & Southerland.....	1.25
Norfolk & Southern.....	52.89
Oxford to Henderson.....	13.00
Weldon to Pleasant Hill.....	9.39
Seaboard & Roanoke.....	20.50
Raleigh & Augusta Air Line.....	107.75
Raleigh & Gaston.....	95.75
Warrenton.....	3.00
Louisburg.....	10.90
Western North Carolina.....	282.00
Wilmington Columbia & Augusta.....	66.00
Wilmington & Weldon.....	227.00
Wilson to Fayetteville.....	74
	2095.25

THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

The bloody Britisher thinks he does everything better than the rest of the world, including the making of newspapers. But the rest of the world knows a good deal better than to believe this, especially as to the newspapers. Here is what the correspondent of the New York Times writes from London respecting the journals of that city:

"Every mail which brings me the great Sunday sheets of New York fills me with marveling that we have left them here so far behind. London journalists feel the disparity keenly, admit it with the utmost frankness, but nobody sees how it is going to be altered. The newspaper is an iron rut and nobody will try to get it out. Under its new control the Daily News does venture upon a few improving innovations, and the Pall Mall Gazette sometimes comes very near being an admirable paper, but in both cases there is the heavy handicap of popular incredulity as the honesty of the papers.

"The paper of the largest circulation is also the paper most typical of the faults of London journalism—the Telegraph. It has probably the ablest staff in London, and they turn out the

OUTLOOK IN ENGLAND.

Work for the Tories When Parliament Meets.

(T. P. O'Connor, M. P. in the New York Star.)

LONDON, October 30.—The proposed local government bill and other legislative measures already enumerated in these dispatches are pushed forward rapidly, and will soon be in shape for final consideration by the Cabinet. The principles and most of the details of the proposals for the extension of self-government are mainly those settled respectively by Dilke and Balfour during their respective terms of office on the local government board. The bill will consequently be the joint production of both parties. It is stated in Tory quarters to-night with reference to the bill that pressure is being brought to bear on the Cabinet in favor of the whole question of education being included. The leaders of the movement desire to give each separate district the right to settle for itself by popular vote the scale of fees, the right to make provision for free education in cases where extreme poverty exists, and to decide the Biblical and moral lessons, questions which have created so much heart-burning throughout the country.

Churchill's Bradford speech has been, on the whole, well received by the Tory press; not so warmly by some leading Unionist papers, including the Times. The latter pretends to think that Churchill will not be found at the eleventh hour in the ranks of the advocates of closure by bare majority. The question of closure excites extraordinary interest in all political circles. It is agreed on all hands that, whatever the details of the proposed rules may be, the leading object will be to muzzle the Nationalists. A Tory minister under the rules, as outlined now, will only have to raise some question that Nationalists members are bound in honor to defend to create a scene ending in closure wholesale. The chances are, judging from a preliminary count, that when the closure rules are proposed they will be resisted by a combination of at least 150 votes. Every day the prospects of the opposition on the closure question improve.

Full M. G. Gazette, whose trip to Ireland to seek information on national questions at issue was recently noticed, gives interesting report of what he heard and saw. As regards trade, on which so many diverse opinions have been expressed, it proved to be better than he had been led to believe, and, all things considered, compares favorably with the condition of the country of previous years. He found the country more quiet than was generally supposed in England, where the impression has been sedulously cultivated by the Tories that the entire country is engaged in ceaseless fighting and brawling. Like many other Englishmen who have lately visited Ireland, he found life and property, except in districts excited by exceptional evictions, as safe as in any part of Great Britain. He considers that in a modified form of land nationalization would be discovered the germs of a satisfactory solution of Irish agrarian troubles. It is a noteworthy fact that although he stopped with Joyce, the well-known agent of Lord Clarendon, he was unable to learn anything even there to lead him to support the scheme of wholesale evictions down on the landlord programme for the winter.

Nationalists promise to furnish a mass of information dealing with the causes and extent of, and remedy for, Irish discontent. This will be a wise step. The English and Scotch masses have yet to learn the rudimentary facts relating to the evils that have worked such mischief for Ireland. Such a work as is promised cannot fail to have a favorable effect on Unionist and Tory constituencies. In hundreds of out of the way towns and villages throughout England where the square and local magnates still reign supreme, it is conscientiously believed that the Parliaments have hatched a plot with England's enemies to use Ireland as a for military operations against England.

The Radicals have decided to send a representative deputation to Ireland next week to investigate for themselves the state of the country as compared with England. They will report fully on their return, to the union of Radical associations interested in this practical method of testing political questions, and their reports will no doubt be printed in leaflets and leaflets and many millions of them circulated. The deputies will be afforded every facility by the National League and all its representatives in every part of Ireland. If the Government officials desire it, it is conscientiously believed that the deputies will avail themselves of the opportunity. Their chief object is to get at the true state of affairs through the fountain head. Among the English voters there is deep distrust of the generalizations of members of Parliament and others on the Irish question. Their thirst for solid facts is likely soon to be gratified.

The press generally gives a cold shoulder to the independent committee to investigate Dilke's divorce proceedings. In the interest of decency it is desired that Dilke and the committee be let severely alone. Another reason is that a renewed discussion of the Dilke incident could not fail to involve the introduction of new names and new phases of immorality.

—Our job office facilities have been greatly increased and improved. In quality of work and cheapness of prices, we propose to compete with any office south of the Potomac. Tax receipts, Clerks Blanks, Registers Blanks, Court Dockets, Marriage Licenses and all blanks used by Magistrates and Attorneys supplied at short notice.

THE REASON OF IT.

Washington Post.

The Post has spoken frankly to its readers about the election; for a newspaper that challenges the confidence of the public has no right to indulge in such masquerades as the "organs" of both parties often find amusing.

Of actual Congressmen-elect, the Democratic party has lost more than it has won in the elections of this week, and it has lost in States where it might have been expected to gain. But the reasons for the apparent basket are not far to seek, and, when they are understood, there is not the least ground for despondency on the part of any Democrat.

In the first place it is to be remembered that it seems to be according to the genius of our institutions that the party has the President shall not have Congress during the last half of his incumbency. Why this is, may be classified with those puzzles of politics which are not yet solved. Almost invariably, during the last forty years, has Congress turned squarely against the President in the middle of his term—in the middle of Tyler's Administration by a historic revolt; in the middle of Fillmore's, by another revolt; in the middle of Buchanan's; in the middle of Johnson's; in the middle of Grant's; in the middle of Arthur's. So it was the traditional and foreordained thing for Congress to turn against Cleveland now. It has not done so. Historic precedent fails. Analogy is defeated. The Fiftyeth Congress will be in harmony with the President.

Besides this mysterious and recondite influence there were adverse influences that were more intelligible. Republicans have carried Virginia, for instance, by twelve or fifteen thousand, but they have polled no more votes than usual. Democrats carried down under the lead of General Apathy, 20,000 of them staying at home through over confidence. It was through the sluggish maneuvers of this same captain of disaster that we have lost something in Kentucky and Illinois. But wherever there has been a square stand up fight, as in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Minnesota, in which the principles at issue and nothing else were discussed, the Democrats have carried the day.

In fact, a review of the battlefield indicates that the Republican gains resulted from transient and local causes, which would have little place in a Presidential canvass or from that apathetic condition of the vascular system which is apt to keep people away from the polls when they feel overconfident of victory.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

Col. A. C. Davis and School left for Fayetteville Fair Tuesday morning.

Our first heavy frost fell on Monday night. Autumn in her rich robe of Divine beauty will soon be over.

Mr. L. J. Edwards of Florida, formerly a citizen of our town, was visiting old friends here recently.

The Central Express, a Democratic journal published at Sanford, N. C., every Thursday, forms one of our literary visitors, and a very welcome one.

Mr. E. W. Bizzell, our newly elected Democratic County Clerk, has the hearty congratulations of his friends in success.

The crayon drawing by Miss Lavenia Whitfield on exhibition recently at the Goldsboro Fair, is now to be seen at the drugstore of Mr. H. M. McDonald, in our town.

The new Disciples Baptist Church in our town is rapidly going up. We have not yet learned who will preside as Pastor.

Mr. W. H. Burke removes his stock of merchandise to the unoccupied store on opposite street belonging to E. W. Joyner Esq.

The residence of Mr. John Fields Jr. was destroyed by fire last week. Mr. Fields was absent from home on the occasion, and the origin of the fire is unknown. Hoping his loss is alleviated by insurance, but in the trial incident to such a mishap he has the sympathy of many.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. I have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

Electric Bitters are sold at fifty cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c per box by Kirby & Robinson.

—Job printing done in good style and at lowest rates at the Messenger Press Rooms.

AN ASSURANCE OF IMCORRUPTIBLE INTEGRITY.

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