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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1886.

Elopements continue throughout the country and divorces proceed pari passu.

The State was never more quiet than at present. The fact is an evidence of a certain degree of general happiness...

Heavy snow storms are still reported in the East and West, causing great suffering and obstructing traffic.

So ex-district attorney Duakin, whose case the republicans made the test in the matter of the President's right to make removals...

This republican majority in the Senate will occupy the better part of the week probably in the search after party capital and the business of the people will have to await its pleasure.

In cases of affray, the mayor of Columbia fines the man who first provokes the difficulty, either by words or blows, and lets the other off entirely.

The enemies of the administration have turned their guns from Mr. Garland on Solicitor-General Goode, whom they charge with complicity in certain indefinite frauds alleged to have been committed in behalf of his election to Congress.

How Augustus Van Wyck, judge of the city court of Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted the invitation of the Dialectic society to deliver the annual address before the two literary societies of the University of North Carolina the day preceding commencement next, June 2.

Exactly how far the wishes of the Irish nationalists extend in the matter of the sovereignty of their island, it is hard to gather from their utterances in parliament, but it may be assumed that they are willing to take all they can get.

A PLEA FOR DIVERSIFIED CROPS.

The plea of the Tennessee farmers for a diversification of crops which we print elsewhere is a strong one, and made at the most appropriate time.

what is to be done? A diversification of crops they say is the only remedy for the unhappy situation and we agree with them.

The farmers must continue, they say, to oppose the cotton speculating pool. They must, in short, boycott the speculator—boycott cotton itself.

We do not approve of the boycotting principle and we think our friends are rather hard on the speculator, who, so long as he is honest, serves a valuable purpose, but there is still much in the view of the all-cotton system they present which is exactly to the point, and we therefore commend what they say to our readers.

The report of the minority of the judiciary committee of the Senate on the matter of suspensions and removals seems to cover the whole ground of the question involved and so to leave the republican partisans nothing whatever to stand on.

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Mr. Editor—In your editorial reply to my communication of the 23d instant, you have, to my surprise, taken up the cudgels in behalf of the appointment of Mr. Willis Bagley to the temporary clerkship of the supreme court, and while I know it is mistaken policy for a layman to engage in a controversy with an editor who has a newspaper at his back, I am so satisfied with my views of the matter that I am willing to attempt an answer to your remarks.

You say that the question as to the status of the court is "so funny you cannot refrain from publishing it." It may seem "funny," but what "fun" has it ever produced for the party in the State? If I recollect right, we have had the court for certainly eighty years,

and yet, during that time, though a "permanent" and "temporary" clerk had to be appointed, gentlemen of known Democratic fealty have never had a chance of the office, though applying for it. Can that be denied? Have you ever heard the assertion that a Democrat should have had the place at the last appointment? In the next sentence of your editorial reply you show its whole gist and do the very thing that you lecture me for.

You say that "the (my) communication is in the nature of an attack to make capital against the renomination of the judges." Now, Mr. Editor, it is "manifestly improper" for the "organ" of the party, the exponent of its doctrines, the paper that is supposed to deal fairly between all party applicants to forestall the convention by expressing its views and nominating the present court as its candidate "without giving applicants a reasonable time to present their names."

You are doing the very thing that you commended the court for not doing. I have no objection to the court's not deciding at once to whom it shall give the office, but I do object to giving it for a day or an hour to one not in accord with the principles of that party you have been doing your best for years to make the people believe is the only one entitled to their consideration.

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and the court, in the absence of any application for the temporary appointment, asked him to continue a few days until they could receive the applications of those who desired the office. "G" is doubtless fully persuaded in his own mind that he is not seeking to make political capital against the judges in making so much of this matter, and indeed we really think he is right in the notion, for we know the people of the State well, and we believe that they are laughing at the shafts he hurls against the court in arraigning them for a want of party fealty.

It is proper to add that we have received a letter from Mr. Guthrie, of Fayetteville, who fears lest some may suppose that he is "G," and who desires to state that he is not.—Ed. N. & O.

CURRENCY.

A SAD TALE. (From the Norristown Herald.) Cast ashore on a lone barren isle in the sea a late which flows the Nile, with no clothes but a battered old tunic—From a full suit a rather scant piece—Of course could not dress with much style, While I dwelt in that residence vile; But as there was no one to smile; I managed the years to bequeath—With many a woe and weary while—A sad tale to tell in my tale; And I this way the tale place on file, With the trust that it no one will rise.

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