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NEGRO MAGISTRATES.

We publish elsewhere a communication from a Democrat of Halifax county advocating the appointment of negro magistrates. While we differ with our correspondent we are perfectly willing to publish his views on those of any other gentleman upon any subject. We are not among those who will not allow every side of a question a hearing.

It would be an immodest request on the part of the Republicans seeing that since 1868 while in power they ignored the Democracy. They never allowed us any representation in any place. In one instance only do we remember such magnanimity and that was in the lower part of the county when they did so to protect themselves from the ignorance and unscrupulousness of those magistrates whom they had selected from their own party. In all other instances they have tightly drawn the party line and when propositions were submitted to their leaders, which we believe has been the case more than once, that they should allow one Democrat to be sent to the Legislature they have always declined, when they had the power they ignored us and now they should ask no favors.

If they have not asked recognition it is rather premature for the Democracy to tender it. It is similar to the woman who worked so hard making clothes for the heathen in foreign lands that her own children went half naked. We hardly think our correspondent would approve of Governor Jarvis' course if he should fill any vacancy which might occur in the judiciary or in the State government by appointing a Republican. Neither can any one expect General Garfield to overlook his own party in making his appointments and give the leaves and fishes to Democrats. We certainly do not. It is suicidal not only politically, but in every other respect. The board of magistrates controls the affairs of the county. The board is Democratic and adopt Democratic measures because they believe Democratic principles are right. How then can we expect to be benefited by having on the board an element which is diametrically opposed on principle to the measures which Democrats think the best. The board would be divided and scripture says that a house divided against itself will fall.

The appointment of ignorant men as magistrates would virtually do away with the great reform which was made by the Convention of 1875. A reform which was much needed for the prosperity of the State—the Eastern part at least—and which was the only thing which could have relieved us of the fraud and corruption which had fastened itself upon the people and was fast sucking the very life blood of the country. The East demanded this reform and Halifax county or rather the more intelligent of its people were foremost in seeking relief. Their cries for help were among the loudest which echoed in the mountain fastnesses waking the mountaineers from their repose to come to the assistance of their down-trodden brethren in the East. They gave up their own preferences to aid us at the expense of time and money; and now must we throw away this boon which we so long sought in vain? Must we say to the West that we do not want the present system of county government; that we are willing to go back to the old state of affairs? As late as the last session Halifax county was pointed to as an example of the great good which the Democratic party had done for the State. Suppose our countymen recommend negroes to the Legislature as magistrates and then suppose the Western members ask that the present system be abolished and the old order of things be restored; what can our Representatives in the Legislature say in opposition to the plan. If they speak of the good accomplished the reform will be: "Why do you want negro magistrates? Your people don't act as if they wanted men of intelligence to govern them." It may be said that all this doesn't apply to the question, that two or three or even thirteen negro magistrates will not materially affect a single measure; but we differ. It is only the beginning. If it is done now, it will be done two years from now until possibly the whole board of magistrates or a larger part of it may be composed of an undesirable element. And then the Democratic party will be shreds with not even a nucleus in the county to build upon.

But even if we look at the question from a non-political stand point, it is wrong. It is wrong to make magistrates of ignorant men be they white or black, Democrats or Republicans. When a man cannot read and write or if he does not understand the principles of justice, questions of honor, public in-

terest and has no idea whatever of political economy, he is not fit to be a magistrate, no matter who he is. Educate the colored people so that they can understand the principles of government and then this will be a proper question for discussion. It is wrong for ignorance to direct and govern intelligence. It is wrong for tax payers to be ruled by people who pay no taxes. It is wrong for public schools to be managed by people who know nothing of books; and the appointment of ignorant magistrates is in our opinion, the beginning of these evils and the people have had enough and more than enough of them. If every colored man in the county was a Democrat we would oppose their appointment as magistrates simply because they are incompetent. If the people want negro magistrates or ignorant white magistrates let them meet together at Halifax or in their several townships and say so. Then we will have nothing more to say though we will still be of the same opinion.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message was read in both houses of Congress on the sixth inst. It begins with congratulations for prosperity and then alludes to the peaceable conduct of the last election. The following is a synopsis:

SECTIONALISM.

In several Southern States opposition to the enjoyment of the rights of citizenship by the colored people still prevails. It was not manifested to any large extent perhaps by acts of violence or intimidation, but by fraudulent practices in connection with the ballots, in the places and manner of voting, counting returning and canvassing the votes. It is the desire of the people that sectionalism should disappear. It is undesirable for one section to be arrayed solidly against another. The disposition to refuse obedience to the equal rights amendments is all that stands in the way of a complete obliteration of sectional lines in political contests. If the amendments are obeyed congress will have time to turn its attention to other important questions and amendments will continue to act together.

EDUCATION.

The surest guarantee of the primary rights of citizenship is to be found in that capacity for self protection which can belong only to the people whose right to universal suffrage is supported by universal education. The State authorities are not able to furnish free instruction to all who need it, and Congress should supplement the local educational funds by grants of public lands and if necessary by appropriations from the treasury.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The dangers of patronage or appointments to office for personal or partisan consideration threaten the stability of the government. They tend to become more alarming with the enlargement of administrative service. The reasons are imperative for the adoption of fixed rules for the regulation of appointments, promotions, and removals, establishing a uniform method having exclusively in view the attainment of the best qualifications for position. Such a method alone is consistent with the equal rights of all citizens and the most economical and efficient administration of public business. The results of competitive examination when it has been tried have been satisfactory. It secures the best qualifications; it is an effectual protection against impurity and preventing the abuse of the service for private or party purposes.

BALANCED COMMISSION.

An annual appropriation of \$25,000 dollars is recommended for the establishment of a commission to conduct civil service examinations and to see that the service is properly administered. Hitherto this has been done by persons who were not paid for it and whose time was occupied in this manner to the necessary neglect of other duties.

FREEDOM IN OFFICE.

The passage of necessary laws is recommended to leave all officers to express their political opinions and to enable them to refuse all demands upon their salary for political purposes. Such a law is greatly to be desired.

PATRONAGE.

The most serious obstacle to the improvement of the civil service is the spoils system, by which the appointing power has been so largely encroached upon by members of Congress. There must be a divorce between Congress and the Executive in the matter of appointments. The corrupting doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils" is inseparable from congressional patronage as the established rule of parties in power.

POLYGAMY.

It is the duty of the people of the United States to suppress polygamy where it now exists and prevent its extension. Efforts have been made by the United States authorities in Utah to enforce the laws against it. Experience shows legislation upon this question to be defective. The longer action is delayed the more difficult it will be to accomplish what is desired. It is not a case of half way measures. A law is recommended by which the government of Utah would be placed in hands of the President by allowing him to appoint the Governor and commissioners; or else it suggested that the right to vote, hold office or sit on juries be confined to those who neither practice nor uphold polygamy.

The message recommends the withdrawal of legal tender notes, and coinage of silver dollars as they now are, and advises a double standard of value. It reviews the relations of the United States with foreign powers and other

matters of no interest to the general reader.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS. Comprehensive improvements are recommended for the Mississippi and Columbia rivers.

GRANT AND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

The great services of General Grant during the war for the union whose wise conduct did so much to bring the war to the close. An act of Congress authorizing the appointment of a Captain General of the Army would be fitting and proper and meet the approval of the country.

FEDERAL COURTS.

Additional provision for the Federal Courts becomes more apparent every year. An intermediate court is suggested with cognizance of errors and appeals. The number of circuit court judges should be increased.

INDIANS.

The Indian affairs are in a more hopeful state. They have made gratifying progress in Agriculture herding and mechanical pursuits. The past year has been unusually free from troubles. Congress should make allotments of land to the reservations to Indians as individuals so that each should have fee simple title to his land.

Only the parts of the message most interesting to the people have been published. There is too much to publish in full.

ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE!

I shall sell for cash December 28th 1880, 4 yokes of oxen, 3 head of horses and mules, 4 head of cattle, a lot of corn and hay, two ox carts, one Jersey wagon, one two horse wagon, two buggies, a lot of farm tools, household and kitchen furniture, a good clock stove, complete guns, pistols and watches, &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

J. W. IRBY.

NOTICE.

As I have more real estate in the town of Weldon, than I wish to hold, and my object is still to continue improving and building in the town, persons wishing to buy a dwelling or a good store at reasonable rates would do well to consult me. I am now prepared with good seasoned lumber and other facilities to do any amount of building at short notice, either in Weldon or at other towns. I still continue my regular merchandise business in the town of Weldon.

R. P. SPIERS.

B. T. SIMMONS.

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WELDON, N. C.

Having recently purchased the whole stock of Drugs belonging to R. W. Brown, I will continue the business at the

OLD STAND.

My stock consists in part of a full line of

MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, DRUGS, LAMP OILS, KEROSENE, MACHINERY, COMBS, BRUSHES, DYE STUFFS, STATIONERY, PERFUMS, SOAP, REC. REC.

Also a full assortment of everything that may be called for in my line.

A Retail of Cheating and Smoking Tobacco, Cigars and Chews of all brands at all prices. New goods received and to arrive. Stock kept fully up to the standard of a first-class drug store.

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I have a complete stock of GROCERIES & CONFECTIONERIES.

My bar is stocked with the choicest French, Apple, and Peach Brandies, also all kinds of Whiskies, Wines, Gin, Rum, and Champagne.

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Lager Beer in Bottles and on Draught. Families supplied at lower rates by the dozen bottles.

10,000 Cigars of the Best Brands

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Orders for Cakes Filled at Short Notice.

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A complete stock of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, NOTIONS.

A Full Assortment of All Goods, to be found in the best stores, and prices as low if not lower than any store in

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Mixed drinks of all descriptions put up in the

BEST STYLE.

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M. WHITEHEAD & SON, Halifax, N. C.

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We have rented the Ferry across the river at Halifax. All parties in Northampton county will find it to their advantage to trade with us, as they can get a discount on ferry tickets.

Ferry tickets kept at their store in Halifax on sale.

M. WHITEHEAD & SON, Halifax, N. C.

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LEADERS OF LOW PRICES.

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DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, YANKEE NOTIONS, BROWN DOMESTICS,

AND EVERY THING ELSE FOR CASH.

COTTON AND ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE BROUGHT

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HANDSOME AND WELL SELECTED GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

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DR. A. R. ZOLLICOFFER & BRO. HAVE IN STORE AND ARE DAILY RECEIVING FRESH SUPPLIES OF DRUGS, SUCH AS MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, PERFUMERY, SOAPS, STATIONERY, COMBS, BRUSHES, TOILET ARTICLES, LAMP AND LAMP FIXTURES, KEROSENE AND LUBRICATING OILS, OF THE BEST QUALITY, ALSO A FULL LINE OF CONFECTIONERIES, SUCH AS PLAIN AND FRENCH CANDIES, APPLES, ORANGES, NUTS, &c.

Their stock of Drugs, Medicines, &c., is complete, and they respectfully invite the public generally and the physicians to call and examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere. ANY GOODS not in stock can be had in 24 hours notice.

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