

THE PETERSBURG TROUBLE.

We regret very much that trouble has fallen upon our friends in Petersburg, but we trust they will yet have a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

On Wednesday last it was notified that the Radicals seemed to be unusually busy in the Custom House in Petersburg, and it was surmised that something was on foot to upset the recent election.

On Friday two Radical Congressmen from Virginia, called upon President Grant and urged him to send troops to Petersburg for the protection of certain officers whose lives they alleged were in danger.

But affairs were not destined to remain thus. On Saturday the good people of Petersburg were thrown into a state of great excitement by the information telegraphed to the city papers by Judge Harris, one of the members of Congress from Virginia.

It is not, however, by any means certain that such will be the result, as it happens that the Marshal, Mr. Ramsdell, is a man of too much character and intelligence to allow himself to be used as a tool by the Custom House conspirators.

Truly is Petersburg fortunate in that such a man as Mr. Ramsdell is the United States Marshal. It is, however, a sad commentary upon the condition of affairs that the safety of the citizens springs not from the majesty of the law but from the good sense and honesty of the man who is charged with its execution.

THE NEW BEGON EVENT.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writes as follows: Secretary Bristow has already put out several orders in relation to the Department, and with a determination that indicates that he means to carry them out.

That something should ever have been allowed is a ample confirmation, as the Macon Telegraph and Messenger well says, of all the Democratic party and professedly with that department.

INDEPENDENT FARMERS' CAUDILLAS AND THE GRANGERS.

Mr. E. C. Davidson, late a Granger Lecturer, having announced himself as "an independent farmers' caudilla" for Congress, in opposition to Mr. Ashe, the Grangers in Anson county have "gone for him" in a series of resolutions, one of which is as follows:

Resolved, That we regret and condemn the steps taken by our brother and Lecturer, E. C. Davidson, in announcing himself a farmer's candidate for Congress, and we will not support him.

The publication of the above resolution has brought Mr. Davidson out in a card, in which he repudiates the idea that he desires to be thought a Granger caudilla. He says: "I have not been announced as a candidate upon the idea of securing the support of the Patrons of Husbandry as a Granger, and I do not intend to do so."

It is well to know that the Grangers have not set the seal of their disapprobation upon the course pursued by Mr. Davidson in so far as it tended to drag their order into opposition to the members of the only party in the country, independent candidates need have nothing from the Grangers.

AN OLIVE BRANCH FROM WEST POINT.

The annual meeting of graduates of the Academy takes place at West Point on the Thursday before the 17th of June when the graduates are gathered for the purpose of electing a public orator for the coming year.

There was one thing done, however, that was not usual to reunions of Federal army officers, and that was a banquet given to the graduates of the Academy, which was held on the 17th June—the Centennial Anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

Our friends, the enemy, seem in much trouble over the Civil Rights Bill, which has just passed the House of Representatives, and is now pending in the Senate.

But Cobb and Thomas, Radical members of Congress, ever its passage and have so voted. In negro counties New Hanover and Craven, and in the negro Congressional Districts, colored men have been nominated to the exclusion of whites.

DEAD, DEAD.

The much talked of Civil Service Reform movement has finally come to great grief. Jealousy, favoritism and spite interest were too strong not to throttle any scheme so unscrupled and pretended to smother of honesty.

At a Radical Convention in Randolph county recently, a white county in which a great many white men voted the Radical ticket, when dinner was announced the landlord being only able to seat twenty persons, seated them by tens of each color, thus carrying out practically one of the odious features of the bill in advance of its passage.

Thus we see that while Colonel Dockery and Parson Sinclair, and the Radical party, are so busy in the newspapers and some of the Radical papers are so busy in the newspapers and some of the Radical papers are so busy in the newspapers.

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