WILMINGTON, N. C.: SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 10, 1874. A BOSOM FRIEND OF GRANT DE-

CLARES THAT THE PRESIDENT

SAID HE WOULD NOT BE A CAN-DIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION. So much has been said of whether Grant would or would not be a candidate for renomination, or an independent candidate for the Presidency, that the following decided expression from Judge Edwards Pierrepont, of New York, to a reporter of the Sun,

will be read with great interest.

"A paragraph which has recently been published in several newspapers, said Judge Pierrepont, "to the effect that I had said to an acquaintance that I favored the re-election of President Grant, is not true. When I have anything to say on so public a matter, I say it publicly, and not to my friends. TNow, you may say," he continued, "that Gen. Grant told me himself that he intended to retire at the expiration of his present term. believe he told the truth. I don't believe that he wishes or that he will seek a renomination. Nor do I believe that anybody but those who wish to make a fuss think that he will be renominated. It is true that Grant has not publicly said that he would not be a candidate for re-election; but that is because so many people are trying to make him declare his intentions. He will not be forced to say what he intends to do. think," added the Judge, "that I have given you a definite answer to your

question." As the reporter arose to take his leave Judge Pierrepont said, "We said nothing about this third term question in our Convention because we did not wish to be regarded as having yielded to the clamor of men who are fond of making a fuss. People may talk about the third term but they will see that when the time for him to speak comes Gen. Grant will say that he neither desires nor will seek a re-election.

Now is then entirely authentic? If Judge Pierrepont did say that Grant means no third term, does he speak by the card? When did the alleged interview between the New York leader and Gen. Grant take place? And, last, has the latter changed his mind in regard to his retiracy at the end of the present term? These are queries with which the average reader will receive the statement of the Sun on every hand.

In connection with the Sun interview read the following editorial from the Baltimore Gazette:

The air is full of, if not saturated with, rumors that, in obedience to the inexorable demands of friends in certain heretofore faithful regions, President Grant is about to relinquish his pretensions to be again a candidate. So precise a form do these rumors take that even time and place are indicated, and it is confidently asserted that the coming Convention at Chattanooga is the occasion when silence is to be broken. The story runs that this demand comes with decisive emphasis from New England, and more especially from New York. Perhaps that portion of New England which is still adhesive could be managed, though New Hampshire and Connecticut would have to be indefinitely relinquished; but New York, it is conceded, must be lost unless this self-

MISTAKING HIS MAN.

One of the amusing items of the political campaign in Indiana is the mistake of the Chairman of the "Southern Outrage" Committee. He has been stirring up the papers on that subject, and, supposing the Rensselaer Union to be a Republican paper, wrote to the editor as follows: ROOMS OF REP. S. CEN. COM.,

Indianapolis, Sept. 3. Editor Union, Rensselaer, Ind.: DEAR SIR: I desire to call your attention to the horrible scenes of violence and bloodshed transpiring throughout the South, and suggest that you give them as great promi-

nence as possible in your peper from this time until after the election! . . THOMAS J. BRADY, Some waster a starte Chairman. The outrage business is to last only "until after the election." Over 250,000 Outrage Supplements have

been circulated in Indiana. WILL GRANT REPUDIATE KEL-

President himself does not consider either Kellogg or McEnery the lawfully elected Governor of Louisiana, and that in his next message to Congress he will recommend that provision be made for a free and fair election at the earliest possible day.

We hope this is true. The President is not bound by his hasty and partisan championship of Durell's enormous usurpation.

One of the editors of the Charleston News and Courier has been notified that he will be indicted for libel by Sheriff Bowen, a notorious Radical politician, of whom the News and Courier had spoken as a convicted forger and bigamist,

SHAKESPEARE AND BACON. The savans, and those who are not savans, are still waging the Shakespearean war in the New York Herald. It is astonishing how much pen, ink and paper is wasted to show the world how much some people know (and do not know). It is wonderful that the authorship of "The Eneid" and of "Paradise Lost" have not been disputed and Virgil and Milton pronounced frauds. Some old philoso phers might be conjured up by the powerful horoscope of modern research to take the honored places of

the Latin and Puritan bards. Such discussions are useless. V do not see how candid and honest Ben Jonson could countenance and commend a man who would claim what he did not do. It is natural to suppose that the great lights of the Elizabethan age would know better than we "who wrote Shakespeare." For one we are willing to let the bard of Avon rest on his laurels, and would even weave another gem into the bright coronet that crowns the head of the greatest writer of the "golden days of good Queen Bess."

Lord Bacon has accomplished enough for one man and one life time. It was simply impossible for him to have written Shakespeare's works. We look at it from a purely commonsense stand-point. We "were not there" when the plays of Shakespeare were written, and we have never found anything written by anybody "who was there" when the thing was done which says Shakespeare did not do it. We are perpetually on the qui vive to find our present high regard for the poets, authors, and philosophers of extreme ancient times brought into question by some of the Bohemians of the press

It would not be surprising to see some of them discussing the following proposition; "When the morning stars sang together, which star or system of stars did the most singing?' We think that will stop them, or rather engage their attention until chaos resumes its reign, and the music of the circling spheres is silenced and lost in the grander harmonies of

eternal and changeless worlds. Before we leave "sweet Will" we will add that his claims are also un wittingly supported by Milton, who speaks of "his (Shakespeare's) native wood notes wild." Dryden, Hales, of Eton, Diggs, a contemporary wit, and Fuller unequivocally give Shakespeare the honor of writing the book found in every library and read by

PALMETTO LEAVES.

.. Last Friday morning in Sumter the residence of Capt. W. H. Gardner was burned. Incendiary. Insured for \$1,800.

.. The corner-stone of the Piedmont Cotton Mills, in Greenville county, was laid on Saturday last, with becoming honors, in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. .. John Cosby, travelling agent for a New York tea-house, committed suicide Wednesday morning in Charleston by cutting his throat, almost severing the head from the body. Cause, liquor.

.. Greenville Republican: Near the steam distillery of W. C. Goodwin & Co., at Mr. Merrill's, Kirk Merrill shot G. W. Bates with a shot gan charged with buck shot, seven of which entered the body, killing Bates instantly. Coroner's verdict, A malicious act, for no cause what-

PERSONALITIES.

- Thiers can't ride horseback. - Whitelaw Reid and Bonner are Presbyterians.

- Salvini has had immense succes in Rio Janeiro and gold has

- Oliver Wendell Holmes and Bre Harte are Unitarians.

- The Saturday Review calls Til ton a "diseased literary fluency."

- A woman laboring under the misfortune of being named Humbug runs a dairy at Trinidad, Col.

— Honor and glory to E. F. Phillips, of somewhere in Michigan, who has written 5,115 words on a postal

- George Alfred Townsend is interviewing noted South Carolinians and "doing" the State generally for the New York Herald.

- By far the most brilliant of the It is now reported that even the addresses before the Oriental Conress at London was that of Prof. Owen, says the Tribune.

-Emile Girardin, the distinguished French journalist, has lately re-en tered the field at the age of seventy two, and assumed charge of a newly established paper in Paris.

- Maj. Edward Manigault, brother of General A. M. Manigault, was thrown from his sulky, near Georgetown, on Friday last, and so badly injured that he died almost instantly. - Rev. Thomas Guard, the able

and beloved pastor of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Baltimore, has become permanently blind by the bursting of a blood vessel connected with the optic nerve.

capped with snow.

STAR DUST.

- Philadelphia reports a greater demand for money in mercantile cir-

Milwaukee's census shows a po lation of 94,405, an increase of 22,95

- Happy is that human being who as the tact to do a disagreeable thing peautifully.

- The only church in this counts where sermons are preached in Irish,

it is said, is at Elmira, Ill. - In Canada they gave a colored man the cat-o'nine-tails the other day for an assault on a woman.

—The biggest locomotive in the world is claimed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It has 12 driving wheels and weighs 75 tons.

- Later dispatches from the Red River expedition do not confirm the rumors, through Indian sources, of

loss and danger to our forces. — The people of Omaha complain (with a little show of justice) that they are mentioned by outsiders as "On hogs," "Omahosses," and "Omahor-

-The Champion Father lives in Carbon county, Pa. He is a German, 73 years old, and is the parent of 30 children, the youngest being only four

- A low-spirited horse committed suicide in Hardin county, Ill., by sticking his nose into the mid and nolding it there until he was smothed to death.

-A dance called the "Insect Ballet" is to be introduced into the spectacle of "The Deluge," at Niblo's Garden. This might be a travestie of the agile flea.

- It is an interesting if not edifyng fact that there are 30,000 individuals in New York city who live on other people's earnings-who are, in fact, professional thieves. These, with the beggars, make a rather large dependent community for any city.

-The gallant secretary of a life insurance company, being in command of a platoon during the late unpleasantness in Arkansas, struck up the gun of one of his men about to fire on a staff officer, with the exclamation: "D-n it, don't shoot at him; we've got a policy on him."

POLITICAL NOTES.

- Sheriff Bowen, a notorious partisan leader of Charleston, has indicted Mayor G. P. Cunningham, on a charge of official misconduct.

- Ex-Gov. B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri, has addressed a long letter to the Democratic Central Committee of that State, unequivocally placing himself upon their party platform, and intimating that the defeat of the Democratic ticket in Missouri would be a national calamity, since it would be an indorsement of the National Administration. Mr. Brown promises to take the stump for the Democracy so soon as his health will permit.

Tyndall Explains.

Professor Tyndall replies to his critics in a preface to an authorized report of his address to the British Association, and partially retracts his statements in the following passage referring to the charge of atheism brought against him:

"In connection, with the charge of atheism I would make one remark: Christian men are proved by their writings to have their hours of weakness and of doubt as well as their hours of strength and of conviction, and men like myself share in their own way these variations of mood and tense. Were the religious views of many of my assailants the only alternative ones I do not know how strong the claims of the doctrine of 'material atheism' upon my allegiance might be. Probably they would be very strong. But as it is I have noticed

during years of self-preservation that it is not in hours of clearness and vigor that this doctrine commends itself to my mind; that in the presence of stronger and healthier thought it ever dissolves and disappears, as offering no solution of the mystery in which we dwell, and of which we form a

Kossuth Not Destitute. A correspondent in Genoa gives i graphic picture of the rural quiet and content in which Gen. Kossuth passes his declining days. So much has been said of the destitution of the Hungarian President that our readers will be pleased to hear how pleasant are the surroundings of his tranquil age. .. With such a picturesque landscape around him, with modest ease and plenty at his command, and a seat in the Hungarian Parliament for him to refuse whenever there is a vacancy, it would be hard to conceive a happier ending for a well-spent life.

'76 and Liberty. We are now on the eve of an eventful epoch in the life of our govern-ment, says the Richmond Whig. If Radicalism is successful again in the Presidential election in '76 it is impossible that there can be enough liberty left to afford further hope for the republic. If a great National Conservative party can be formed in time for an active, thorough and comprehensive canvass of the issues involved the people may be aroused, the popular mind may be convinced of the threatening danger, and the country may be saved.

French Elections.

The elections for Councils-General in France have developed into very little of political importance. The Republicans have about held their own, notwithstanding the tremendous efforts of the Bonapartists to make a great show of strength in the rural districts. As the returns now stand the conjoint opposition to the repub-- Mount Mansfield in Vermont is lic has made a gain of only twenty in a total of thirteen hundred.

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