WILMINGTON, N. C .: FRIDAY MORNING, Feb. 2, 1877

"HONEST IMMIGRANTS" COR DIALLY INVITED. The Springfield Republican does not like the invitation of the Charlotte Observer to immigrants. The Observer spoke of "honest immigrants," and expressed some repug

cables." The Republican says: "Our people are not going where they can't be as good as anybody, and have a fair show in politics; and the people who have lands to sell and newspapers to circulate down South might as well understand this point at the beginning of the new po-

nance to "visionaries and impracti-

All this is quite stupid in the Re publican. Are all the people of the North "as good as" every body else? Are there no class distinctions in Boston and Springfield? Do Mr. Longfellow and Charles Francis Adams eat at the same table with their servants, or do the bootblacks and stevedores and the moneyed men attend the same social parties and hob-nob together? As to having "a fair show in politics," that depends on Mr. Grant, and the corporal of the guard, and the Returning Boards. If the Republican means the right to vote, or the right to run for office, we can assure that able paper that any of its "people" can come and "have

a fair show in politics." Whether the candidates from that section will always be preferred over our own na tive people, will have to be tested. The present member of Congress from Richmond, Virginia, is a Northern man, and he has also been Governor of that State. He was elected by Southern Democrats and former slave owners.

In our own State the late Judge Boyden, of the Supreme Court, and the late Judge Warren, of the Superior Court, were of Northern "honest immigrants" and not "visionaries and impracticables" are preferred. If we are not very much in error, just at this time there is considerable stir in Massachusetts about "honest" men being preferred to men of bad characters and questionable records. Why even the Republican preferred Charles Francis Adams for Governor, and Judge Hoar for Congress to "Beast" Butler.

North Carolina will be glad to have industrious, enterprising, sober honest immigrants-men who come to aid in developing our hidden wealth and great resources, and in placing North Carolina on a higher prosperity. But we are not anxious to greet political fire-brands and emissaries and propagandists of isms and dogmas as pernicious as contemptible. All such can remain at home, for we need them not. We love our home institutions, and we prefer to have them not meddled with. But "honest 'immigrants" we will gladly welcome.

We saw the extract given above in the Courier-Journal, and wrote our comment on last Tuesday, but it was crowded out. We have since read an excellent reply in the Observer. We quote a passage or two:

"In the first place it takes exception to our desire for 'honest immigrants.' Heaven knows we have had enough of those who come with nothing but carpet-bag in hand, whose mission was to remain so long as plunder could be obtained and then migratelike birds of the air to other and more profitable fields. We want honest bona fide settlers, and not roving bands of political gypsies. We care very little what their political opinions are when they come amongst us, for we feel certain that they will care who are to impose taxes and make laws, and they will not vote for men unless they have the intelligence and hon! estylto make good legislators. A man before he becomes a politician should live long enough among the people to know their needs and wants before he should think of running for office.

"The Republican seems also surprised that we should manifest a repugnance to 'visionaries and impracticables.' In matters of business and for the purpose of developing the resources of a country, we have always found that sound judgment and a good amount of common sense were the principal requisites, and hence our pre-ference of them to the 'visionaries and im-practicables.'"

## A NOVEL EXCHANGE.

With men more there is a singular fascination in politics. When men study the great principles of our own government and the governments of the world, and then penetrating the past profoundly consider the genius of extinct nations and the forms of government which they adopted, we can understand some thing of such fascination. But to rush into politics simply to obtain office and get a living in that precarious way, is inexplicable to us.

In the history of the country we believe there has been no instance of a Judge of the Supreme Court resigning his life-time place to accept a place in the U. S. Senate, although there have been instances of Senators resigning their places to take a seat

Davis, if he accepts the position of Senator from Illinois that has been tendered him, and it is understood that he will accept, is the first instance of the kind. The position of a United States Justice is an exalted and honorable one, and as it is nearly for life, or until a man is seventy, is much more desirable than a place in the Senate, unless a man has that great combination of parts that will give him the leadership. We can understand how such great men as Webster, Calhoun and Clay would delight in the conquests of that great arena; but unless a man is born to command like Clay, or to exercise a strange witchery by his grand and noble eloquence like Webster, or have a strong following like Calhoun, who controlled men by his mental power and personal fascination, we should suppose a place on the Supreme Court Bench would be preferable to any man of legal erudition and ability.

The Baltimore American says:

"The Justices of the Supreme Court have been a proverbially long-lived race of men, and a large majority of them have died in office. We believe that twenty-nine citizens of the United States have attained to this exalted position. Of these Jay, the first Chief Justice, resigned to accept a for-eign mission; Ellsworth, Blair, Moore, Grier and Nelson resigned in their old age, when they became too infirm to discharge judicial duties; Story resigned to become a Professor in the Cambridge Law School; Curtis went back to his law practice, and Campbell and Wayne 'went with their States' when they seceded from the Union. We believe that all the other Justices of the Supreme Court, excepting those now on the bench, died in office."

Judge Davis is a gentleman of high education and fine abilities. How he would succeed as a legislator remains' to be seen. There are but few instances on record of a man's achieving very high rank both in law and politics. We rather think that possibly Judge Davis has a sort of itching for politics, but not from any real love for them, but because they constitute a powerful lever and may hoist one into the Presidential chair, upon which hundreds of aspiring men fix parentage and birth. But after all, | their gaze, and to secure which they employ all their resources of ability

Judge Davis has been spoken of in the papers time and again for the Presidential nomination, and it would not have been a great surprise to the country if he had been chosen in place of Mr. Greeley in 1872, or in place of Gov. Tilden in 1876. It is not improbable that he may be nominated in 1880, for he will be but 66 years of age then.

As the chances of being nominated at such an advanced age are extremely doubtful, after having failed of success in the last two Presidential campaigns, and being so excellent a level of commercial and agricultural jurist, the case is quite remarkable and exceptional. The American says of him, and it is Republican tes-

"He never was much of a politician before his appointment to the Supreme Bench. and since then he has devoted himself strictly to his judicial duties and the enargement of his personal estate."

He is immensely rich, was one of Abraham Lincoln's most intimate friends, and was appointed by him to the Supreme bench. He will not resign until the 4th of March, as he very wisely declines to allow General Grant to fill his place with one of his incompetent, mediocre friends like Judge Settle or Logan.

It is said the Senatorial canvass was managed with great skill by his party friends in the Illinois Legislature. His name was put in nomination at the exact time, and, we believe, he was elected on the first ballot thereafter: If Tilden should be the next President, possibly the mantle may fall upon the shoulders of the wise, pure and able Judge. He may have this hope strong in his breast, and hence his unprecedented course. Possibly he hears the voice of ambition singing to him some strain of prophecy like that which Macbeth heard on the heath when with Banquo he came upon the three witches, and was bold enough to demand-"Speak, if you can-what are you?" The response came:

"All hail, Macbeth! hail to thee, thane All hail, Macbeth! hail to thee, thane All hail, Macbeth! that shall be King hereaf

Conkling asked in his great speech

on the electoral bill: I MITA "What if there should be electoral cast for some beinous criminal under impeachment for gross infidelities to public trust? Would it be within the power of the Vice President to sit by himself in the presence of both Houses and count that

The question is, "did he have any reference to allusions?" If so, was it Blaine of Maine? The cap appears to have been made for his head,

A bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature to prevent the bonded debt of the city of New York from exceeding one hundred on the Supreme bench. Judge David and fifty million dellars.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

According to many accounts the Radical party in Congress cannot exactly sit for the picture of "the happy family." There is no little snarling and abusing going on among them. In the caucus on Monday there was quite a little row, during which the Morton wing of the party hurled their expletives freely at the Edmunds Conkling wing. We quote from the Baltimore Gazette's special:

Furious speeches were made by Sargent, Morton and Cameron. The latter declared that the Republican members of the joint committee from the Senate had surrendered to the enemy. He would not say that they had sold out, as some had charged, but he was satisfied that they had succumbed to influences which had been brought to bear on them from New York, Boston and elsewhere, where there were men half-hearted and weak-kneed. The whole thing was a Democratic contrivance, designed to bring Mr. Tilden in, he was quite certain; and the men who had yielded to outside infuencess, urrendered the rights of the Repub lican party, and given up the advantage i possessed, were not entitled to the confidence of their party. He did hot accuse them of bad motives. He thought they had been overcome by their more wily ad-

Sargent was not governed in his speech. He characterized the conduct of the Republican Senators who agreed with the De mocrats on the committee as treacherous. and said they had betrayed their party. He was very pointed in his allusions to Senator Conkling, and intimated that certain influ-ences in New York had been potential in controlling him. He went at length into the condition of affairs in the South, and insisted that the party was bound by every consideration to stand by the Returning Boards of Florida and Louisiana. It would

COWARDLY DESERTION OF THE MEN who had dared to do their duty in these States, and it would be still more cowardly to go back on the distinguished members o the party who had, at the solicitation of the President, gone to Florida and Louisiana to give countenance and courage to these brave, true-hearted Republicans. He declared that the members of the Returning Boards in Florida and Louisiana would have been false to themselves and their country if they had done otherwise than as they did, and the Republican party was bound by every consideration of honor and gratitude to sustain them in what they had done. He dwelt upon outrages which had been perpetrated in Louisiana and Mississippi, and called upon the Senators who had investigated the condition of affairs in the former State to say if they had not found that all the statements made by Republicans there, on which the action of the Returning Board was founded, were justified by the facts, and that the state of affairs in that State was even worse than it was re-

McMillan, of Minnesota, gave in a hearty response, but Senator Howe, of Wisconsin was more guarded in his testimony. He said that there was undoubtedly a great deal of fraud, intimidation and violence on the part of the Democrats, but he was not prepared to say that the other side had not been guilty of crimes also. Generally speaking, he was disposed to stand by the Returning Board, and thought that there had been a great deal of intimidation practiced by the Democrats in certain parishes He was not prepared, however, to say that he could endorse everything which had been done by the Returning Board. There were serious allegations made against it. It was charged that returns had been altered to produce certain results, and if this was proved, of course no party could stand that. He was satisfied that wrongs had been committed by both sides in Louisiana; that a desperate struggle had been made by both parties to carry the State, and while he was willing to go far to sustain the Returning Board, he could not go farther than the facts would warrant. This speech of Howe created great excitement among the Morton-Sargent faction, and Morton came to Sargent's assistance.'

## REMEMBER.

Is he capable, is he honest-such were the inquiries always asked by our political fathers before they appointed a man to office. Let our Democratic friends in the Legislature be careful to observe this timehonored rule. Let them remember too, that economy was to be a distinguishing feature in Democratic administration. The people expect this, after all the oratorical flourishes and newspaper promises.

We are reminded of this by an editorial and letter in the last Favetteville Gazette. Referring to a recent appointment, the Gazette says:

"The Legislature has given to Mr. (lud-ger, of Madison, the Superintendency of the North Carolina Asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and our valued Raleigh correspondent, 'X. Y. Z.,' tells us in an-other column that Mr. Gudger is entirely without experience in the duties to which he has been called, is not conversant with the 'sign language' of the inmates, and is utterly unacquainted with the workings of

The Gazette says further:

"He is represented as being in a towering passion over the reduction of the salary from \$1,800 to \$1,500. Come, Mr. Gudger when the Democratic party pledged itself last summer to economy and retrenchment it was in earnest, and the people put faith in its promises; if you are not satisfied with the compensation attached to the office. there are scores of men throughout the State, just as well qualified as you are, who would be delighted with the position at \$1,200 a year."

Without expressing any opinion of Mr. Gudger's qualifications or dissatisfaction, for we have no information as to either, we simply insist that the Democratic party is pledged before the country to be economical in administration, and to place in office none but thoroughly capable, honest, efficient and devoted servants. If we turn out ah excellent officer we should be certain to supply his place with as efficient and intelligent one. Nothing short of this will meet the necessities of the case or the expectations of the people.

The New York Tribune thinks that the recent sentencing of a young blood to the penitentiary for ten years, for shooting his sweetheart because she would not marry him "willl tend to discourage one of the noblest of our national sports."

The last duel that occurred on account of heated expressions in debate between two Congressmen, was that fought by Hon. Samuel W. Inge, of Alabama, and Hon. Edward Stanly,

of North Carolina. We believe Mr. Inge was a native of this State also, having been born in Granville county. This duel took place in 1850. About that time another duel occurred, the actors in which were also an Alabamian and a North Carolinian, namely, Hon. Wm. L. Yancey and Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, an account of which may be found in Sabine on "Duels and Duelling."

No one supposes that Morton is sincere in his convictions. He was the author of a bill quite similar to the one that created the electoral commission, but he opposed the latter. The Chicago Tribune is a leading Republican paper. It appears to understand Morton thoroughly, and thus presents a resume of his argument against the electoral bill:

"We are the Republican party; Hayes was the Republican candidate; in the absence of legislation the vote must be decided by the President of the Senate; the President of the Senate is a Republican, and, of course, will declare the Republican candidate elected; why should we legislate, when, without legislation, we have the whole game in our hands?"

It seems that there were other North Carolinians who obtained the highest honors at West Point. The Raleigh Observer says that Col. Wm. McRee, of Wilmington, and Col. Alexander Swift also received the place of number one in their respective classes. It adds:

"Both Col. McRee and Col. Swift were sent to Europe by the government as special commissioners to examine European systems, with a view to promote the efficiency of our army."

One of the Radical witnesses before the Investigating Committee, L. W. Kenner by name, testified that Hayes' majority in Louisiana was gained by throwing out ten thousand Tilden votes, on account of alleged fraud and intimidation, but that at New Orleans the election was peaceable. He knew, however, of affidavits that bribes had been offered

From Washington.

|Special to the Baltimore Sun. | In the cancus mention was made of the selection of General Garfield as one of the members of the commission by the Republican caucus, and quite a number of those present urged that his selection be not ratified by the House--first, because he had prejudged the Louisiana case; and, second, because of personal objections growing out of the Credit-Mobilier affair and the DeGoyer contract. The caucus declined, however, to take any action in the matter, but it was understood that when the ballot is taken in the House very many of those present will vote against Garfield.

David Dudley Field would have been selected as one of the commission but for a suggestion which was made that possibly the electoral tribunal would decline to allow counsel to appear before it. In this case the House would appoint managers to represent it, and in this capacity it was thought that Mr. Field would be of much more benefit than as a memher of the commission. It was disclosed that Mr. Hoar will receive the unanimous Democratic vote. MORTON.

The Democrats are much better pleased to have Morton on the commission than Conkling. Morton has not pretended to practice law for many years, and his attempts at the display of legal knowledge have for a long time been the subject of much amusement among all his associates. It is well said that among the judicial minds which he will now meet in the electoral tribunal he will be no more than a cypher, for his sledge-hammer dogmatism cannot pass current there as it does in the political arena. - Ib. CRAMMING FOR THE OCCASION.

The Supreme Court Justices who are to sit on the Electoral Commission are already beginning to "cram" for their duties. To-day they called on the Librarian of Congress for copies of the election laws of Oregon, Florida and Louisiana, and judicial decisions bearing on the same. - Ib. A REBELLIOUS REPUBLICAN.

Representative Henry L. Pierce, of Massachusetts, one of the Republican representatives from that State. has for some time been outspoken in the opinion that Tilden was fairly

## TWINKLINGS.

- The official organ of the German Empire publishes the population of Germany as now 42,727,620.

— A recent census places the population of Paris as 1,936,738, a gain of 84,956 since 1872. That of Marseilles as 318,-

- The Philadelphia Times tells of a barber who advertises "silent shaves," and whose shop is, in consequence, crowded from morning until night. - London Fun: "Good morning,

Donelly! I hear your daughter has a baby; is it a boy or a girl?" "Shure, Miss, and it's meself as doesn't yet know for the life of me if I'm a grandfather or a grandmother bedad!" - "Triplets," said the Doctor sententiously. The husband of a year rushed

out on the back porch, thought about his

slender income, glared upon the snow-clad yard, and exclaimed with a wild, mocking-laugh: "Son-struck in January." — Said Spanish boatman, speaking of a fast woman who was passing :- "Well, she'll tire lof lace and jewels at last, and sicken of it all, and then the last thing will be she'll want to see her poor old mother, who is but a peasant,"

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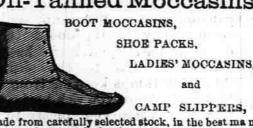
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