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MR. STEPHENS, OF GEORGIA.

Mr. Alex. H. Stephens is a man of high honor and parity of life. He is very decidedly an able man. His long career in Congress, his Vice Presidency of the Southern Confederacy, and his successful authorship have brought him constantly and prominently before the country. For a long time he was a leading Whig. Then he became a leading Democrat, and during the Pierce Administration he was the foremost man on his side as Henry Winter Davis was the foremost on the Whig side. During the war between the States he was sometimes suspected (no doubt unjustly) of being lukewarm, if not worse. Since the war he has been very moderate and conservative in his views. So very conservative has been that he has been thought to lean rather too much towards the Independents, who propose to have things their own way in some of the Georgia Districts. He has been at least independent enough to obey his own consciences and to defy his party friends in any threatened opposition. They call him Dictator and even threaten to defeat him, but in this they will fail probably as they did in the last election when there were many who were anxious to set him aside.

We notice that the signal note of opposition has been sounded. A Democratic paper published at Augusta, the *Chronicle*, tells him that "his course in Congress is not approved by the Democratic people of the District. They are patient with him, and tolerant of his follies and shortcomings. They respect him for the purity of his public and private life. They honor him for his great intellectual attainments, and they love him for his private charity. But, with all their respect and veneration for his character and attainments, they do not approve of his recent course in Congress."

We do not think Mr. Stephens is a good party leader but he is a strong support. There is no man in Georgia or in any State who has a better record for personal virtues. He will be hard to beat if he aspires to reelection. The Georgians will be apt to appreciate the very qualities pointed out by the *Chronicle* which, we believe, was opposed to him two years ago. He is not a decided party man, and a sounder Democrat is to be preferred provided as honest and true a man can be found. He is not a party leader.

That was a rather curious amendment offered by a Republican in the Senate to compel a Republican President to appoint two colored cadets to West Point from the country at large. Mr. Cockrell, a Democratic Senator from Missouri, made some capital points upon this singular proposition. No wonder he thought it strange that a Democratic Senate should be implored to compel the President to recognize the colored element. He reviewed the main features of Hayes's course in regard to the negroes—the frequency with which he had expressed sympathy for them—the circular he had addressed to the heads of executive departments requiring that a due proportion of colored people shall be appointed to office, and in many other ways had signified his sympathy and affection for these people. He referred to the important element the negroes were in the Republican party, and hinted that a colored Vice President ought to be placed on the ticket. He could but wonder at the amendment in view of all this. He also fired a centre-shot when he reminded them that nearly one-half of the present representatives in Congress are Republicans, and have the right to appoint cadets to West Point from the colored race. No wonder there was laughter, and no wonder sensible men were astonished at the amendment.

Senator Thurman, the ablest Democratic Senator probably now in Congress, visited Columbus, Ohio, on last Saturday. He was warmly received and serenaded at night. He responded in a half-hour speech. Whenever this wise and able statesman speaks his utterances are worth listening to. He is a statesman of whom the country may well be proud. We make room for the following. Said he to his Ohio auditors, and he thus spoke words of truth and soberness to the whole country:

"I am not accustomed, and it is not my wont to magnify things. Why, then, do I say that this is a crisis in public affairs? Because, my friends, in my serious judgment the election this year will go far to determine whether substantial liberty and substantially free institutions shall longer continue in America. There are but two modes of giving strength to a government. One mode is fraught with beneficence to the people and safety, security and prosperity to the State; the other mode means despotism over the people and means ruin and ultimate destruction to the State. The first is to constitute your government and to administer it that it will protect and realize the affection of the people who dwell under it; that they shall not merely obey it, but that they shall revere, esteem and love it. A government thus supported by its people, whatever may be its form, however low may be the powers expressly conferred upon it, is one of the strongest governments upon the earth. It is not the strongest. Such a government our forefathers thought they had ordained for the people of the United States, and such a government the Democratic party has always advocated. The other mode of strengthening a government is to strengthen it merely by force, by great standing armies."

Frederick Crill, a lawyer, was hanged at Newton, New Jersey, a day or two ago, for the murder of his daughter. This occurred June 5th, 1879. His legal views possibly underwent a change, as, according to the old couplet:

"No rogue ever felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law."
This can by a stretch be applied to Crill, for he took his daughter's life which was far more precious than gold or lands or goods.

Gen. Ben Butler is determined that the country shall not forget the wholesale "enlightened bulldozing" in Massachusetts. The *Richmond Dispatch's* special says:

"Gen. Butler, in his speech before the House Elections Committee to-day, in the contested case of Loring and Boynton, said that Massachusetts has eleven members of the House, who are only entitled to eight, because of the disfranchisement of voters. He thought neither Loring nor Boynton, because of this disfranchisement, is entitled to a seat."

Messrs. I. K. Funk & Co., No. 12 Dey street, New York, have sent us Ruskin's famous "Letters to Workmen and Laborers," in two parts, price 15 cents each. They have also sent Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," the most beautiful epic in the English language, price 20 cents. This firm present only the best—books that have already become classics or that deserve reading.

The mighty Logan has returned from the war-path to the happy turning grounds at Washington. He reports Ohio for Blaine. This great warrior had no scalps hung to his wampum, and is very despondent over his want of success in his own State in behalf of the Great Chief. It is thought that West Virginia is certain for Blaine.

Kentucky is advancing. Its new Constitution requires certain moral and educational qualifications for all jurors. Is not this an improvement? Ought not a juror to be a man of intelligence, of honor, of truth, of good character generally?

THE LATEST NEWS.

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

POLITICAL POINTS.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

THE PUBLIC WILL TAKE NOTICE.

HEALTH'S STRENGTH—HAPPINESS—IRON BITTERS.

OUR STOCK OF NECK WEAR.

THE NEW ENGLISH MINISTRY—Pusher of the Public—Newmarket Market—Appearance of the Fiasque in Russian Districts, &c.

LONDON, April 28.—The Standard says Beaconsfield took leave of the Queen yesterday.

THE REPORT THAT Lord Derby was offered a seat in the Cabinet is untrue.

THE TIMES states that the Earl of Kenmore has been appointed Lord Great Chamberlain, Earl of Orkney, Master of the Household, and Mr. W. P. Adam, Chief Commissioner of Works and Buildings.

THE FIFTH (OHIO) DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION renominated B. F. Lefevre for Congress.

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAN OUFINE, April 28, 4 P. M.

RUDE TURENTINE—The market was firm at 3 1/2 cents per gallon bid for regular packages.

COTTON—The market was quiet but steady, with nothing doing.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate under Decree of Foreclosure.

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