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# CONSERVATIVES OF NEW HAN

Don't stay at home on the Fifth of August thinking your votes will not count. They will count in moral effect at least. Be sure to go to your voting place. It is only a little trouble. It is your duty to keep up the morale of the great Conservative party.

PEACHES. A Western paper notes the fact that the peach prospect in that section is decidedly bad. In Southern Illinois the few blossoms that survived and set fruit are dropping it later the season. There will not be peaches enough to supply the curculios.

On the other hand the May and June report of the Department of Agriculture gives the prospect in the States of Delaware and Maryland at 100 to 92 per cent. compared with former years,

NEWS PROM THE WEST. Intelligence from the Western

counties is more cheering. The papers speak with confidence, and the Radical stumpers are becoming dis couraged. It would seem with the powerful help of Ransom, Vance Cox and others who have just gone or are this week going up there, that the Convention cause will at least hold with the last elections in that section. The Shelby Banner indicates victory even in Rutherford and Polk counties hitherto strongholds of Radicarism. Perhaps Campbell's civil rights prescription has something to do with this, or Judge Watt's moral izing and phrenological instruction.

THADE.

The Richmond Enquirer is hopeful of the state of business. It says: "A new era of business prosperity seems building crash around and upon bim, about to dawn. Old things, and pecially old/ discouragements, are passing away with those feelings of hostility which too long obtained between the sections, and a generous Providence seems inclined to bless the season of reconciliation with a bounteons harvest. The change is too notable to be everlooked. Especially is this the case throughout the South, There is an unspoken prayer, with its kindred feeling of thankfulness, on every aspect. The blood courses its purple channels more freely than has been its wont of late, and the heart pulpitates more gladly. With ample for our staple products, there can be of hith doubt that autumy will open with a broyant trade."

ORDHOFF ON NORTH CAROLINA Charles Nordhoff commenced in the New York Heraid of Saturday last, a series of letters on North Carolina politics. His first letter is the main presents a correct view of our politics, though there are a few amusing blunders and some strange conclusions. We may notice this letter at another time. Mr. Nordhoff, who is a Republican, says: "] do not hesitate to say that any Northern Republican, desirous that the State shall be prosperous and that permanent political settlement shall come about in it, may safely wish for the defeat of the Republicans here in his patriotic purpose. Gov. Graham the August election." If the O will be

The nomination by the Conserva tives of Martin of that favorite and chief among the Primitive Baptists Elder C. B. Hassell, doubtless makes sure of one of the closest counties i the State. Elder Hassell's ability will be influential in the Convention

ALL TO BE LOST BY APATHY. The Conservative who sits at home n the shade on the fifth of August while his friends are bearing the brunt of the conflict is a man whose philosophic equanimity some may admire but whose example it is hoped wil not be extensively followed.

Let us all vote to secure a good Constitution and overthrow Radical ism. We have all to lose by the donothing policy, and not one thing to gain save a mountain load of shame.

A MEAN PARTY. A party that is so corrupt that i own friends at the North counsel in defeat for the good of the national party, must be rotten indeed.

Such is the Radical party of North Carolina. Mr. Charles Nordhoff, in his able and impartial letters to the New York Herald, does not hesitate to say that a defeat of his friends in this State is a thing greatly to be de-

#### THE DANGER.

The Conservatives have an un doubted majority in this State. It is not every time, however, that the people can be got to vote. There has been too much inertia on the part of the leaders this year. They have not taken the field soon enough, The doubtful counties have not been, and probably will not be, thoroughly

This is all wrong and hurtful and perilous. In the remaining days of the campaign let all errors be atoned for as far as possible. Let the voice of the canvasser ring out in trumpet tones in every township. Let the committees make a full examination of the voting lists. Let the unsteady and wavering be visited and appealed to. Let the careless be enthused See all who can vote. Urge them in the name of their State and country o go to the polls and support the Conservative nominees.

The danger is apathy. The only salvation is persistent work.

We appeal to all Conservatives to rally around the banners of the Conservative party. It is a great crisis in the battle. If we go forward in solid column steadily, with danutless nerve and unappalled heart, the victory will be won and the State saved to her best people and to the mighty Democratic army next year. If, on the contrary, we flag, fall back, become scattered, the State comes again. under the hated rule of the Radical, and the hearts of the friends of reform and free government all over the

Union will be discouraged. Rouse up, men. There is danger Rouse up. Action can save you from great calamity. Rouse up. All that you have been, all that you are, all that you hope to be impels you to renewed action. A few days only in which to work remain. Will you shirk duty like dastards and sink North Carolina again Into the filthy pool of Radicalism? Every consideration of patriotism and personal comfort and safety forbids such a course. Self respect urges prompt action to avert the catastrophe of a Radical triumph. Does a sane man sit still andsee the props and boards of a falling when his legs can take him to a place:

We would not create an unnecessary alarm. The prospects are favorable for a Conservative majority in the Convention. But it is simply because our people are working a little harder than they did. They must labor unceasingly from now until the last moment to assure success. Conservatives of Brunswick, Robeson, Cumberland, Wayne, Wake, Pitt and Martin-Conservatives every whereyou must be more setive, more activa, warrants can be readily . Syrina Saou

To stay at home on the 5th is als most as bad as to sole for the Radis cal nominees.

New that Mr. Jefferson Davis has olined the Presidency of the Brean Agricultural College, in Texas, with its small salary of \$4,000 a year, the University of North Carolina should tender him its Presidency with, salary of at least double that sum and large liberty of suggestion and sone trol in the institution. Perhaps lie would accept the position. It would not at all interfere with the prosecution of the historical work on which it is said, he is at present engaged, but on the contrary would by location and association materially assist him in and Mr. George Davis, of North Carolina, will not accept the position forsatisfactory reasons. Ex-President Davis is the one man out of the State who could infuse new life into the sluggish veins of Old Chapel Hill: indeed, he is perhaps the one man who can give the University of North Carolina at the start a guaranteed career of brilliant success on a basis promising permanency.

PENTON'S VIEWS.

As every body and his grand father broaching his views on the Presidential question, we might as well rehearse those of ex-Senator Fenton, of New York. Reuben told a reporter the other day that five men were now prominent for the Presidency, the Republicans being Washburne and Bristow, and the Democrats Tilden. Bayard and Gaston. He does not appear to think that the other persons named in this connection are worth consideration. He is inclined to believe that the Republican sentiment is gradually centring upon Washbarne. As for the Democratic nomination, Bayard seemed to him to have the best chance for the Eastern vote. He would not be surprised though if Gaston came strongly to the front. Tilden is very popular in New York State, but it is premature to say he is strong outside of it. Gaston's age and temperament would make him better President than Mr. Tilden.

The ex-Senator with true Wall street bias can't see that William Al len with 20,000 majority in Ohio may snuff the candle of any of these prom. gents, or that Indiana and the South with the truly liberal elements of other sections may set up Gov. Hendricks over all others as the one man needful in the crisis.

#### MATT CARPENTER AMONG THE PROPHETS.

In a conversation with a reporter of the Fond du Lac News, ex-Senator Carpenter, of Wisconsin, said: "In my opinion General Grant will be the candidate of the Republican party for a third term. I can see no possible way of avoiding it. He will undoubtedly be the candidate of the Republicans next year on a hard money platform. This situation affords him the exact pretext he wanted, and to which he referred when he wrote his third-term letter as foir cumstances not likely to occur." think Judge David Davis, of the United States Supreme Court, will be the Democratic candidate on a greenback platform, and that greenbacks

THE PENDER NOMINEE. The Charlotte Democrat pays the Democratic Conservative nominee for Convention in Pender county the following lofty compliment;

"We know Mr. Bryan well, and know him to be one of the purest and best men in the State. If the Democrats have the ascendancy in the Convention we hope he will be made President of that body."

We hope Mr. Bryan will be elected. If he is, and the above programme should be carried out, we are satisfied our ex-journalistic friend (who is really a modest gentleman of great merit) would fill the position with dignity and ability of the and of

# The Reason Why.

[Constitutionalist.] Hon. Jefferson Davis has declined the offer of the Presidency of Bryan, Texas, Agricultural College, with a salary of \$4,000 a year and a furnished house. It is not so expressed but the difficulty in the way was the meagre salary. Suppose the Georgia University offer twice the amount! It the Board of Trustees ever get a first class man at the head of their institution they will have to pay him decent salary.

Bequest to the Widow of Stonewall

Jackson. The Washington Sunday Gazette learns that a donation was made a his decease, by will, by a certain rich citizen of Memphis, of \$10,000 to the widow of Stonewall Jackson, of which she is much in need. The donation was made some three years ago, and the estate is amply able to pay it in each and have a surplus left after paying all indebtedness. The Gazette inquires why the bequest is not paid over.

— It is becoming the style now to wear the bridal vell draped from the shoulders instead of the head. It is arranged to envelope the form like a court train, and the trains of dresses are independent of the skirts, and are very narrow and long, while the skirt proper is short and clinging.

Synopsis of the Proceedings.
A called meeting of the Board of Count
commissioners was held yesterday after ioon at 8 e'clock; present: Chairman Wi son and Commissioners Wagner, Morris

VanAmringe and Nixon.
The following was passed Whereas, section 0, paragraph 6, of the act known as the machinery act requires every cashier and treasurer of any corpora-tion or association to furnish a list of its ders resident in the several countie of this State, with the amount of cash or the first of April in each year to the county commissioners of the county in which such depositor or stockholder resides; and whereas, C. S. Ellis, Treasurer of the Real Estate and Loan Association, Richard J. Jones, Treasurer of the Wilmington Gas Light Company, Walter G. MacRae, Treas-urer of the Wilmington Building Associa-tion and C. S. Ellis, Treasurer of the Mechanics' Building Association, have been respectfully notified to comply with the act so made and provided, and they have failed to comply with said act,

Ordered that legal proceedings be immediately instituted against the said parties.

A communication from a prisoner in the county jail, accusing one of the watchmen with drunkenness, neglect of duty, &c., was ordered to be laid on the table.

A communication from W. H. French wishing to know what the Commissioners of New Hanover are willing to do about rupning the two parts of lines between New Hanover and Pender situated in Cape Fear and Harnet townships, and stating that the Commissioners of Pender are willing to take one of them and have it run, and ask ing the Commissioners of New Hanover to take the others, and for both Surveyors to be instructed to make reports to both Boards, was referred to the Chairman with power to act.

The matter of the Work House investigation was taken up and various reports heard in relation thereto, when, after some discussion, the further consideration of the condition of the institution referred to, was postponed until the next regular meeting on the 1st Monday in August, when the report of the Committee on Work House will be heard, which which a figure it when

The Chairman reported that he had ad vertised for bids for the repairs of Smith' Creek Bridge and the construction of a new bridge over Green's mill pond, upon which Duncan Holmes having put in the lowest bid for the construction of said work, the contract was awarded to him for the sum

The Chairman submitted the report of the Clerk appointed to investigate the matter of the defalcation of James C. Mann, late Superior Court Clerk of the county of New Hanover, whereupon it was ordered that immediate proceedings be taken against

The following changes were made in the Registrars and Inspectors of Election: Third Ward: John Hargrove appointed in place of Edward Howard, excused; Masonboro' Township, Wm. Pratt substituted for Elijah Hewlett; Federal Point, Wm. H. Williams substituted as Registrar for Stephen Keyes and Joseph Pepper was appointed in place of W. H. Williams as In-

Application of James D. Williams for license to retail spirituous liquors, was

The Board then adjourned.

Brugg on Sherman's Charges Against Ex-President Davis.

The Austin (Texas) Statesman of July 11th says:

"General Bragg was in the city several days during the past week He referred, in the course of conversation, to the recent assertion of General Sherman that he had suspected Mr. Jefferson Davis of complicity with the assassing of Mr. Abraham Lincoln, General Bragg said that he had seen Mr. Davis tested in cases of this sort, and while two efforts were made by hired assassins in 1864 to destroy Mr. Davis' life he never manifested the least signs of resentful feeling. It was in June, 1864, that Mr. Davis, when riding along the defences of Richmond, was fired at, the bullets passing very near his person. Once afterwards he was shot at when in the outskirts of Richmond. But we propose to settle this question finally. Dahlgren's raid will not soon be forgotten. Colonel Dahlgren's address, as written and signed by him, was memorized, and spoken or read to his followers. They were disguised as spies and were captured as spies inside of the Confederate der Mr. Davis. When they were captured and this paper was found on the person of this man Dahlgren, Mr. Davis's cabinet and his military staff concurred in declaring that the prisoners should be executed in accordance with the laws of war. President Davis, after reading the paper and finding that he expecially was designed to be assassinated by Dahlgren, peremptorily forbade other treatment than that accorded to prisoners of war General Bragg preserved photograph copies of Colonel Dahlgren's orders du If . Mr. Davis were capable of menormities which General Sherman would ascribe to his intervention he would never have hesitated to punish with death the disguised followers of Dahlgren. And would it not be well for General Sherman to remember that Mr. Davis at all times intervened in behalf of the condemned? It was the complaint of many Confederate leaders that nobody could be executed who appealed to the President for pardon. He spared Harrison Self, the bridge burner of East Tennessee, and each

The taxpayers of Elmira, N. Y. have voted by a large majority to fill up the Chemung canal within its lim-State of \$25,549.

Unionist who became a spy rather

than a soldier and was captured within

the Confederate lines.

The Late Excursion-Resolutions of the LaPayette Silver Cornet Band.

We have received the following resolutions from a Committee of the LaFayette Silver Cornet Band of Eayetteville, who were the guests of our Pythian friends in their recent excursion to Smithville, and cheerfully give them publicity in these col BAND ROOMS LAF. S. C. BAND.

We, a regularly appointed committee of the LaFayette Silver Cornet Band, beg to submit the following: Resolved, That our most sincere thanks are due and are hereby most cordially tendered to the Pythian Silver Cornet Band, o Wilmington, and to Capt. A. H. Worth, of the steamer Gov. Worth, for their many kindnesses rendered as on the occasion of our recent visit to Wilmington to participate

in the grand moonlight excursion.

Resolved, That we assure the above mentioned parties that the occasion was fraught with unalloyed pleasure and enjoyment to us and will ever be cherished with the most oleasurable sentiments. Resolved, That a copy of these resolution be spread upon the minutes of our books, a copy sent to the Pythian Cornet Band, to Capt. A. H. Worth, to The Morning Stars

and to the Gazette. W. PHILLIPS, Dalla E. D. FULLER, Holdw J. McK. WOODWARD,

Supreme Court. We learn from the Raleigh News that the following cases were argued on Saturday Alfred Townsend et al. vs. Jos. Thomp son, et al., from Robeson. W. McL. McKay and Leitch and Strange for plaintiffs, and N.A. McLean and W. F. French for de fendants.

Henry VonGlahn vs. George Harris, from New Hanover. R. S. French and W. S. & D. J. Devane for plaintiff and Battle & Son and Strange for defendant.

Brunswick County. We learn that the Radical head-centre have employed a lot of "fellows of the baser sort" to work up thier waning cause it Brunswick county until the election is over. They are attempting to operate on the prejudices of the uneducated whites in the lower Townships, hoping thereby to secure their votes for the Radical candidates

We hear, moreover, that U. S. Deputy Marshals are to be stationed at some of the precincts on the day of election for the al leged purpose of preventing frauds, but for the real purpose, no doubt, of trying to overawe the whites.

If we do not mistake the temper of our friends in Brusswick, this little game will do us no harm. The Conservatives only want, and they intend to have, a fair election. And this is something by the way, they have not always had in that county. Mr. Rosafy will not be ollowed to sleep with the ballot-boxes this time, even though U.S. Deputy Marshals may be thick as blackberries in Brunswick.

Let the gallant Conservatives of Brunswick rouse themselves. They have only to go to the polls and vote, and then see that the ballot-boxes are not Rosafied, and they will elect Cowan by a handsome ma-

The Pender Canvass. R. K. Bryan, Democratic-Conservative candidate for the Convention, will address the people of Pender county at the following times and places, all his previous appointments being withdrawn: Burgaw, Tuesday, July 27, at 1 o'clock

Grant Township, Wednesday, July 28 usual voting place), 11 o'clock A. M. Holly Township, Thursday, July 29 (usual voting place), 11 o'clock A. M.

Rocky Point Township, Friday, July 30 sual place of voting) 11 o'clock A. M. Lincoln Township, Saturday, July 31 (usual place of voting) 11 o'clock A. M. Union Township, Monday, Aug. 2 (usual place of voting), 11 o'clock A. M.

Columbia Township, Tuesday, August (usual place of voting) 11 o'clock A. M. Caswell Township, Wednesday, August at Point Caswell, 11 o'clock A. M.

Getting Warm. It is said that at one time yesterday after noon the political cauldron rose to fever heat about the Court House. It was a family quarrel among a number of colored Reps., and some such delightful complaints as liar and d-d liar were used. The discussion arose on the probable withdrawal of Judge Russell as a candidate for Convention, some asserting that he would remain in the field and others contending that he would withdraw and some less popular aspirant be foisted upon the party at the astomoments to ring out no ..

Married on Nothing. A Chicagoan thus writes: I, like hundreds of young men he country, married without a dollar to commence housekeeping with, and a salary not exceeding \$300 a year. We have lived together twenty-two years; had plenty to eat and to wear, and are worth, over and above all indeutedness, \$4,000. L can give you the names of hundreds in the country who have passed through the same experience, and are now living in independent circumstances.

I cannot give "you the " modus operaudi" in detail, except in one partion, happy and pleasant in our home, and we prospered vollent or

Death of Colonel George W. Bolling. |Special to the Dispatch.

PETERSKURG, July 26. Colonel George W. Bolling died this evening after a brief illness of bilious dysentery. It was not until 2 o'clock that any serious apprehen-sions were felt as to his recovery. The deceased graduated at Princeton in 1827; for many years practiced law with snecess; before the war he was a member of the Common Council of this city; was a warm supporter of Douglas in 1860, and in 1867 repreits, and make a street of the water sented this district in the Senate of way. This canal with its feeder, there is and mexpected as to shock the comfor construction \$2,150,450. Last year munity, and very general sorrow is it was maintained at a loss to the left in the city. Colourt Rolling was I Fixty ofne years of age,

MARTIN AND PITT. GREENVILLE, N. C., July 26. Editors of the Morning Star: I see you ask in your paper " what of the canvass in Martin, Pitt and adjoining counties."

In Martin, Joseph T. Waldo having leclined, the Rev. C. B. Hassell has been nominated and is now in the field. Mr. Hassell is a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church, a man of considerable intellectual powers, of great moral worth and commanding influence. He is making an effective canvass and the chances of election are decidedly in his favor.

In Pitt; the Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis is making a brilliant canvass. The people are flocking to hear him in crowds. His speeches were described the other day by a competent judge as "magnificent." If his speeches on the Convention question could be heard all over the State, much good for constitutional reform would be done. If his speeches were promptly reported by the press, the power of the land/ his already enviable reputation would be largely increased. I doubt it any man in the State has given more time and attention to this question of constitutional reform than our beloved standard-bearer. We point with pride to his great speech, delivered in the House of Representatives in 1871, on this question, for our witness. We look to him with pride now as one of the leading spirits of constitutional reform in the State. You will hear good accounts of him when the result of the voting in Pitt is made known to you. ) with bolinses viennii Prer.

A Simple Contrivance that Folled the

Boldest of the Burglars. At the entrance to the vault in the Selectmen's room in Methuen, where are deposited the town papers, is an iron door that once was tampered with by the notorious "Bristol Bill," when it secured the vaults of the Georgetown Bank at the time the late George Foote, Esq., was cashier. An ngenious contrivance of Mr. Foote saved the bank valuables from the hands of the burglar. It was customary with him, after locking the bank at night, to lower an iron wedge, which was suspended by small twine, from over the top of the door until it had reached the end of one of the bolts, thereby preventing the opening of the door if the lock was reached. Bristol Bill had been boarding at the hotel in Georgetown for some time previous to the attempt at robbery, and no one suspected that he was a burglar, as he was the impersonation of wit and good humor, and not until the discovery one morning by the cashier of a hole cut through the door, exposing a part of the lock and the announcement of Bill's sudden departure from town did sus-Bill, who was then confined in

picion rest upon him. Mr. Foote's wedge, however, had saved the bank. Some time afterward the watchful cashier received a letter from Bristol Canada prison, inquiring as to the manner of securing the door. When Mr. Foote assumed the position of cashier of the Metheum Bank he had the old familiar door repaired and placed in position in his new office, still further to guard his treasures. It remained until about three years ago, when it was replaced by one of more modern construction. Where it is now we have already told.

Blamarck's Sons. [Chicago Times' Berlin Letter, 2d.] The two Bismarck boys are per naps the most vicious of their kind. and yet in the towns where they have played their most scandalous pranks, they are spoken of with a sort of admiring awe. Count Herbert, who has been in during his winter mission, has introduced more than Prussian diplomacy into the by no means grateful Bayarian court. There is not end to the scandals circulated concerning that gentleman, the hundredth part of which would serve to banish him from self-respecting communities in other countries. His younger brother. Count John, is too young to conceal his excesses, and too blunt, even if he were not. He is of the impression that his father holds Germany in fee-simple. and if that doesn't give him the right to do as he pleases, what can? So he does as he pleases, and he pleases to do exactly what the world in general holds to be low and very debasing. His haunts are more notorious for Democratic vicionsness than aristocratic seclusion. His habitual state is not one to recommend him to polite attention, and if the face is, as Mr. Beecher searchingly says some of his character analyses, index of man's ruling passions, Chant John would be about the person to bring on a Brooklyn witness stand. Herbert is rather fine looking as his race go, but John is dumy, blear of eye, scorbutic of visage, and coarse of manner generally. The pair give the pringe, their father, unceasing anxiety, not only for their notorious profligaticular, We worked to meet our ex- cies, but for the difficulty he finds in penses, were satisfied with our situa- keeping them on terms with their army and diplomatic associates. He

> Crazed by Tobacco. The Pulaska (Tenn.) Citizen savs: We are extremely sorry to announce that the friends of Mr. Claude J. Woodring have been forced to take steps to deprive him of his liberty for a time, on account of the prevalent opinion among our people that his mind is over balanced. His aberration is announced by physicians to be due to the excessive use of tobac-co, and it was determined to confine him so that he could be effectually weaned from it, An inquisition was held at the county court room Tues-day morning, and a verdict as above was reached.

has been striving to marry Count

Herbert to a pretty countess of the Protestant party, but I am told the

Lively Inclaent of Travel in the

South-How Sam Caved and Abandened His Home.

| From the Vicksburg (Miss.) Herald. A gentleman residing in this city ad occasion a few days since to take a journey down the river and severa

miles back from it, using a saddlehorse. Darkness overtook him in a sparsely-settled district, and as the roads were in a bad condition and the evening looked threatening, he halted before a forlorn-looking hut and asked if he could find lodging.

"I reckon ye mought," replied the

long haired, sorrowful-eyed squatter, after hesitating a moment. The Vicksburger found little to eat, and his horse found still less. The squatter and his wife were all alone. and they had but a few words for the stranger, and scarcely spoke to each other. When the evening grew old the traveller camped down on the floor on a blanket, and being very tired, he fell asleep, while host and hostess were smoking their black clay pipes at the other end of the room He had slept about two hours, when

the squatter shook him by the shoulder and said: "Stranger, I'm powerful sorry to disturb ye, but I want to ax a favor." "Yes-yes-what is it?" inquired the Vicksburger, as he rubbed his eyes and sat up.

"Ye like to see fa'r play, don't ye, stranger ?" "Yes; of course."

"Wail, me'n the old woman can't gree; somehow she's cross and techy, and I guess I'm a trifle ugly. Leastwise, we don't hug up worth old boots. We've fit and fit; I'm old and she's chuck full o' grit, and it's about ar even thing."

"Well, I'm sorry," put in the Vicksburger, as the squatter hesitated.

"We've been a talkin' since ve cum, stranger, and we've made up to ask ye to hold the candle and to let us go in for an old rouser of a fight a reg'lar sockdologer-which shall settle our fuss. If I lick, she'll go; if she licks, I'll travel." "I'm sorry if there's any trouble

and hope you won't fight" "We've got n do it, stranger," replied the woman. "I won't live with a man who kin lick me, and he's just as highborn. Sam's as good as the

run o' men, but he's lazy and sassy, and he wants to wear his hat on his "She's right, stranger," said the squatter, "and this cabin can't hold both of us any longer. It's to be a squar' fight-no kicking or clubbing,

and we won't go back on ver decision. The Vicksburger protested, but the woman placed a lighted candle in his hand and posted him in the door, and the man and wife stepped out on the ground.

"Suke, I'm going to wallop ye right smart in just four hoots and a holler!" said the squatter, as he pushed up his

Sam, ye don't weigh 'nuff into three on !" she replied in a grim voice, and the battle commenced.

The Vicksberger bet twenty to one on the man at the start, but in two minutes he had reduced the odds to ten, and in two more minutes he was betting even. The wife was like a wildcat, springing, dodging, striking

and clawing, and pretty soon her husband had to stand on the defensive. "Look out for the Bengal tiger, Sake !" he warned, as he clawed the

"I can whip the boots off ye, Sam!" she replied, and the battle grew One of the woman's sharp nails

truck the husbands eve, and blinded him for an instant. As he threw up his arms she seized both her hands in his hair, yanked him down, and in another minute had the "gouge" on "Sam, do you cave?" she asked, as

they lay quiet. "That's the dead-wood, Suke, and I'm a licked man!" he mournfully She let him up, and he turned to

he Vicksburger, and inquired: "Stranger, was it a fa'r fought. "T guess it was?" "Then I travel."

He entered the hut, put on his oat and hat, took up his rifle, and as e came out he reached his hand to s wife, and said. "Good by, Suke ! We agreed fa'r

and squar," and here I go." Then turning to the traveler, he added: "Much obleeged stranger; ye held he candle plumb fa'r and ye didn't holler for either one of us!" And he walked down to the fence,

leaped over, and was soon lost to Good 'nuff on the shoot," mused the wife, as she gazed after him, "but his fightin' weight is clar down

to nuthin i The Cause. [Vicksburg Herald.]

A citizen who was driving along the Jackson road the other day saw father refuses. The consent of the lady a man up a tree near, the road side, s never asked in affairs of this kind, and halting he inquired: "What are you doing up there?" The man made no reply, and the

citizen continued: "What's the cause of your heing up there?" At that moment a woman rose up

from the fence-corner, rested a club on the fence, and remarked: "I'm the cause, stranger, and if you'll wail till he comes down you'll see the worst field of carnage around

here that ever laid out doors !" The citizen drove on and she turned to the man up the tree and continued: "Politemus, I can't climb, and you knew it, but if you'll drop down here for two minutes I'll give you a quit-

claim deed of the farm !"