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THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

In our Congressional elections we see no reason now for despondency. Vance, Armfield, Stales, Dowd and Cox are safe, we take it, and beyond any reasonable doubt.

The news we are in possession of authorizes the statement that Mr. John W. Shackelford, the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, will be elected by not less than 800 majority.

In the Second District we suppose a Republican will be elected. If, however, ex-Gov. Brogden should continue in the field, the result may be different.

In the First District the reports are favorable for the election of the Democratic candidate, Maj. Latham, who is said to be a good organizer and an effective canvasser.

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arrangement of Districts. If there is one more it will be the fault of the Democrats themselves—a most culpable and inexcusable fault at that.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

We have been trying to understand the European complications and to master especially the Dulcigno matter. The only satisfactory information we are able to gather is that the Porte does not mean to abide in good faith by the Berlin treaty.

"The whole peninsula is ripe for another struggle with Turkey. The Pan-Slavonic propaganda—not the Russian Government—has shown it with weapons and officers.

From dispatches from London of the 6th inst. it seems England is not at all satisfied with the last Turkish note. The Porte has grown insolent with time.

The STAR has mentioned more than once that the Radical managers were not too good to try any method or to resort to any scheme by which the people could be robbed of the right of choice.

The Cincinnati Commercial quoted the other day for the benefit of Senator Conkling (at the time to Cincinnati), the point of a letter that paper had received, to this effect:

"You attach too much importance to Indiana. We shall win without that State. The election of Garfield and Arthur is certain. Senator Conkling is about to render his country a supreme service. He can and will carry New York for the Republican ticket and save the campaign. This he will do irrespective of Indiana."

The moral effect would prove disastrous we must hope to Radical success. The people will not stand everything.

The King's Mountain Centennial is passing off in good style. The military display is not much as was at first hoped, but the crowd and the speaking and the enthusiasm make it an interesting time.

Carolina furnished more than any other State. We are glad to see the centennials of the battles of the Revolution celebrated in becoming style.

WISE SUGGESTIONS FROM A DISTINGUISHED GREENBACKER.

In Hon. W. H. Harrington's letter, to which we referred briefly recently, he gives some of the best possible reasons for supporting Hancock and English.

"I am of the opinion that so long as the Republican party is in power, there is no hope of the realization of a single reform desired by the Nation; that this party, which has been in power during twenty years, is a serious obstacle in the way of success.

"The defeat of the Republican party I believe to be the first step toward reform. Votes for a third candidate contribute to the support of that party. Once the dominant party is out of power it will dissolve—fall to pieces of its own inertia, and out of it new organizations must arise.

"This is a true bill. Every word is sustained by facts. There can be no reform in the currency or in anything else as long as the Republican party is in power.

We urge all former Democrats now affiliating with the Greenback party in the Third District to consider well the points raised by Mr. Harrington, one of their most trusted leaders, and certainly one of their wisest.

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The Union League Club of New York is not all Republican it seems. Many of the members are opposed to Garfield and have resisted the action of the Club in giving money to aid in his election.

Fowler played foul, says the printer. Does he mean "ki-ards?" We said foul, intending to play upon the person's name.

Sir Henry Bessemer, the great steel manufacturer, has been presented with the freedom of the city of London.

MORE CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution was adopted and went into effect March 4th, 1789. By the end of 1788 all the States had ratified but North Carolina and Rhode Island.

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"We always find that the men who use the word—and many like Senator Blaine, love to call it a sovereign nation—are in favor of a different construction of the constitution than has heretofore prevailed.

The seven States feared Hamilton and the strong government advocates in 1788. They knew that Hamilton and his friends had yielded to the pressure in Convention, had accepted the situation, had urged the adoption of the new Instrument, but they feared their devotion; were unwilling to trust them without farther and stronger guards.

Accordingly, the following was urged as necessary:

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"It is consonant with the second Article in the present Constitution, that each State retains its Sovereignty, Freedom and Independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right, which is not, by this Confederation, expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled."

Now, why all this, if we have not stated the case correctly? There was danger, and the States were protecting themselves against false interpretations and glossings, constructions and implications such as Webster, Story, Curtis, Motley and other writers have resorted to since.

The friends of liberty and local self-government had lived under the old Articles of Confederation. They knew that there were extreme men who held that even then the American people were but one Nation.

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Now if under the old Articles that were mere ropes of sand, as they turned out, such monstrous views and doctrines could be proclaimed—such bold, aggressive, dangerous construction could be indulged, how important it was for the friends of liberty and of free government to erect every possible safeguard against such interpretations and constructions in the future.

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CRIMINAL COURT.

The following cases were disposed of in this Court yesterday: State vs. George Myers, charged with burglary. Case continued.

State vs. John Grady, convicted of manslaughter at a former term of Court. Defendant sentenced to twenty years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary; the Supreme Court, to which he had appealed, having confirmed the action of the Court below.

State vs. Love Ann Jones, convicted at a former term of the Court of an attempt to commit rape. Defendant sentenced to five years in the State Penitentiary, the Supreme Court, to which she had appealed, confirming the action of the Court below.

State vs. James Wilbert, convicted of larceny. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs and fine.

State vs. John Burnett, convicted of false pretenses. Motion in arrest of judgment; judgment granted and defendant discharged.

State vs. Mary Eliza Lively, convicted of assault and battery. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs.

A number of other cases continued over. At 4 P. M. Court adjourned for the term.

Death of His Excellency. Mr. Peter Joseph, the engineer on the Carolina Central Railroad who lost a leg by an accident at Laurinburg on Monday, the 27th ult., died at that place on Friday morning last, between 9 and 10 o'clock, from the effects of the injury.

Deceased was a member of the Laurinburg Lodge of Knights of Honor.

Columbus Politics. The untimely Democracy of Columbus county had a fine rally at Whiteville yesterday. Capt. V. V. Richardson, candidate for the Senate, and all the county candidates were present and several of them made speeches.

Major C. M. Stedman, of this city, was also present, by special invitation, and addressed the people with fine effect. He was warmly congratulated at the close of his speech.

We are glad to hear that the Democrats of Columbus are full of zeal and energy and will give an old-time majority for our whole ticket.

C. C. Railway Items. One of the new heavy draught engines purchased some time since by Capt. V. Q. Johnson, Superintendent of the Carolina Central Railway, arrived yesterday and was sent up to the shops at Laurinburg.

Knowing that both you and the readers of your paper would be glad to hear the political news from this sterling old county, I write to say that the Democracy have commenced the campaign in earnest, and will henceforth wage an aggressive warfare until the polls are closed on the day of election.

Yesterday was a great day for the Democracy of Onslow. A mass meeting was held in Jacksonville, and a large crowd assembled to listen to the speakers who were present.

The second speech was from our Elector, D. H. McLean, Esq., who acquitted himself with much credit—the crowd being greatly pleased by his humor, anecdotes and pleasant style.

Mr. Clement Manly delivered the last speech of the day; he is worthy of the name he bears; his polished, classical and able address won for him the commendation of all.

The meeting in Jacksonville was a decided success and was productive of good. Send your townsman, Major Stedman, over to see us again, he will always have a cordial greeting in our county.

Bladen County Nominations. The following is the Bladen county Democratic ticket complete, a partial list only of the nominees being given in our last: House of Representatives—N. A. Stedman, Jr.

Sheriff—Geo. F. Melvin. Treasurer—Robert M. Devane. Register of Deeds—John M. Benson. Surveyor—James G. Gillespie. Coroner—Lucien J. Hall.

Spirits Turpentine.

At King's Mountain a man named Glenn, from Greenville, S. C., was cut by a man from Gaston county, N. C.

The "Honorable" are cropping out all round. Fellows who never had an office in their lives now appear as "Hons."

Raleigh News and Observer: In Western North Carolina they say rangers have been appointed in excess of the demand.

Wilson Advance: Mr. George Evans, of Nashville, was born in March, 1793. He never courted a woman in his life, but intended to do so soon as he reaches his one hundredth year.

New Bernian: Mr. F. S. Ernal, of this county, whose farm is situated near Streets Ferry, showed us on Saturday last a fine bunch of Concord grapes which were not only nearly ripe, but are the first growth of the season.

Raleigh News and Observer: The chief marshal, Col. A. B. Gorrell, of Forsyth, has requested the aid of Assistant marshals of the fair to assemble in Raleigh Saturday, October 16.

Goldboro Messenger: The annual conference of the Disciples of Christ is being held this week with the church at Bethel, in Lenoir county.

Charlotte Observer: Up to the present time the King's Mountain celebration has not proved a source of much revenue to Charlotte merchants.

Kingston Journal: On Friday last the gin house, press and a lot of lint and seed cotton at Joseph Williams' were consumed by fire.

Raleigh News and Observer: The failure of the State Guard to be present at King's Mountain in a body is regretted by all. The Adjutant General and the authorities here are making arrangements to charter a Charlotte Air Line Railroad positively declined to transport our troops.

Six hundred flowering plants, given by Wm. J. Best, Esq., of Beaufort, to the W. N. C. R. Co. Asheville, N. C. These plants are from Mr. Best's beautiful home, at Caldwell, N. J.

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