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Is the President capable of discharging the functions of his office? This is the first inquiry. Second, if not capable, then who ought to act as President?

In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President.

Is not this clear enough? If the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office then the Vice President assumes his place.

Construed according to common sense the Vice President becomes de facto President as long as the President suffers from incapacity or inability to perform the duties of office and no longer.

The President has been disabled for some six weeks or more. His recovery will be slow if at all.

The New York Tribune is a very indiscreet friend. It is unwise enough to urge opposition to Mr. Bookwater, the Democratic nominee for Governor in Ohio, because of what he said against Gen. Garfield in the campaign of 1880.

Senator Beck is so solid in Kentucky that it is now understood he will have no opposition. He is a Scotchman, and is regarded by Senators as equal to any man in the United States Senate.

If he lived now he would probably substitute politician for man. An honest politician! Is that a contradiction of terms? If not, that it must be confessed that the specimens are rare.

Nellie Hazelstine is the beauty and belle of St. Louis. She has a good pile. She was courted by Uncle Samuel Tilden. Ninety-eight others have done likewise.

The Albany (N. Y.) Argus observes: Judge McGowan, of this city, was cured of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil.

BLACK AND SCOTT.

We notice that several replies to Judge Black's attack upon the late Gen. Winfield Scott have been published. It is by no means certain that Gen. Scott is as venerable as the vigorous statesman would endeavor to make it appear.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, a paper not to be trusted in its statements when unsupported, says that Gen. Scott distrusted both Secretary of War Floyd and Judge Black, Secretary of State.

On November 15 he relieved Colonel Gardner from command in Charleston Harbor, and sent there Major Anderson, in whom the general confidenced.

How true all this is we cannot say, not having the means of verifying. We remember that during the winter of 1860-'61 (we do not recollect when) it was reported in the papers that Gen. Scott first favored allowing the Southern States to withdraw without opposition.

At Nashville, Tenn., there is a large mill. It made a dividend of 14 per cent. in 1880. There is a flouring mill at Palaski, Tenn. Jackson is to have a cotton mill at once. Cotton mills are going up in Texas.

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There is other evidence to show that Gen. Scott distrusted certain members of the Cabinet and that he was disposed to keep secret his own plans and purposes as much as possible.

There are at least two dozen of them engaged in business, all worth from \$20,000 to \$40,000. They are patronized by white men. At the Maryville College I saw negro students with white men in the same class.

MORE ABOUT THE COTTON MILL CAMPAIGN.

More important to North Carolinians just now than anything else, after the question of bread, is cotton manufacturing. The campaign in our State has opened tolerably well.

With the exception of the Lincoln monument at Springfield, and the Washington monument at Richmond, Va., there is not a more pretentious piece of monumental work in the country.

It cost \$71,500. We again copy from the Chicago paper: "Within the tomb chamber repose the remains of Douglas, in an iron osslet placed in a white marble sarcophagus, the marble from his native country of Rutland, Vt., and surmounted by a white marble life-size bust of him.

The South would be glad to see the present internal revenue system abolished. It has been in use long enough, and has in some respects proved a great burden to the people.

The worst thing about the revenue system is that large as have been the collections from the people so much of it has been stolen or misapplied. In other words a very considerable proportion has never been applied to the purposes it was intended.

Since the close of the war we have paid \$750,000,000 on the principal of the debt. On the 1st of July last the total debt was \$2,080,000,000. In the last fiscal year we reduced it by \$100,000,000. It is evident that should the same rate of payment be continued for twenty years it would wipe out the debt.

Every town in North Carolina should have a reading club. Every town should have a circulating library. With a well conducted reading club and a well selected library much good can be done in the way of self-culture.

There is a decided opinion among the people that the Doctors have been deceiving them as to the actual condition of the President.

Parents should not forget that their shoebills can be reduced one-half by purchasing for their children shoes with the A. S. T. Black Tip upon them.

THE FATE OF NEW COTTON.

The first bale of new cotton of the season of 1881 was received in this city yesterday from Messrs. Locke, Everett & Co., of Rockingham, Richmond county. It was shipped by express, and another bale was sent by the regular freight train to arrive last evening.

A gentleman here has picked out enough seed cotton to make a bale, and hopes to be able to have it in market tomorrow. Rust has damaged the crop considerably in this section.

The Abbeville Gun Club Team have received an advertisement to attend a grand glass ball tournament at Spartanburg, S. C., on the 17th inst.

Look out for the Circus. Mr. Samuel H. Joseph, Manager in advance of John Robinson's Great World's Exposition and Electric Light Show, was in the city yesterday.

Official Vote of North Carolina on Prohibition, August 4, 1881. Alamance 548 1749 Argyle 377 652 Alexander 548 1298

In the Charleston News and Courier there is a curious case of Ku-Kluxing reported as occurring in Stanley county, North Carolina.

There is a report circulating in Washington that Dr. Bliss goes often to Middleton's Bank. The Philadelphia Times says: "There is a private view in Middleton's communicating with Wall street."

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