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Foraker, the Lieutenant of Gen. John Sherman, in the new war against the Southern whites, and the Southern negroes, spoke at Staunton, Va., during the late campaign.

And this was the neat and effective way the Ohio bloody-shirt had his heels knocked completely under him by a plain farmer in Virginia.

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The Charleston News and Courier has very complimentary words to say of Col. Trenholm. We copy a part. It says: "He possesses solid acquirements and large information, and has often times exhibited singular tact in dealing with difficult and complicated questions."

FIRE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Disastrous Conflagration in our Sister Town—Fayetteville Hotel Burned—Great Excitement Among the Citizens—Heavy Loss—Insurance \$11,000.

Quite an excitement was created here yesterday afternoon by reports that a tremendous fire was raging in Fayetteville. These reports were so meagre and so vague that thoughtful men could form no conclusion except that they were wildly exaggerated.

The first reliable information that could be obtained by a Star reporter was that a telegram had been sent from Fayetteville to Major John C. Winder, at Raleigh, stating that the town was threatened with a destructive fire, and asking that one of the Raleigh steam fire engines be sent at once by special train.

At 11 o'clock to day the Fayetteville fire was discovered to be on fire. The fair being in progress the town was somewhat deserted and the flames spread rapidly before much force was brought to bear upon them.

At 9 o'clock Raleigh was telegraphed for assistance, and at five a special train brought their fire engine and part of the company. The flames are now (at 7 o'clock) fully under control, and no further danger is anticipated.

On Wednesday, Capt. Savage, hearing the news, called at a certain house in Pendleton county, just across inland creek, started after him. He was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Chadwick, S. H. Terry, James Murray, James Newton and Wm. B. Savage, the latter a son of Capt. S.

A correspondent at Red Banks sends us some additional particulars regarding the mail robbery at that place on the night of October 31st. Red Banks is a flag station where a crane is used for hanging out the mail pouches, and it is the duty of the expressmen to be on hand at that time.

There were no registered packages in the pouch, and it is supposed that the thief got nothing of value for his trouble. The Presbyterian of Wilmington met Wednesday last at Duplin Roads, Rev. Geo. W. McKellan Moderator. There were present seven ministers and ten ruling elders.

WASHINGTON.

Rep. S. Eaton Temporarily Appointed Civil Service Commissioner—North Carolina Postmaster—The Chinese Trouble in Washington Territory, &c.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The Governor of Washington Territory yesterday telegraphed to Secretary Linn that he had appointed S. Eaton, of this city, as Civil Service Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The President's proclamation appointing D. B. Eaton as Civil Service Commissioner was received here yesterday.

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FATAL COLLISION.

Two Steamers Collide on the Ohio River—One of them sinks, and seven men and thirty or forty horses drowned.

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MICHIGAN.

Bank Cashier in Jackson a Defaulter—The Amount of \$19,000.—(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

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PENNSYLVANIA.

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THE SOUTH AND CIVIL SERVICE.

The Southern Democrats are much misrepresented, we believe, by even some Southern papers as to the Civil Service. Whether this is done from ignorance or not we may not determine.

The Southern people demanded, therefore, a thorough, radical change in all this and for the best of reasons. To this end, they have insisted that all Republican officials—for they were all partisans and claqueurs—should be turned out at the earliest possible day.

If this is not commensurate we know not what it is. It is the most natural and reasonable thing in the world that a people who had been outraged and oppressed for twenty years in their rights by active partisan workers should be restless and afflicted should cease whenever the Democrats got in power.

There is a class of political sentimentalists in the South. They are so extremely elevated in their notions of the dignity and purity of party, that it shocks them in their tenderest sensibilities when you talk of giving the offices to Democrats only. Oh, no, say these men of high views, that is awful. It is a great wrong upon the South to have anything whatever to do with the "spoils." That sort of thing will damn the party, blast civilization and ruin the public service.

All the years of persecution and active partisanship are thus forgotten, and these sentimental theorists see no danger in importing the British system into these United States that fastens a regular set of officials upon the country in perpetuity, creates an aristocracy of Government fed officials, and makes permanent a system that has no one element of true republican democracy in it.

The Civil Service law began to operate with all of the offices of the country in possession of one party. To have it work fair and without friction and free from party bias the offices should have been first equally divided between the two old parties and then have started the civil service machinery. As it is, the arrangement was unfair and wrong.

Who believes that one solitary Republican in all the North, who is now blatant in his advocacy of the Civil Service system, would have tolerated it for a moment if the Democrats had held possession of the 115,000 offices and under the law would be able to retain a considerable proportion of them?