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THE SENTINEL.

DEATH OF EX-GOV. WORTH.

It becomes our painful duty, to day, to chronicle the death of that truly great and good man, JONATHAN WORTH, ex Governor of North Carolina, who quietly breathed his last, at his residence in this city, on Sunday night at 10 o'clock, after a lingering and painful illness; aged nearly 67 years.

It is not our purpose to attempt a lengthened encomy on the life and character of this greatly esteemed citizen, and, for a number of years, highly honored public servant of our State, but leave this melancholy duty to the pen of some one better qualified for the task. In all the relations of husband, father, neighbor and citizen, he had the love, esteem and confidence of all with whom he was connected. As a public officer, his honesty, probity, moderation and firmness, were known and read of all men. Holding the most responsible positions in the Financial and Executive Departments of our State government, at a time the most critical in our history, when obstacles and difficulties not met with in ordinary times were to be daily encountered and overcome, he discharged his duties with unwavering fidelity and almost universal satisfaction, and came out with laurels unstained, and a name on which the breath of slander dared not breathe.

His funeral will take place, as announced elsewhere, to day at 11 o'clock, from the Presbyterian Church. The Public Offices, we understand, will be closed, and no doubt our citizens generally will join in paying respectful tribute to the memory of the deceased. —
PUBLIC LAWS.

It is now nearly five months since the Legislature adjourned, and yet the Acts passed at the late session are not published according to law. To say that this delay is an outrage upon the public, does not sufficiently characterize this non action on the part of an important officer of the State; it is a crime for which severe and strict punishment ought to be imposed for the future, if none already exists. The "carpet-baggers" and Radicals upset our old system of laws completely, they have introduced strange and oppressive laws, and to add to this injury, they won't let the people know what they are, except as suits their own convenience, aims and ends.

The statute laws,—indeed, all the laws of the State, are in a wretched state of uncertainty, and it is a matter of moment to know especially what the statutes are. No one knows what they are; even the Judges and lawyers, the most active and accurate, can't tell what statutes have been passed. We heard a learned lawyer, the other day, speaking of the evil and outrage to which we now refer, say that there was not a Judge of law in the State who knew, with tolerable certainty, the change made by the Legislature at its late session. The Courts, lawyers, people and all, are at a loss in the dark. Alas! because a "carpet-bag" State Printer, appointed by Gov. Holden, under an act of the Legislature, passed in a surreptitious way, won't or can't do his duty. The Governor knows that Gen. Littlefield had the act passed, and for his benefit. A month was ample time in which to print and prepare the acts; it could have been done within that time. If the State Printer could not do the work, he could have gotten Messrs. Nichols & German to do the work promptly and in good style.

Is there no way to compel Gen. Littlefield to do his duty in this behalf? How long is this State to be cursed and ruined by this man, and men like him? Perhaps even the present Legislature may yet come out of his pocket and ship him to Bazaar Bay or up North somewhere.

MAGISTRATES' JURISDICTION.—As many of the newly elected Magistrates of the State labor under misapprehension in regard to the extent of their powers in many cases, we publish the following note from Gen. Cox which will give them the necessary information in regard to one point in the administrations of their functions. When the laws are published, if they ever should be, officers will have a better chance of learning their duties generally:

Raleigh, Sept. 1, 1869.

Edition of THE SENTINEL:—As there is a general misapprehension in this District, and perhaps in others, please state in your paper that in cases of larceny, Magistrates have simply the power to discharge or bind over to the Superior Court the accused, but in no case final jurisdiction.

Yours McLean ex parte, State ex Jarvis, N. C. Reports.

Very respectfully,
W. H. COX,
Collector.

Stan. Brown.—Dr. Beauford, the celebrated Optician and Oculist, has met with remarkable success in this community. Many prominent citizens and a great number of afflicted persons in all classes have applied to him for relief, and in every instance the unequalled glasses which he furnishes have been pronounced to be perfect. Some who have been groping in almost absolute darkness, which all ordinary spectacles failed to relieve, have been enabled not only to see clearly, but to read even the fine print without any discomfort. All who have applied to him have been suited exactly. He will make only frames those and all who need the service of a superior Optician should call specially at the Yarborough House, Room No. 15.

RICHMOND, Sept. 4.—The following is our opinion, received this morning by Gen. Canby:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, Aug. 28.
To the Hon. Jas. A. Rawlins, Secretary of War:

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 27th, 1869, in which you request my opinion upon some of the questions submitted in the letter of the Commanding General of the First Military District dated on the 10th instant, and accompanying papers, copies of which are enclosed, as refers to the legal qualification of officers to be elected under the proposed Constitution of the State of Virginia, and especially upon the question whether persons elected to office under such State, under said Constitution, are required, by the supplement to the reconstruction Act of July 3rd, 1867, to take and subscribe to the oath prescribed or referred to in Section 9 of said act, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

The latter question is the only one indicated with such distinctness as to enable me to be fully satisfied that its purpose is to prohibit disqualification of any citizen of the United States in the capacity of a member of the lower House of Representatives, as well as of the Senate, and to give him the right to vote. The former question is the only one which I have been able to understand by these leaders, the result of the United States is really the government of the United States, and so long as Radicalism has a two-thirds majority in the upper house, it is impossible for any member of the lower house to be elected under such circumstances.

By the statute of April 16th, 1869, the registered voters of Virginia were authorized to vote upon the question of the adoption of the Constitution for the State and at the same time to elect officers under it, subject to the approval of Congress.

The vote has been taken in pursuance of the provisions of the act and the election is imminent, and some parts of the Constitution submitted have been adopted by the people and others rejected. The parts of the proposed Constitution thus adopted, which shall be approved by Congress, will be the Constitution of Virginia, under which all officers will be required to take the oaths and subscribe thereto, as well as the duties of their respective offices will be determined by it.

When V. is restored to its proper place in the country, each State of the Union will have its Constitution, and it will not be necessary for the power of Congress to impose any requirement or additional qualifications upon the different from those which under the Constitution of the United States, it will be required in all the States. It is therefore to be inferred that the constitution of V. will be adopted by the majority of V. and the rest of the State in their choice of officers not recognized by the law, but not made applicable until the legislative powers of Congress to all the States, the legislative and officers would not interfere with the Constitution of V. and its Constitution.

I do not see that Congress can undertake to furnish the State with a suitable legislature to start with or to exercise any control over its composition which could not be exercised over subsequent legislatures. I am therefore of the opinion that the act prescribed by the statute of 1862, and by the statute of July 1867, chapter 30 section 9, required to be taken by all persons elected or appointed to office in said Military District under any so called State or nominal authority, is not to be required of any member of the Senate or of the House of Representatives.

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MORE ROTTEN BOROUGH STATES.

The Radical leaders can beat any fox in turning and doubling to escape the enemy which is hot upon their trail and threatens to snare and destroy them. One of the latest devices is to repeat the trick in the case of West Virginia—that is, carve new States out of old ones. This is proposed in the case respectively of Arkansas and Tennessee, with the purpose, of course, of obtaining two brand new Radical Senators, and so setting up, and probably Democratic Senatorial candidates in the existing States. As is perfectly well understood by these leaders, the result of the United States is really the government of the United States, and so long as Radicalism has a two-thirds majority in the upper house, it is impossible for any member of the lower house to be elected under such circumstances.

The Savannah News says that one firm in that city has contracts for two thousand Chinese laborers.

GENERAL NEWS.

A new paper called the *Daily Tribune* has been started in Butler. It is devoted to Prohibition.

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WEIRD WONDERS.

EXPERIENCES OF POWERS, THE SCULPTOR WITH GHOSTLY VISI-

TORS—HIS RELATION TO SOME STRANGE MANIFESTATIONS—HE BELIEVES IN SPOOKS.

From the San Francisco Times I

INFAMOUS CASES OF SHAM GLASSING.

About four months ago a man named Charles Calill disappeared mysteriously leaving a family in great distress of mind, second of his life, and in a desolate condition pecuniarily. He had been engaged in running a small engine for unloading vessels, as it was thought possible that he had fallen overboard in the wharf and drowned. A cannon was fired over the spot and the boy at that point was dragged, but the body was not found, and nothing was learned on the subject until a short time ago. Some suspicion was entertained that Calill had been祥和, and that he had drowned.

Dr. Bellows contributes to *Appleton's Journal* a paper entitled "Sittings with Powers, the Sculptor." In the course of conversation Mr. Powers relates the following spiritualistic experiences:

These spiritualistic phenomena have always interested me, although I have never been in the least carried away by them.

We had many "ances" at my house and others, when Home was here, and certainly many "ghosts" under circumstances where fraud or collusion, or pre-arrangements of any kind were impossible.

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