

# The Piedmont Press.

HICKORY, N. C., Thursday, August 13.

Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Hon. V. C. Barringer and Jno. Dillard, three lawyers of marked ability, we learn, have been appointed by Judge Kirk, a sort of commission, to examine into matters pertaining to a suit now pending in the Federal Court between the Cherokee Indians and Col. Thomas the *avocat* government agent. These gentlemen are passed up in route for Cherokee a few days ago.

Vance is certainly elected to Congress; but it is impossible to tell who is elected Senator in the 11th Judicial District. Yesterday we thought Gudger was, with 330 majority in Watauga, but then to-day the *Citizen* cuts down his majority in Buncombe from 810, as elsewhere reported, to 511. Avery has carried Burke by 945, McDowell 511, Mitchell 308 and Henderson by a very small majority. Gudger has carried Buncombe by 51, Watauga by 350, Yancey by 680 or 700 and Madison, the *Citizen* says, by only 200, but we had heard by 500.

Our contributor "Burke," who entertained the readers of the *PRESS* so highly last winter with the "Early Recollections of Morganton"—now that the political campaign is over will renew his sketches—and Lang will renew his sketches—will confine himself to Morganton this time but will extend his sketches over all the territory that once was Burke county and still earlier "Morgan District." Those, who can probably furnish him assistance, know how to communicate with him, and we hope they will interest themselves in the matter. An interview with Mr. John Rutherford of Burke and Mr. Ben. Burgin of McDowell—not in his ninety-fifth year—would doubtless be of service to him. Politics must give place for a season to our history, our agriculture, and manufactures.

## The Banner County.

The Statesville *Landmark*, in its natural exultation over the Conservative victory, is that county, claims that Iredell is the "banner county." The *Landmark* claims too much. From the returns so far we are confident, that with a majority of 1,057 for

### PLACE AS THE BANNER COUNTY OF DEMOCRACY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

When our political horizon was dark and lowering—when civil liberty was but a name in the old North State, then Catawba stood alone like the Roman sentinel at Pompeii, never deserting her post, and now that this radical *Revolution* has exhausted its lava and ashes, and can only send forth smoke, she still proudly walks her beat unconquered and unconquerable.

## Keep Cool.

Keep cool, Conservatives! Flap your wings and crow once and then go to scratching again. Don't continue crowing till you wound the feelings and stir up the resentment of those who have voted with you this time. Republican papers sneer at Southern Conservatives as representing the chivalry. Let us show them that we are indeed chivalrous. Let us be really magnanimous in its broadest sense. It is to our interest to be so. If we are to reap any benefit from our victory we must use it properly. Be kind and considerate to those who, but lately, followed the Republican banner. Make them feel at home in the Democratic fold. Let us declare a POLITICAL amnesty to the Republicans of Western North Carolina, for it is well known that some of the stanchest, truest, most zealous Conservative nominees received their heartiest support from Republicans of the "original panel," and the hardest and "most unkindest" underhand blows from rearng, ranting, roaring radical conservatives.

## Mitchell County.

Our friend W. S. Pearson, the defeated Republican candidate for the Senate in the 3d District is "rich" on the election returns generally, but especially the vote of Mitchell county. He asks the very pertinent questions, how could they expect him to be elected, when Mitchell county with a Republican majority of 450 in 1872, which he laid aside as a nest egg, elects a democrat to the House by 130 majority, with two democrats and only one republican in this county is one of the most remarkable on record. Vance carried the county by 400 and Avery by 300. J. H. Green Conservative candidate for Clerk is elected by 500 majority. No wonder Pearson complains of Mitchell. Aside from personal partiality, we should like to see Mr. Pearson a sound Democratic representative in our Legislature, a position for which his talents evidently fit him.

Schenck is elected Judge by over 1,000 majority.

## HAMMERED OUT.



This is Radicalism on the Anvil and we have beat it to Death.

## Election Returns.

The State has gone Democratic by from 10,000 to 20,000 majority. From every section we hear of large gains, we have gained from 10 to 20 Democratic members of the Legislature, and have undoubtedly elected six out of the eight Congressmen, with almost certainty of the seventh in the First District in the person of the gallant Jesse J. Yeates. We have carried six of eight judicial districts. Vance's majority is estimated at 4000.

WATAUGA CO.—Pool's maj. 434; Robbins' 432; L. G. Green, con., elected to the Commons; Gudger 350 maj. to the Senate; Gudger, 350, con., elected to the Senate from Ashe, Allegheny and Watauga.

ASHI CO.—Robbins' maj. 450.

BURKE COUNTY.—Only six out of nine counties heard from. So far Pool's majority, 388; Vance's maj. 362; Avery's maj. 374; Sevier, 300, a little above; Polk, 365; Young, behind. For House, Blythe, rep., elected to the House from the township he headed, and one Democrat and one Republican will afford off set the one Democrat on the general ticket. Avery's majority will probably be 100. For Senator, D. Brittain, Democrat, 1,200; Sevier, 1,000; Avery, 900; Polk, 800; Young, 700; Moore, 500; Watauga, 400; Avery, 350; Gudger, 20; Mills, 133; Young, 131; W. S. Pearson, 265; Tate, 285; Irvin, 113; For Clerk, Tate, 124; McKesson, 39; Pearson, 211; Sheriff, Moore, 100; Brittain, 183; Beach, 129.

LATER.

Pool's majority in the County, 413; Vance's, 360; Solicitor, Avery, 1100; Gudger, 101; Avery's majority 945, the next following vote given to a candidate in Burke, 8. Sevier's, 559; for House, Sevier, 559; for Clerk, 559; for Senator, 1,200; Avery, 1,200; Tate, 1,000; Polk, 828; Young, 700; Gudger, 500; Watauga, 400; Avery, 350; Gudger, 20; Mills, 133; Young, 131; W. S. Pearson, 265; Tate, 285; Irvin, 113; For Clerk, Tate, 124; McKesson, 39; Pearson, 211; Sheriff, Moore, 100; Brittain, 183; Beach, 129.

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