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NEW YORK POLITICS.

The politics of the State of New York in the present canvass are of National importance and interest, and the result of the election in November will be awaited with much anxiety by both parties throughout the Union.

Roscoe Conkling has staked his chances for the nomination for the Presidency by the Republicans, upon his ability to carry the State of New York for his party in the coming election. In the late republican convention that met at Saratoga to nominate the candidates of that party he was the ruling power, and dictated who should be its nominees, and the campaign will be conducted under his direction. His nominee for Governor is A. B. Cornell, who was removed by Hayes from the lucrative position of Collector of the port of New York upon serious charges, and whom Conkling has had nominated simply to spite Hayes, between whom, as is well known, exits a bitter feud. The nomination of Cornell, therefore, is distasteful to the "Administration" Republicans and he will not receive their hearty support.

The Democrats held their convention at Syracuse last week, and placed in nomination a most excellent ticket, with the present incumbent, Lucius Robinson, as their candidate for Governor. This nomination was considered as a victory for Tilden over Tammany, and proved plainly that this distinguished Democrat still controlled his party in the "Empire" State, and rendered more certain his renomination for the Presidency next year. Gov. Robinson, during his present term, has made a most excellent Governor, winning the esteem and respect of the good men of both parties. But he has incurred the hostility of Tammany Hall, and its redoubtable chieftain, John Kelly, who arrogates to himself the control of the democracy of New York City. Because Gov. Robinson has seen fit to bestow his patronage without pandering to the prejudices of John Kelly, this mighty man has sworn vengeance against him, and so when the democratic convention last week was nominating Robinson, John Kelly and all the Tammany delegates withdrew, or as it is called, "bolted." They organized another convention and unanimously nominated their "boss," John Kelly, as the Tammany candidate for Governor. He of course accepted the nomination, and in his speech of acceptance boldly and unblushingly proclaimed that he did not expect to be elected, but that his object was to defeat Gov. Robinson, the regularly nominated democratic candidate. Such party treason, such a desire to gratify personal malice, we trust will be properly rebuked by the democracy of New York. The Tammany Ring have long enough been a burden for the party at large to carry; they have long enough been a sore of corruption upon the body of the democratic party. In this present contest between Tilden and Tammany, we sincerely hope the former may be as successful as he was in his memorable contest with Tammany in the days of "Boss" Tweed. The democratic party of the State of New York are entitled to the thanks of the party throughout the Union for their determined stand against the arrogant dictation of Tammany Hall. This Ring should be made to know that its power is not supreme, and that its threats cannot intimidate. We believe that the defeat of our party in New York, at the coming election, by the defection of the Tammany Ring would be better for the party, than their success with its help. "Honesty is the best policy" even in politics, and the recent action of the democracy of the State of New York ennobles their cause, and places them in a position to demand and receive the support of all good and true men irrespective of party.

The Tammany "bolters" will doubtless receive the condemnation of all true democrats everywhere, and will lose that power and influence in our party that they formerly wielded.

Judge Gilmer.

The Governor has appointed Col. John A. Gilmer, of Guilford, as Judge of this (the fifth) Judicial District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Kerr.

The name of John A. Gilmer is very familiar to the older citizens of this county, because it was the gentleman bearing that name (and the father of the lately appointed Judge), who so ably represented this county in Congress for so many years before the war.

Judge Gilmer was born in the year 1805, being now in the prime of life, graduated at Chapel Hill in 1837, was Colonel of the 27th Regiment of North Carolina Troops until disabled by a terrible wound which maimed him for life, was Adjutant General of the State under Governor Worth's administration, was a Senator in the Legislature of 1870-'72, and is a gentleman of irreproachable character, a lawyer of more than ordinary ability, and will make a conscientious, impartial and incorruptible Judge.

The term of Judge Gilmer will expire upon the election of his successor in November, 1880.

Billy Smith on Politics.

Hon. W. A. Smith, of Lincolnton county, commonly known as "Honest-born Billy," has recently been "interviewed" by a correspondent of the Greensboro' North State, and we copy here with his opinion of politics in general and Hayes in particular:

"I have got sick and tired of politics. The treachery and hypocrisy of Hayes and John Sherman and the other members of the Administration disgusted me with politics. When those two could unite to beat southern Democrats I concluded it was time for a North Carolinian who had nerve, as did a Democratic Editor to arise and try to forget the horrid deeds of that unprincipled trio. John Sherman and Hayes and Foster traded us off to the bell-boys below the Mason and Dixon line. That single act was the result of the agreement to divide the Southern Republicans. I am positive that candidate such a paper as their country fully deserves that such an enterprise as well patronized as it ought to be, would be a valuable labor-saving

In this section we have the old fashioned farmers and good old genuine democratic principles that once characterized the Anglo-Saxon people but all of which are rapidly passing away, and only to be found among the old land-proud farming people of the country. With Dear old Uncle Rufus Barringer, and other old democratic veterans for our leaders, we can and must overwhelm the Radical party in this county. With Dear old Uncle Rufus Barringer, and other old democratic veterans for our leaders, we can and must overwhelm the Radical party in this county. With all these old veterans marching in the Spring with a good majority at their back, and in the rear of all the [illegible] of a direct communication with the mountains by the [illegible] in the Yadkin valley, and the Mocksville road through the central part of the State, it is easy to predict its destiny in a few years to-wit:—Once the Central State in the Union. It [illegible] to Missouri a [illegible] are offered.

S. T. Penn.

Correspondence.

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Rocky Lane Corner, Mississippi
Sept. 9th, 1879.

Mr. Editor:—Dropping the Record is now a weekly visit to my desk, and I assure you, I am well pleased with the business like and live energetic manner, which appears to characterize and prompt the editor in his labors. I congratulate the old Chathamites in being so fortunate as to have such a paper in their county, fully believing that such an enterprise is well patronized as it ought to be, would be a valuable labor-saving for whom it is so valuable

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Pittsboro', N. C.,
Sept. 16th, '79.

Mr. Editor:—Through the columns of your valuable paper I would like to give my friends, and your readers generally, a brief account of a most charming trip I had through a portion of Virginia a week or two ago. On the 25th of August, I left Bologna where I had been spending a few days, took the North Carolina train to Greensboro', and arrived there at about 8 o'clock p. m; our genial friend, C. J. Vest of the Southern Express Company, met me there, and as I saw me on board the Richmond and Danville train, that was to take me to Danbury Branch, my destination. As the ride from Greensboro there, was in the night, I of course had no opportunity of judging the country I was passing through. I arrived at Danbury about 2 o'clock in the morning, and had to wait there until [illegible] to [illegible] a distance of about 30 miles to my [illegible] and five energetic gentlemen, in the [illegible] there, which of course brought [illegible] gathered most every people, and [illegible] a jolting experience. What I noted on [illegible] was [illegible] anything else I have seen [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]