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The Our Judges seem to be in bad luck. Thus far every one has been defeated for re-nomination, in whose district a convention has been held. The first victim to fall was Whitaker, in the 4th district, in whose place was nominated W. R. Allen, of Wayne. Next were Shuford, in the twelfth, and Graves, in the ninth district, the former being defeated by H. B. Carter, of Buncombe, and the latter by W. N. Mebane, of Rockingham county. The next will be Armfield in the eighth district, where a large majority of the democratic primaries have declared for Ben Long. Jacob Battle in the third district, who was appointed in Connor's place last fall, will probably be renominated, and Bynum in the tenth may narrowly escape the fate of his defeated colleagues.

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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, July 27, 1894.

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Brian's Patriotic Withdrawal.
From the *Chicago Tribune*,
July 28, 1894.

Yesterday we received the following dispatch from Hon. B. H. Brian that explains itself. Notwithstanding Capt. Brian retires from the Congressional race, his high patriotic and devotion to these great popular interests which the Democratic party stand for will lead him to enter with zest into the coming campaign, and his voice will be used on the stump advocating the continued triumph of these principles that are so dear to the popular heart and so necessary to the preservation of popular rights.

Washington, July 25, 1894.

Editor *New Orleans Times-Picayune*:

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