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CHRONIC CROAKERS.

Every community has its quota of membership in the guild of croakers. They are known of all their neighbors. The neighbors aforesaid are often made to feel "blue" by them.

"Yes," quoth the croakers, "but it is too cool," or, "it won't last long." A present joy, if not discounted cash in hand, is robbed of its flower by a shadow that is cast before. "A sorrow's crown of sorrow" with them is in the forecasting of gloom that shall inevitably enshroud the present hope.

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The People Think and Talk.

We are in receipt of a letter from a friend in Stanly county which, although private, we take the liberty of printing in part, as evidence of the way people are thinking and talking in more than one section of the State. The writer says:

"Well, it won't do to close this without saying something about the political signs of the times: In the first place (no flattery intended) I just say to you, that your course as Democratic editor—your outspoken views, are not only on the independent order, but are just right. You do not miss taking the proper text, and then, without any disguise or policy showing, advocate things right. I have seen several articles from you on the tariff, revenue, labor, and states rights, that I wish were in the hands of every voter; and also, in relation to the candidates for Congress, Governor and Senate of the United States. You agree with me so perfectly on the Blair Bill, tariff &c., that I am delighted with your paper and views; they are Democratic. How strange, it seems to me, to know the claims of the Democratic party on the white man of North Carolina, the terrible issues, one ruin, negro insolence and general prostitution of individual and nation, while the other is intelligent, free, prosperous rule, that here in North Carolina we should live in doubt as to the result of an election. The white men of North Carolina should not countenance the educated white man who will offer to aid the negroes to trample our liberties and rights under their feet."

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MR. CONKLING AT REST.

The Last View Taken of the Corpse by Thousands of People.

URICA, N. Y., April 21.—The casket containing the remains of Mr. Conkling was placed this morning in the broad hall of the Conkling Mansion, on Rutgers place, and at noon the doors were thrown open to the public for one hour during which thousands of people filed through the hall to take a last view of the features of the distinguished dead.

At 2 o'clock, after a brief prayer by Rev. Dr. Goodrich, the funeral march was taken up to the church which was overcrowded and surrounded by a vast throng. Dr. Goodrich read the Episcopal services and a male quartette sang the hymns "Abide with Me," "My God my Father," the burial chant and the recessional hymns, "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er." Among the floral tributes was a wreath of Calla lilies intertwined with blue immortelles sent to Mrs. Conkling by the President and Mrs. Cleveland.

The remains after the services at the church were escorted to the cemetery and placed in the receiving vault, none but the family and relatives accompanying.

Party Loyalty. From the Boston Globe. James Russell Lowell was right on general principles when he said in New York the other night that rigid "loyalty" to party is a public evil. Slavish adherence to party under all circumstances is neither creditable to the individual nor beneficial to the country, nor, in the highest sense, is it good for parties themselves.

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