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JUDGE RUFFIN'S DEFECTION.

A card from Col. Thomas Ruffin announcing himself a candidate for Judge in his Judicial district definitely settles the question of that gentleman's relations with the Conservative party.

We take it that Col. Ruffin cheerfully assumes all proper responsibility for the step he has taken, and we are too well assured of his intelligence to doubt that he fully understands its probable and logical consequences.

But what shall be the attitude of the Conservative party towards Col. Ruffin and others who have taken, or are meditating, the course that he has adopted?

It is true, as reported, that one of the so-called "Independent" candidates for the Senate, from the District composed of Duplin and Wayne, was in Wilmington last week?

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It is quite natural that Judge Russell's friends should try to secure for him Conservative votes, by swapping, or otherwise, for he will need many of them on the 6th day of August, but what sort of an "Independent" Conservative candidate is it that will sacrifice our candidate for Judge in order to make Radical votes for himself?

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Major John W. Dunham. This talented and spirited gentleman, so long and favorably known in North Carolina as lawyer, editor and member of the Legislature, prints his salutary as editor of the Raleigh News, in Thursday's issue of that journal.

Columbus. This county will give McKay and Waddell a very large majority. We are permitted to make the annexed extract from a private letter written by a Columbus gentleman: "I think that we are in full harness here, and that our county will do its full duty.

His many friends here will be deeply pained to hear of the death of Mr. William V. Bates, which occurred in Australia, February 13. He was well known to all the young men of our city, and was as noble-hearted a boy as ever lived.

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of appointing Judges and Inspectors of Election, which was to have been held this afternoon at 8 o'clock, has been postponed until Monday evening next.

GOVERNOR KEMPER.

The elaborate statement of Gov. Kemper, of Virginia, which he has seen proper to make to silence slanders and misrepresentations of his political status is too long, even for epitome or extract, in these columns, at present.

The base of his statement is the correspondence with Mosby in which the hope was expressed that Grant would not assist the Radical faction. These letters, harmless in themselves, were written for a specific purpose in the heat of a canvass.

The letter leaves, or should leave, in the mind of no one a single doubt, as to Governor Kemper's good faith to the Conservative party. It is a well written paper and is the production of a scholar and statesman as well as of a fearless man and stainless gentleman.

THE UPPER COUNTIES.

The canvass in Cumberland and the upper counties of the District is growing lively. We have seen a letter from a prominent Cumberland Conservative, in which letter appears this paragraph:

"Prospects bright in this and surrounding counties. Col. Waddell is making a splendid impression every where, and what little feeling existed at one time on the subject of back pay has been dispelled by his explanation of his action."

We have no doubt of the election of Col. Waddell by a large majority. It would not surprise us if he should increase his fine majority of 1872. From all the accounts we receive at this office he is making a most spirited and able canvass, the best of his life.

LANDMARK.

The Statesville Landmark, published by Mr. John B. Hussey, late of the Hickory Press, is a new paper that we receive. It is well gotten up and is cleverly edited. Mr. Hussey has experience and will turn it to the advantage of the Conservative cause in Iredell and adjacent counties.

A Solt for Slander. Wm. P. Canada, Esq., Mayor of this city, has commenced proceedings against Mr. James Heaton, Republican candidate for Superior Court Clerk for New Hanover county on what is known as the Regular ticket, for slander, laying his damages at \$10,000. The action is based on certain charges made against the Mayor by Heaton in speeches he has delivered here and elsewhere during the present campaign.

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Mr. Piper, Mail Agent on the W. C. & A. R. R., handed us yesterday a specimen of his tomatoes, about as large as a good-sized squash, together with several bunches of Isabella grapes, which were grown on his plantation in Columbus.

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COL. ROBERT STRANGE IN COLUMBUS COUNTY.

A Great Speech—The issues of the Campaign Discussed in an Exhaustive Argument—Arrangement of Radicals for its Centralizing and Corrupting Tendencies—The Civil Rights Bill Shown to be Unconstitutional by Decisions of State Courts and the Supreme Court of the United States—Col. Strange's Stirring Appeals—Columbus will do Her Duty.

Special Correspondence of the Morning Star.

WHITESVILLE, Columbus County, July 8, 1874. Col. Robert Strange opened his canvass in Columbus county to-day in a speech of nearly two hours' duration, in which he reviewed a statesmanlike discussion of the leading issues involved in this momentous canvass. Col. Strange reached Whitesville in the midst of a heavy rain which continued during the delivery of his address, and which, extending over a large portion of the county, prevented the large attendance of voters who had prepared to be present to greet the eminent lawyer and orator whom Columbus has always delighted to honor.

At half past twelve o'clock the meeting assembled in the Court House and was called to order by Col. George, Chairman of the County Committee, who introduced Col. Strange in a brief and appropriate address. Col. Strange began his speech with an acknowledgment of the confidence always extended him by Columbus—a confidence recently expressed in a most complimentary manner at the Magnolia Convention, where Columbus had given him her vote for the Congressional nomination. He congratulated the party that its choice of Col. Waddell had been both judicious and suitable, and he did not for a moment doubt that Col. Waddell's triumphant election would demonstrate the wisdom of his selection. Col. Strange gave a forcible presentation of the patriotic duty which should influence the good citizen to an active interest in grave political questions.

He said: "He who loves not his country loves nothing, and the flimsy pretext, 'I am a politician,' alleged as an excuse for abstaining from politics, is not the language of a good citizen." Everybody has influence, and everybody should now feel impelled to take his stand in the "imminent deadly breach," to stay the deluge of Radicalism. Ever before a Radical jury and a Radical judge (even though he were a judge ashamed to accept his party's nomination), he could convict Radicalism of an unheard-of crime, and render it unworthy during its thirteen years of unimpeded possession of power. It was the party of the Higher Law, the party of the Irrepressible Conflict, the party of Centralization, the foe to State Rights, the enemy of independence. Between Radicalism and genuine Republicanism there is an irrepressible conflict which must end in the destruction of one or the other. This portion of Col. Strange's speech was a close and searching argument in demonstration of the antagonism of Radicalism to civil liberty. In no Southern State had Radicalism its more flagrant features, and in no Southern State had it more completely and unreservedly illustrated than in North Carolina, so far as its power would permit the consummation of its nefarious designs. What a difference between the ante-bellum North Carolina and the present! The value of the great Conservative victory of 1870, which gave us the Legislature and thus placed a check upon Radical outrages. Col. Strange read from the New York Times, a high Radical authority, a copy of the condition of affairs in South Carolina, in which the Legislature of that State is denounced as a "gang of thieves," and the Government as the "entire government of the State." The speech was a close and searching argument in demonstration of the antagonism of Radicalism to civil liberty.

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DARING ROBBERY AT MAYESVILLE, S. C.—DESPERATE ASSAULT UPON A STOREKEEPER.

A friend informs us that the hitherto quiet and orderly community of Mayesville, S. C., was started and shocked by an outrage perpetrated the night of the 29th of June upon one of the citizens by some villain yet unknown. The night being very warm, Mr. W. J. Pigford placed a mattress across the back door of his shop, and leaving the door open for ventilation, lay down upon the mattress for his night's rest, presuming that no one could enter the store across his body without disturbing him, and also trusting somewhat to the watchfulness of a faithful dog. But he was mistaken in his conclusions, as the subsequent events proved. Some time after midnight he was awakened by some noise in the store, and springing up quickly, found himself face to face with a burly negro, whom he could not exactly recognize by moonlight and in the store where the light was less than on the outside. The negro ordered him to keep his hands off, but not obeying, Mr. Pigford was struck across the head by some blunt instrument with sufficient force to knock him down, and also to cut a gash several inches in length down the skull bone. Recovering and rising to his feet, he was again struck down, and more stunned than before. The negro then made his escape, taking with him Mr. Pigford's watch and the clothing which he had worn the day before. The money drawer had been taken out and left upon the counter, but no money had been left in it the night before when closing the store. Nothing else was missing, and it is evident that money was the only object of the robber, and that if Mr. Pigford had not been awakened, the probability is that he would have received no bodily injury. The circumstances indicate that the negro was some one well acquainted with the store and with Mr. Pigford's arrangements. Efforts are making to get a clue to the robber, and we trust they will meet with success. The clothing was picked up next morning about 150 yards from the store, and the robber and assailant has got off with only the watch and a pocket-knife, having failed to get any money. The watch has Mr. W. J. Pigford's name engraved upon it.

DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.

Mr. Henry Bremer, who was suddenly seized with paralysis while in attendance upon a picnic at Wilmington Garden on Wednesday evening last, brief mention of which was made in this paper, died yesterday afternoon, about half past 4 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Schifford, Hanover, Germany, was nearly 34 years of age and had been in this city for the past sixteen or seventeen years. We learn that he was insensible and speechless from the moment that he was attacked with the disease which terminated in his death. Mr. Bremer had many warm friends in the community, who sincerely sympathize with his family in their irreparable loss. His funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, and his remains will be attended to their last resting place by his brother Knights of Pythias and firemen.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The following officers of Calanthe Lodge No. 7, K. of P., were installed last evening at their hall, by D. D. G. C. W. W. Yopp: Aaron Louis, S. P. C. Jacob I. Macks, C. C. M. P. Taylor, V. C. A. G. McGirt, P. J. N. Van Soulen, M. at A. W. Frank, I. G. J. W. Robbins, O. G.

THE EXCURSION OF KNIGHTS AND LADIES.

The excursion of Germania Lodge, K. of P., with their invited guests, on Thursday night, on the Barge Experiment, is pronounced by those who participated in it to have been a very pleasant affair, and greatly enjoyed. They proceeded to a point opposite Fort Fisher, when the prow of the boat was turned homeward, reaching the wharf about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen participated, and dancing was kept up with slight intermissions during the excursion.

THE RAINFALL YESTERDAY.

We learn from the Signal Office at this port that at the 4:30 report yesterday afternoon the rainfall in this city was two inches and eighty-five hundredths, being more than the entire amount that fell during the month of June. The same amount fell during the same period at Savannah, Ga. At Lake City, Fla., the rainfall was thirty-nine hundredths of an inch.

JOINED IN WEDLOCK.

A colored couple from Brunswick, answering to the names of Dorus Robinson and Mary Green, were joined together in the bands of wedlock at the office of the Register of Deeds, yesterday, S. VanAmringe, J. P., performing the ceremony in the presence of a number of interested spectators.

WILLIAM HUFHAM, COLORED, OF ROCKY POINT, IN THIS COUNTY, CAN BOAST OF THE FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM OF THE SEASON, IN THAT SECTION, HAVING HAD SOME ON THE 30TH UT.

We have a sample of the blooms now before us.

WASHINGTON.

The Bill to Pay Southern Mail Carriers for Anti-War Services—The New District of Columbia Government.

WASHINGTON, July 3. Gen. Nitcher, who arrived here this morning, called on the President at noon and formally accepted the appointment as one of this District of Columbia Commissioners. He was selected after the President had had a conference with Democrats and Blow, other Commissioners, who said the appointment would be very agreeable to them. They will take the oath of office to-day, and expect to be organized for business by Monday. They are anxiously among a large class of citizens for that event, as they will have the disbursement of about a million of dollars among the unpaid employees under the late district government.

Dr. Borzano has been appointed Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans. The bill to make an appropriation to pay the small contractors South for services performed prior to the 31st of May, 1861, failed to become a law, but it will come up again at the next session.

ENGLAND.

Conclusion of the Debate on the Home Rule Bill.

The debate on the home rule bill is concluded. Disraeli was unable to agree that Ireland has a right to a greater amount of self-government than Scotland or England. He demonstrated the groundlessness of the complaint that Irishmen were not appointed to high offices of government, and denied that Ireland was not a conquered country. He said two separate parliaments would be constantly in collision—a minority in each parliament would be always opposed to an Imperial Parliament. He opposed the motion because it was injurious to both countries at the great crisis of the world, which was nearer than some supposed. He wished the people to be united. In this respect the motion produced integration in England and result in the destruction of the empire.

McCarthy, Mitchell, Nolan, Theo. Conor, and Dolan spoke in support of the motion. At a late hour the House divided and Butt's resolution was rejected—yeas 61, nays 458.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Two Cleveland girls were burned to death while lighting a fire with gasoline. The final and very severe test of the big bridge at St. Louis Thursday proved satisfactory.

Henry Hath's manufacture of sewing machine cases at Philadelphia was burned Thursday. Loss \$80,000.

During a quarrel last night George Stone, once wealthy New York builder, beat his wife fatally with a soda bottle.

A Halifax dispatch is as follows: "The Parady is delayed by a heavy shower. She will reach Portsmouth in a few days."

Mayor Havemeyer, of New York, has reappointed as Police Commissioners Charles and Gardner, who had been convicted of malfeasance.

The New York bank statement shows a loan increase of \$4 million; specie increase \$2 million; deposits increase \$4 million; reserve increase 1/4 of a million.

The grand jury have indicted Badger, Chief, and Flanagan, Captain of Police, for highway robbery in seizing the New Orleans Bulletin's forms.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange crop report shows a big decrease in acreage, planting late, but growing finely and fields clean. No complaint about the crop.

Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, yesterday pardoned the three County Commissioners of Marion county, lately convicted of malfeasance in office and sentenced to imprisonment.

WASHINGTON.

Arrest of Prominent Colored Men on the Charge of Forgery—The New Five per Cent Loan—Jewell, of Connecticut, Accepts the Postmaster Generalship.

Mention was heretofore made of discoveries of forgeries of orders for foremen's and policemen's certificates on the office of the Comptroller for the District of Columbia. To-day Albert Underwood, and Thomas B. Warrick, both colored, were arrested on information charged with the forgery. Several other parties connected with it will also be arrested. Underwood has been a member of the Comptroller's office for some months, was a member of the late District Legislature and is a well known local politician. Warrick graduated from Howard University as a lawyer and has since acted as a clerk in the collector's office.

It is reported that some of the depositors in the Freedman's Bank are selling their Pass Books for less than their face value, from necessity or ignorance of the fact that Bank Examiner Meigs, after a thorough examination of the affairs of the bank, placed the assets, deducted bad and doubtful debts, at ninety-eight cents on the dollar. The officers of the company say that with proper care on the part of the management the books will be worth more than that sum and that a large dividend will be made at an early day as practicable.

The circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to prominent bankers, prepared yesterday, invites them to make proposals for the remainder of the current year, to-day. The proposals previously offered were therefore considered informally.

The President has gone to Long Branch, N. J. He leaves this evening, and Blount has gone to Kentucky to attend the funeral of a member of his family.

Avery has assumed the functions of Chief Clerk of the Treasury. Marshal Jewell, of Connecticut, has accepted the Postmaster Generalship. The First Assistant will act until he arrives from Europe.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Jay Cooke & Co. Receives a Dividend—How the Fourth of July will be Celebrated.

The Trustee of Jay Cooke & Co. has received a check from the President of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company for \$37,000 in gold as dividend on \$1,000,000 stock. Other dividends will follow as the company pays a surplus to stockholders monthly.

DELAWARE.

Severe Thunder Storm. WILMINGTON, July 3. During a severe thunder storm last night James Riddle, Son & Co.'s cotton mills were struck by lightning. The fire was quickly suppressed, with but little damage. The storm was more severe south. At Newcastle many trees in the college campus were blown down, three buildings struck by lightning and several unroofed. No persons were hurt. At Elkton a hotel was unroofed and considerable damage done.