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AN ELEVENTH-HOUR DISCOVERY The New York Sun, taking for its text the row raised by the pupils of a negro school on Staten Island, and their parents because a young white woman was temporarily assigned as their teacher, indulges in a half column of comment on this new development of a race prejudice, in which it is hard to tell which most predominates, astonishment or disgust. "The colored pupils backed by their parents, unanimously refused" says the Sun, "to be taught by a white teacher! That is, the race prejudice concerning whose wickedness and absurdity we have long heard so much, and to conquer which a Civil Rights bill was passed, was manifested, not by the white woman, but by the colored people she undertook to serve. She did not object to teaching the negroes because they were black, but they would not be taught by her because she

was white." The Sun says that the indications of this spirit on the part of the negroes now frequently appear, especially at the North, and the evidence is constantly increasing that they do not wish social intercourse with the whites. "They even want to be recognized politically," says the Sun, and it cites the articles of the Globe, the negro newspaper organ in New York, to prove the truth of this exceedingly naive assertion. Other facts are given by way of illustration to show that the tendency to exclusiveness as a race is growing among the negroes, both in the South and in the North, and the Sun concludes its essay with the following paragraph:

It is very remarkable and very sug-gestive that the overthrow of slavery and the enfranchisement of the negroes have apparently had the effect to make more decided the color line between the whites and the blacks.

No stronger evidence of the utter gnorance of the Northern people in regard to the negro race has yet been given than is contained in the Sun's article, and this concluding paragraph is the crowning proof that in dealing statesmanship among them. Instead of

nation, which was the creature of the State that he represented. He had heard with noble pride the echo of his opinions from the King's Courts, in the mother country and naturally revered the source of his official power. He loved to worship in the temple of the sovereign people, whose cast-off powers were the only glory of the federation which sprung from their gratuity. country and do so as much as any one thing that could be named to bring gen-eral prosperity to this section. It is an encouraging sign-this agitation of the road question, all over the South. Keep GEN. GRIMES'S LETTERS.

We are indebted to Pulaski Cowper, Esq., for a very interesting pamphlet gratuity. gratuity. Once or thrice these giant minds came in legal contact, and then every voice was stilled while they struggled "for the mastery." The keen and polished rapier of Mr. Badger "Flashed as it turned in air," entitled "Extracts of Letters of Maj. Gen. |Bryan Grimes to his wife, written while in active service in the army of Northern Virginia, together with some personal recollections of the war,

"Flashed as it turned in air," and its point tinkled on the heavy blade which received its thrust; quick came the returning blow, and as the ponder-ous steel, wielded by Ruffin's strong arm descended with crushing force, the heart recoiled from the sight; but in an instant more the parried blow lay harmless at Badger's feet. So equal was the combat, so skillful the combatants that they ceased from the exhausted effort without a scar from the contest."

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history, and will be read with interest. Sketches of Members of the State Conwith her jewels. History will rack them with the noblest and best of their cotemporaries. vention or 1861--No. 3.

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Gen. Grimes was a gallant officer who

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Judge Ruffin was a Virginian by birth but came to North Carolina in early life and his fame and character are interwoven in her judicial history. He was seventy-five years old when he was elected in 1861, as a delegate to the convention from the county of Alamance.

and be familiar to our eyes; let their memories be fresh and holy in our hearts; let the State be jealous of their fame and honor the days that gave mance. He had but little political experience, his whole life being spent in the prac-tice and expounding of the law. He was distinguished for his learning at the bar, and was soon placed on the Superior Court bench and in 1829 was promoted to the Supreme Court, and in 1833 became Chief Justice. This evalted nonition he held for The election of Col. A. L. Rives as second vice-president of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company is gener-ally interpreted as the first and most important step towards the adoption of a thorough business policy on the part of that company. Col. Rives is charged with general executive duties in all departments of the company, and as he is a man of determined energy and practical business qualifications, besides being a skilled engineer, thor-oughly conversant with railroad affairs,

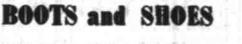
This evalted position he held for many years until the increasing infirmities of age induced him to retire to private life. But the "shadows of comities ng events" began to fall across the South and give her warning that a crisis in her history was fast approach-ing. Judge Ruffin was a positive man, and no indifferent spectator of public events. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, an ardent Southerner, and had no toleration for Northern aggressions

When the convention was called he was selected by his county as the fittest man to represent it in a body which was expected to sever our relations with one government and establish them with another. His long judicial career gave him great prestige, and the profoundest respect was entertained for his opinions. The fact that he was called from his retirement, which he had voluntarily sought, to assume, unwillingly, the responsibilities and la-bors incident to a revolutionary body, made his patriotism the more conspicu-ous, and gave great weight to his char-

acter. is the crowning proof that in dealing with the problem of "reconstruction" in the South there was a pitiful lack of There seemed to be little in his nature to excite the affections of his fellow



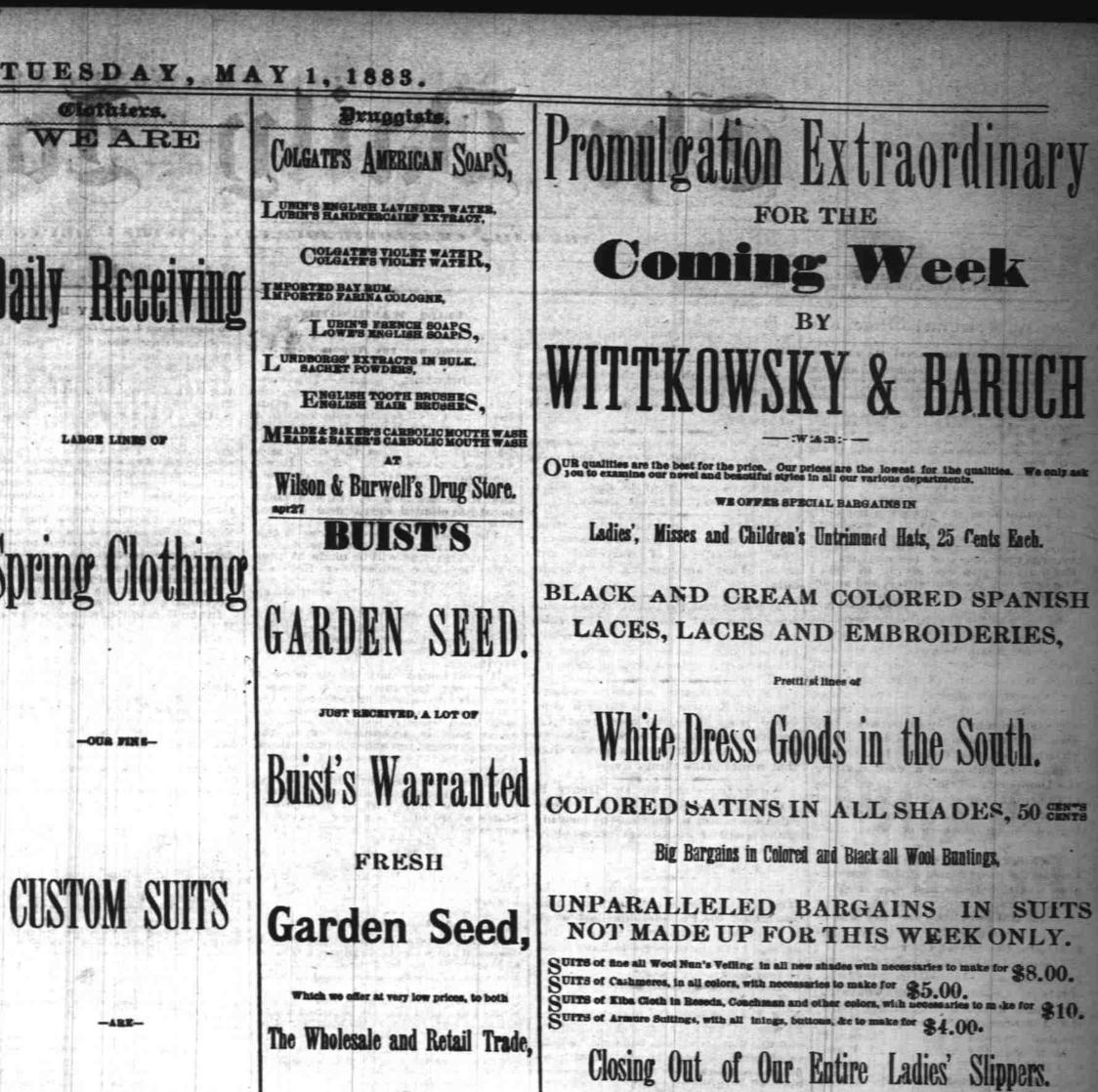


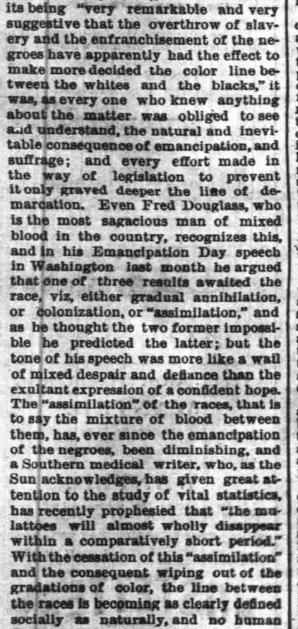


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power can alter it. We have never entertained a doubt, that a movement to deprive the negro of the suffrage will begin at the North. From the day that Congress in 1861 passed an amendment to the Constitu-tion (which did not become a law) guar-anteeing alavery forever to the South if she wouldn't secede, to this hour, the conduct of the Northern people towards the negroes has never been prompted by a sincere and unselfish re-gard for their welfare. In no part of the American continent is a negro regarded American continent is a negro regarded with so great aversion as in the rural districts of New England, where the original abolitionists lived, and we do not believe the year 1900 will come be-fore an effort, beginning in the North, will be made to keep the negroes from voting anywhere. It is evident from the whole tone of

the Sun's article upon which we are commenting that the feeling excited by the conduct of negro school boys and their parents on Staten Island in unanimous-ly refusing to be taught by a white wo-man, was not one of regret by any means, but rather one of amazement and disgust at such an impudent asser-tion of race feeling. This makes us laugh, and we shall watch with renewed interest the future of this race feelat the North.

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His features were strong and full of character but not comely; his countenance was stern and imperious, and his whole bearing authoritative and arbi-trary. He had been so long in a supreme position, and accustomed to the exercise of final power that is was difficult for him to realize that he was sur-rounded by his peers who were entitled to question the soundness of his conclusions. He was evidently out of place in a political body, the customs of his life could not be changed at his age, his Iffe could not be changed at his age, his nature could not be softened to the per-suasive and declamatory manners of the Legislative forum. He could not tolerate sophistry and became restless under its infliction. He despised igno-rance and was impatient at its exhibi-tion. He contemned the demagogue and derided his arts. He spurned every-thing-illogical, deceptive or delusive. His style of declamation was rapid, vehement, aggressive; his gesticulation angular and ungraceful, but with a stamp of the foot he sealed the conclu-

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but think it was because it pained him to see error go unchallenged, and like an eld presiding officer he would natu-ally interfere to correct, explain or ex-pose it as the case might be. Judge Ruffin was the most pronoun-ced of the delegates; he reached his conclusions rapidly, and understood them thoroughly, and his aggressive spirit was ready on all occasions to en-force or defend them. I once witnessed a little amusing unpleasantness bea little amusing unpleasantness be-tween him and Hon. Bedford Brown, of Caswell. Mr. Brown was announc-ing in his slow, formal and dignified ing in his slow, formal and dignified manner a constitutional proposition, to which Judge Bullin, who sat beside him, was listening with attention and respect. The proposition strack Judge Ruffin, however, as manifestly errone-ous, and his impulsive nature sould not wait for an opportunity to reply, and he arose nervously and corrected the mistake; then modulating his tone he added courteously that it was no doubt simply an inadvertence in the distin-guished delegate from Caswell. But the compliment did not soothe the wound. Mr. Brown, who was pugna-cious, turned upon him; his eyes flash-ing like fire and with the bitterest irony remarked that the convention was to be congratulated on having a guardian who was ever ready to take cars of its inferior members, and added with some scorn, "when I want your advice I will ask it. I hope you will not intrude it."

Judge Ruffin was himself a chivalrie old gentleman and replied tartly that the proposition of the delegate from Caswell was undoubtedly a blunder but he disclaimed any intention to be offen-

The next day was the ludicrous se-quel; they came in very nearly at the same time and sat down side by side,

same time and sat down side by side, without recognition or salutation, and each turned his back to the other. Coi. Cunningham, from Person, who was a gentleman of "infinite humor," soon called attention to the scene, and a subdued smile spread spontaneously over the faces of all the delegates. But these grand old heroes of the bar and the Senate were too great to con-tinue ridiculous. Gov. Graham ob-served the situation and very soon made it convenient to separate them by seeking an interview with one and then the other, and the result was that friendship was soon restored. Judge Ruffin and Mr. Badger resog-nized the profound legal learning of each other, and it seemed to make



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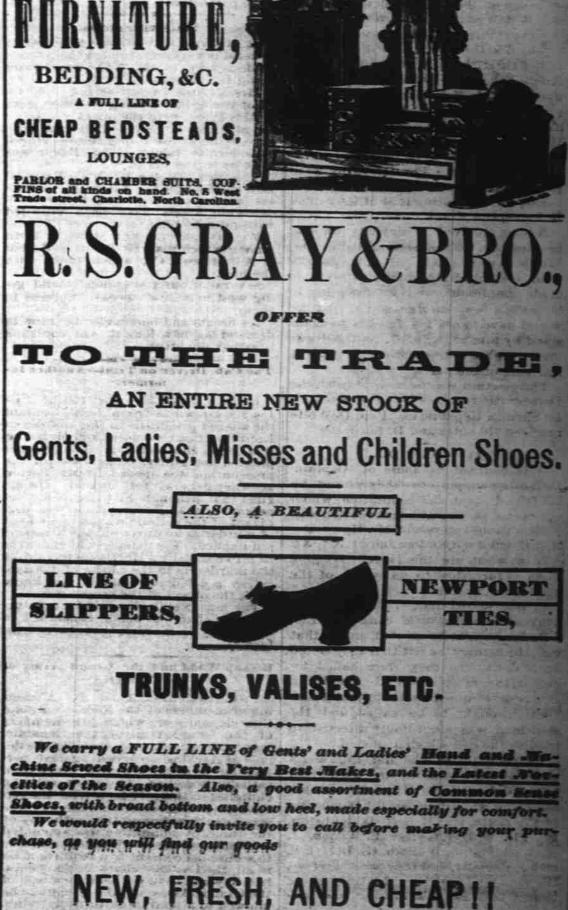


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