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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—There was little excitement today at the Capitol in regard to the Belknap case. It was a foregone conclusion that a sufficient number of Republican Senators would avail themselves of the substitute about jurisdiction to vote not guilty, and thus save the great criminal from the punishment he so richly deserves. There was, therefore, but a slim attendance of spectators in the galleries, although it had been announced that the vote would be taken in open Senate. The only one of Belknap's counsel present was Mr. Carpenter, who sat at the defendant's counsel table with a tally sheet before him, and kept the tally as the roll call proceeded. Belknap's son was also present, but Belknap awaited the verdict at Carpenter's office on F street. He had, however, a mounted messenger in waiting at the Capitol to hear him the earliest news. There were a few Representatives in the Senate Chamber when the roll call began, but the most of them left when John A. Logan voted not guilty, it being evident by that time that acquittal was certain. When the result of the vote on the first article—25 guilty and 25 not guilty—was announced, two or three females in the ladies' gallery made a feeble attempt at applause, but meeting with no response they desisted with shamed faces. Messrs. Wright of Iowa and Patterson of South Carolina were the only Senators who had the courage to say that in their judgment the evidence against Belknap was insufficient to warrant his conviction. Senator Eator of Connecticut, a Democrat, voted not guilty, because he did not believe the Senate had jurisdiction, and Senator Jones of Florida, another Democrat, declined to vote at all because he believed likewise. As soon as the vote on the first article was announced, Belknap's mounted messenger was given the result, and he sped away with the news to the disgraced Secretary. The satisfaction of most of the Republican Senators at the result was quite apparent, and some of those who had voted guilty, manifested their joy quite as much as those who voted not guilty. The President received the tidings with great satisfaction and retreated to some of his friends his oft-repeated declaration that he had the fullest confidence in Belknap's integrity. It is no secret that the President has been quite anxious, since the argument in Belknap's case were made about the result of the trial. He felt that the conviction of Belknap would have been a most emphatic condemnation of himself for gift taking.—N. E. Sun.

RIGHT POLITICAL SENTIMENTS.—The shape which the political discussion in regard to State politics has assumed, makes it necessary for every one, and especially the papers of the State, to take some decided and well defined position. We would have preferred awaiting the action of the Republican party, in order to take advantage of their blunders and dissensions, and in order that we might pitch the battle with a full and thorough knowledge of our enemies' position. Now that the convention has been called, we are in favor of the nomination of a pure Democrat.

Gen. Wallace's Speech.—The success of the Democratic party, according to the requirement of the U. S. law governing elections for congressmen. A secret session of the Club was held at which much very important business was disposed of. Some weeks ago we published an article from Col. J. Wash. Watts, of Laurens, telling the Farmers how he provided himself with an abundant supply of "rough food" for stock by cutting and curing the ragweed which grows so luxuriantly in this county. Now is the time to cut and save it. Hundreds of loads could be sold in this town, or, if belated up and sent to Columbia and Charleston next winter, would find ready sale.

President Duncan has published his Annual Report of the condition, progress, &c., of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad, which we intend to give to our readers next week. A meeting of the Stockholders of the Company was held at Hendersonville, N. C., on Wednesday last. The report of the President gives most flattering prospects for the early completion of the road to Asheville, while it gives us every hope that trains will run to the Rock House by the first of January next.

The State Convention will assemble at Columbia next Tuesday. There is undoubtedly a large majority of straight-out delegates elected to it, and we are confident a full State ticket will be nominated. If the nomination is postponed it will be nothing more or less than a yielding to Chamberlain and his followers. It will have no other object than to induce the Radical Convention to nominate him, which it will know will divide the democratic vote, and in that way defeat a democratic nomination; or it will place the democratic party in the control of the Radical executive committee, for them to say when we may nominate or whether we shall nominate or not.

We invite the attention of our citizens to the call of the County Commissioners upon the Road Overseers. It really seems to us that every man is sufficiently interested in having good roads to sacrifice a little time and labor to make them. A good road running through any part of the County will enhance the value of the property for miles on either side of it full twenty per cent. It is a fact that we have seen farmers drive over bad roads, cursing the County Commissioners and pay more money for repairing broken wagons than would put the road in good order for miles on either side of their farms, who will devise all kinds of excuses to get out of doing road duty.

THE RADS AT BLACKTULE.—There was a grand (?) Republican rally at Blackville, last Friday, to ratify the nominations of Wheeler and Hayes, but owing to the non-arrival of Bob Elliot, Bill Whipper and other big dogs of the bone yard, the affair was rather on the order of "a fizzle," much to the disappointment of some 200 or 300 of their dusky followers. Fred Nix "spoke a piece" in which he advised the negroes who were refused employment, on account of their principles, (voting for the thieves,) to tear down fences, turn stock in on crops, and make the planters as poor as they now are. But Fed didn't tell them that he would go with them.—Barnwell Sentinel.

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Exhibition at Asbury Seminary. Mr. Editor:—Permit me to give a passing notice of the exercises of Asbury Seminary which took place on the 21st of July. By invitation of the principal, Mr. N. G. Littlejohn, we repaired to the Seminary, which is pleasantly situated four miles north of Grindles Shoals. About three hundred of the best citizens of that region had assembled to take part in the festivities of the day. The Seminary being too small to contain the audience, the chapel, a very large and commodious building, was beautifully decorated, and at ten o'clock the pupils entered, as nicely arranged and in as good order as at any of your college exhibitions. The exercises were opened with prayer by the accomplished pastor of the M. E. church at Union, Rev. A. H. Lester. After a short introductory by the Principal, the speeches and compositions of the boys, and the select pieces of poetry and compositions of the young ladies were delivered and were creditable indeed. The whole school did admirably well, and we were particularly pleased with the pieces and compositions of seven young ladies belonging to the school, of which I will take the liberty to give a special notice: They had selected beautiful pieces of humorous, grave and sublime poetry, that suited the individual taste of each, and they read them with such ease and effect, as to far surpass anything we had heard of a similar character. Their compositions showed much thought and study and the themes were better treated than those often read by graduates. O, that all the "sweet sixteens" could do as well! If other girls could treat "The Pleasures of Memory" as well as it was by Miss Bettie Fowler; "Behind Time," by Miss Josie Fowler; "Orphans Home," by Miss Ella Fowler; "Memories of Childhood," by Miss Jane Pryor; "Ruins of Time," by Miss Fannie Littlejohn; "Benefits of Nature," by Miss Lizzie Mitchell; "Advantages of Education," by Miss Virginia Gibson, our future would be indeed promising.

The audience was then held spell bound for about an hour, listening to an address delivered by Rev. Mr. Lester, who had kindly consented to be with us. Afterwards short speeches were given us by several of the prominent persons who were present. And now the only thing that could be lacking, after such a literary feast, to make the day a grand success, was announced to be ready. We were then invited to a long table, raised under an arbor erected for the purpose, which was loaded with all the heart and appetite could desire, and we could but admire the liberality of the people of that part of Union.

After we had finished our sumptuous repast—and not half of what had been prepared was consumed—we spent the remainder of the day in pleasant conversation, and at last reluctantly left the scene where we had spent one of the most pleasant days of our life. Who could not be delighted with such a feast? Great credit is due the Principal for the satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the school the past session, and we bespeak for him in the future a continuation of the great success which has attended his previous efforts.

A CARD. Mr. Editor:—In your issue of the 28th ultimo, I notice an article over the signature of "A Farmer," in which my name is used as a suitable person to become the congressional nominee at the approaching convention. I reply permit me to say, that though not conferred on me by your correspondent is unsought and undesired. Although, I am a professional farmer and think I know what that class of people want, and should I be elected to fill the responsible position proposed by him for me, it will detract materially from my business, so that I must become a loser in a financial point of view, yet as a native born South Carolinian and one I trust whose veins are full of the Anglo Saxon blood by which the tree of liberty was watered in its infancy, I stand ready to perform any duty assigned me in so noble a cause.

To the writer of the article alluded to allow me to say that the compliment paid me by him in bringing my name so prominently before the public at this particular moment, is duly appreciated, and my only source of regret is that my pen fails to describe what my heart feels in the matter. But should I be entrusted with the destiny of the country, I will guarantee that the same shall be protected to the utmost of my ability, while it is in my charge. I have the honor to be, Very Respectfully, SAMUEL JEFFERIES.

A SPOKESMAN CARPENTER.—Washington, Aug. 3.—A grand parade is to be in the Administration organ here of a set of resolutions which were adopted by the Southern Republican Association of Washington. This association is supposed to be composed of Republicans from Southern States residing in Washington, but it is in reality made up of Government clerks from those States. The author of the resolutions aforesaid is one Lucien J. Barnes. They are denunciatory of the Southern people, charging them with being savages, barbarians, and bandits. This fellow, Lucien J. Barnes, originally hailed from New York, but latterly from Little Rock, Ark. He left the latter place between two days to escape the penitentiary. He was indicted by the Grand Jury of Pulaski county for embezzling the funds of the New York Underwriters' Agency of Insurance Companies, and did not dare stand his trial. Mr. Stoddard, the chief agent of the underwriters' Agency, had him sued in the United States Circuit Court at Little Rock, and recovered judgment against him for \$300, the amount of money he embezzled. No wonder he denounces the Southern people.

THE MURDERER OF JOE CREWS.—Laurens C. H., August 5.—Francis McGan, alias Two Jarry, who was recently arrested and lodged in jail at Laurens C. H., charged with being the murderer of the notorious Joe Crews, has made a full confession. He states that he was hired by Republicans at Laurens C. H. He implicates every official in the county. McGan is little known in this County. He was one of the forty emigrants who came to Laurens Court House in 1873, being sent by Major Melchers. The affair has naturally created a very profound sensation. More anon.—Journal of Commerce.

Secretary of the Interior, Zach Chandler, is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Republican party. The Democratic House wants to ensure him, as they think it is incompatible with his position as an officer of the Government to assume control of a party.

The United States District Court for the Western District of South Carolina, convened in the City of Greenville on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Hon. Geo. S. Bryan, presiding judge; Daniel Horbeck, clerk; T. H. Jatho, assistant clerk; R. M. Wallace, marshal.

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