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The Riomand Democracy will, on the 16th, nominate a candidato for the House, to succeed Minort, re signed.
Judae Townsend very proporly refused to gramt Smals' petition in have his case transferred to the United States Courts, the whole object of which was to afford Messiss. Molton and Carpenter an opportunity to let off a quantity of bad gas in the hope of arraying the colored jurymen on the race and color line. Judgo Townsend disposed as follows, of that part of the petition which charged him with prejudice:
The last ground stated, which assails the fairness and integrity of this court, deserves no further con-
sideration than the remark that it would be as conspicuously un becoming in the court to notice it
as it was discourteons and unwarranted in the counsel who presented

It was the general opinion abont here that Judge Townsend should have caused the summary arrest of contempt of court, so that they might join ther illustrious quoudean might join ther inastrious $q$ rometam of Richlond, until they tand pured themselyes But Julse Townene themselves, But Jho Nownends course is, perhaps, the most proper under the circumstances. The
State can afford to give tho thicves all tho points in the game and then all tho poin
boat them.

## The Twin Gladiators.

The great ferror displayed by Mr. Melton in behalf of his quoutam political associato and prosent
client, Major-General Smalls, is elient, Major-General Smalls, is eminently praiseworthy. It proves that ho is an honest man and bent on faithfully earning his wages. But does it not seem that Mr. Melton is working just a little bit harder now than has been his custom in the past; for instance, say, when he had the Commonwealth for a client; when the stato hired him-with money raised from the
sale of the cabin or the cow of the sale of the cabin or the cow of the friendless widow and orphan--for the purpose of guarding the public trensury agninst thicees? Wo all romember the famous old Roman sentinel, who stood at the gate falling fast on doomed Pompeii how he made not an effort to brush nway the shower, as tlake after flake fell with blinding fury and heat apon the city entrusted to his care uttered by him. Ho simply stood by, and suw the pace, and the saw the place, tho people submered 1 sen of ashes. It mates littlo by sen of ashes. It makes littlo differonce that he was smothered with the rest. So, in later days, have we a spectacle of a paid sentinel standing with hands folded, ind State which the destruction of the State which brought him forth, the ruin of the poople with whom ho the robbing of the treasury he wa paid to defond. Now, that the people have dug down bencath the ashes and mud, and are restoring the buried sentinel is discovered, not a shriveled skeletion, but a very lively corpse, who rises to his feet in a most tragic manner, and he finds existing in the minds of ruined citizens against, thie ashos and mud that are fast being dumper away. People will call mud, mud, they will not purerve it emurium fumo bottlos, but will rather por fam botlos, but will rather get it blo. South ns rapidly as possiloarned the smoll of Radical mud pretty thoroughly in the pust eight years; and can scarcely be ncoused
of prejudice when they consign it summarily to the manuro pilo despite the vehoment assertions of the seatinel that it was sweet amolling when it first foll.

We rould not have criticised Mr. Melton's course had he devoted himsolf to his datics as a practitioner, and contined his speeci to a
discussion of points of law. But since he has lugged in polities by the ears, he renders himsolf nuenabie to politica eriticism. In conclusion, we have only to say tint had the ex-attorney-general but served his State wiih half the zeal he has served his client, Goneral Smails, ho wonld not now bo secing his own neglected work well per formed by an able and fearless frenzed oratory and of hentric own tures.

But Mr. Melton is not alone Another combatant has shied his castor into the ring. This second Richmond is the Hon, R. B. Carpenter, ex-julgo of the fifth judicial eircuit. He comes now to tell the people of South Carolina that it is
impossiblo for a Southorn winite man to treat a celored inan proper ly, or to view him with any foeling Dut that of the groatesi repugnance Whence this second Daniel: Othors may answer. We have followed his tortuons coness through its mues, its deviations, its doublings and relonblings upon itself, until our brain is in a whirl. We are ignorant of tho source Wence the sinnous currents of his fifo has sprung. We can but con jecture that, since on a recent oceation ho is said to have derived his legal decision from the nuthorities of tho law library in Washing. ton, it must be that he hats drawn his inspiration in reading touthern chazacter from that samo pure atmosphere. The mantle of Morton has fallen upon a worthy successor. We are informed that Mr. J!ichard 13. Carpenter ran his rusiy red rapier right through the ribs of fairly squawked; and then flaunted the bloody shirt till the courthouse metaphorically streamed with gore. What did Mr. Cmpenter mean by this manifestation? The country is at peace; the world still moves ; there was no apparent catse for this ebullition. Doe ex- Tudge Carpenter mean to insimute that a judge can be neturted by prejudice for or against a per-
son; or that he will sufter personal son; or that he will suffer personal
motives to override public duties? If so, how does the ex judere know this? Never having been on the bench ourselves, we are mable to estimate the motives actuating a judge. As to projudice of the populace, Mr. Carpenter is a standing monument of the magrianimity of the shandered "chivalry" of Sonth Carolina. They took him to their ms, once.
Wo really cant imagine what malady possessed these learned ounsellors on this occasion Charity inclines us to the belief that they were both suffering from the efiects of nightmare. Some thing must have disagreed with them. This was unforthate, for it cansed thom, for too very sonsible men, to present a very ridiculous aspect. Wo would suggest Dr. Sangrado's remedy, profuse bleeding and copions dranghts of worm or the patients will die.


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