

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The result of the municipal election in Anderson last Monday was a complete surprise to the advocates of license as well as to many of the friends of no-license. The election was close, but the canvass by both parties was decidedly loose, so much so that both lost votes by not registering and by not voting. The result will give to the Town for the next twelve months an entire freedom from bar rooms, and enable our citizens to see for themselves which system is best. It will increase our Town taxes considerably, but it will, to a compensating degree, increase the quiet and good order of the Town, and the change expresses the preference of more than two-thirds of the tax-payers of the Town, both in numbers and in amount of taxable property, so that its financial future will be very truly acquired in it. It is but natural that the result of such an election as we have just had should engender some bitterness, but we desire to call the attention of the advocates of license to the fact that they have had uninterrupted sway for the past ten years or more, and the advocates of no-license have quietly, and without noisy threats, acquiesced in the results. Time about its fair play, and the no-license men, when they obtain a majority of the votes of the Town, and more than two-thirds of the white vote, should surely be given a one-year trial. This is a free country, and men have the right to vote as they please and a majority rule. The dry men obtained the majority, and there is no reason for justification for any abuse of any person. No one committed any excesses in the canvass or the election. It was temperate, courteous and exceptionally fair. Politics were entirely ignored, and two tickets ran on the single issue of wet or dry, and there was no possibility for any advantage to be taken or deception to be practiced. The result represents the wishes of a majority of the voters of the Town, and as such should be respected. We advise all parties to accept the inevitable with as good grace as possible. Hard words spoken in anger will do no good, and may represent the passion more than the judgment of those who speak them.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

Under the instruction of Commissioner Kaum, Collector E. M. Brayton has put on a special force of eight men to police the upper Counties of this State in the interest of the Internal Revenue Service. The killing of Deputy Collector Brayton by McDow is the occasion for the creation of this force, and with the usual perversity which characterizes the action of the Revenue Department in this State, they have, with one or two exceptions, appointed men of bad character, who are exceedingly obnoxious to the people they are placed over. Three of the men appointed were implicated in the murder of Amos Ladd, and are now under indictment in the United States Court awaiting trial for this crime. They are in the meantime put in office by the government, thus sanctioning the murder they have committed, and giving them the opportunity to commit another, without danger of punishment for the crime, on the plea that they were in the discharge of their duty, and therefore entitled to a removal to the United States Court for trial of this crime. While such a course is pursued by the government, it is not to be wondered that revenue officers are occasionally killed. It is remarkable that more of them have not fallen before the moonshiner's rifle, for when men feel that every instant of justice, and every principle of law, is being violated in the determination of venal partisans to hunt them down, and that a reckless administration of the laws continually puts the life of the citizen at the mercy of murderers, who are protected by a mockery of law from responsibility for their crimes, it is not strange that bold and desperate moonshiners should occasionally be found who will kill their pursuers, rather than submit to their insults and wrongs, with no possible redress. We do not sustain the moonshiners. The whole illicit whiskey business is wrong, and should be discontinued. The crime which McDow committed was murder, and nothing but the most palatable murder. It was, however, not so unprompted and unjustifiable as the killing of poor Davis by Mattison in this County, or the killing of the inoffensive mountain boy, Amos Ladd, in Pickens County, by Cane and others. Yet Mattison, for his infamous murder, was promoted without even a trial, and in defiance of the authority of the State Courts, to a main route agency by the government, while Cane and two of his fellow-murders are continued as revenue officers without a trial, and likewise in defiance of the State Courts. McDow deserves punishment for his crime, but no more so than Mattison, Cane and others of the revenue officers do for theirs, and while the government shields its criminals from the law, it cannot be expected that there will be much common if a single individual shields himself by flight.

If the government wants the hearty concurrence of the community in the execution of its laws, it must deal fairly by the community, and then it would secure the hearty co-operation of all good citizens in the enforcement of these laws. As long, however, as the infamous wrongs, perpetrated under the cloak of official position, are permitted and sustained by the government against private and unoffending citizens, so long will it be found that there is little sympathy for the officers engaged in the service which is so grossly abused. If revenue officers can kill citizens with impunity, and be rewarded with office for their murders, we, for one, cannot wonder that occasionally a misled citizen kills a revenue officer and runs away. When one side of this question is presented the other should be also.

Eighty thousand acres of Arkansas land have been bought by the Catholic Colonization Society. The new colonists are Irishmen to become farmers.

THE PRESIDENT GROWS WEAKER.

Another Pivotal Cause a Renewal of All the Unfavorable Symptoms, and Leads to the Study of the Medical Operation-Dissection of the Points.

WASHINGTON, August 8. A complication existed in the President's case Saturday night of such a grave nature that it would be useless to attempt to cure it by any other means than the study of the medical operation-dissection of the points. The evening bulletin, supposed to be the last, is a very interesting one, and the President's case has been greater than it has been since July 12, not excepting the release of July 27. The President's condition was such that the medical operation-dissection was necessary, and the President had a fever which alarmed his physicians. The President's condition was such that the medical operation-dissection was necessary, and the President had a fever which alarmed his physicians.

Another makes the election of Judges his life or death. Another provides for an improvement in the educational department of the State. Another more clearly defines qualifications for voters, making it, it is stated, important changes in existing provisions. The majority of the commissioners leave for their respective homes this morning. A few, however, will make brief visits to the mountains.

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We understand that some parties have threatened an independent canvass in County politics next year, because of the municipal election here on last Monday having resulted in a victory for the dry ticket. There was no politics in that election, and the threat does not come from the citizens who voted the ticket as a matter of judgment, nor does it come from many of the bar-keepers. It is an evident fact that any person who would quit the Democratic Club in consequence of the election last Monday, does not possess enough Democracy to make him of much value to the party. Men may have differences as to the propriety of selling whiskey, but the best men of the country have no differences as to the necessity of maintaining Democratic supremacy in South Carolina. Only those who wish at heart to see the Republicans restored to power will help to defeat the Democracy.

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The Democratic Club in Greenville nominated a majority of wet men on its municipal ticket, but put three dry Wards on out of the six. This, however, did not satisfy the bar-keepers, and they organized an independent ticket in two wards, which beat Col. J. A. Hoyt and Dr. Dorrab, two of the nominees who were opposed to license, with Mr. W. E. Rowland and P. H. Sudthart. Mr. Rowland was run with his consent and voted the Democratic ticket. He will not serve on the new Council. This shows the feeling of some of the whiskey men. They would be willing to sink the State to carry out their selfish purposes. They had won the majority of the Council in the Club nomination, but were unwilling to allow any dry men to be elected. They proceeded on the rule-or-ruin policy.

After improving until the physicians thought his recovery almost certain, President Garfield grew worse on Sunday and Monday to such an extent as to render another operation necessary in order to permit the free discharge of pus from the wound. This was done by making a new opening below the twelfth rib, by cutting to the line of the wound, and inserting a tube to permit the flow of pus. The President was etherized and stood the operation well, and its results are entirely satisfactory to his physicians, who pronounce their patient to be steadily improving. These stoppages of the flow of pus indicate a tendency to blood-poisoning, which, if it occurs, will be fatal. It is thought this danger will be averted, and that the President will continue to recover.

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