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A POLITICAL REVIEW.

THE RISE, PROGRESS AND PRESENT POSITION OF READJUSTER PARTY.

[For the Whole.]

The success of the Readjuster party in Virginia has caused the movements of that party to attract the attention of the people of the whole country. The bold, independent position of Gen. Mahone in the Senate of the United States, where he has upheld the principles of his party with undaunted courage and ability, has produced a remarkable change of popular sentiment in its favor. It will be therefore interesting to the public at large to have presented to them a short history of the origin of this now successful party which, for the last three years, has so agitated the people of the Old Dominion.

In order to comprehend the reasons which led to its formation we must cast our eyes to the past. It is known that Virginia during the four years of the terrible war was its chief theatre. Every foot of her territory was worn bare by the tread of the contending armies. Her fertile fields were laid waste; her agriculture destroyed; her fences pulled down and burnt; her woodlands stripped; her population decreased, and the most ravages of the bloody war were visited upon her. Her people who survived were left in the depths of poverty, without money, without labor, and in many instances, with hardly the necessaries to sustain life. By a sort of political Caesarian operation the new State of West Virginia was created, which deprived her of one-third of her territory, consisting of fifty of her largest and best counties with a population of 442,014 and a territory of 23,000 square miles.

When the public debt was contracted Virginia had an aggregate population of 1,596,318, with 61,358 square miles of magnificent agricultural and mining territory, being the fifth State as to population in the Union. In respect to wealth, she had then 400,865 slaves, and was the largest slave State in the South. These slaves, at the average price of \$300 each, which is not a large estimate, amounted to the sum of \$150,000,000 in round numbers. The people were prosperous, and the State, or the individual debtors could have, on short notice, paid every dollar of their indebtedness. President Lincoln emancipated these slaves, which at once destroyed \$150,000,000 of property, and the State was deprived of her substantial wealth, just as New England would be if she were bereft of her looms and spindles, or the great West would be if her grain and stock were lost to her.

During the war all business was suspended, except such as was in aid of the Confederate States; all her men were in the army, and her women and children alone remained at home. The people invested largely in Confederate currency, which became worthless. Old anti-war debts were paid off in this currency, and in this way millions of dollars were lost, and bankruptcy spread over the State. Never in the annals of time did a great war leave a conquered people in a worse condition; but they were not disheartened; they at once set out to achieve their then desperate fortunes, and they have made rapid strides in that direction.

From 1865 until 1869 the State was under the government of military commanders; her citizens were disfranchised, and strangers filled her high offices and administered her laws. In the latter year she was admitted into the Union and rehabilitated in all the powers of a sovereign State. In that year Gilbert C. Walker, of New York, was elected Governor. The Legislature elected by the people met in Richmond. Gov. Walker sent them the usual message, and, among other things, he called their attention to the public debt of the State and suggested a plan of settlement. He was a stranger to our people; was ignorant of their impoverished condition, and of the resources of the

State to raise revenue; and consequently his recommendations were unsuitable to the condition of things, and erroneous.

The public debt of the whole Virginia in 1861 was about \$38,000,000 principal, on which, up to said period, interest had been regularly paid. For ten years thereafter but very little interest was paid on it, and statesmanship required that the Legislature should turn their attention towards its settlement. Governor Walker in his message announced that the total State debt January 1st, 1870, was \$45,873,778, and that the value of the taxable property in the State, the source from which her revenues were to be obtained, amounted to \$723,115,589; but an assessment was made soon afterwards, which established that the real value of the taxable property was only \$336,686,633.23, thus showing that the Governor had overrated the State's sources of revenue by only about \$50,000,000 less than half of what it actually was. The Governor recommended that the debt should be funded, and the Legislature, impressed by his reasoning and taking it for granted that his statements about the financial resources of the State were correct, acted upon his suggestions and passed the Act of March 30, 1871,—commonly known as the "Funding bill." The bill was prepared in the city of New York, and one of the paid lobbyists who aided to manipulate it through the Legislature gives a sad account of the frauds perpetrated in its passage. On one day it was defeated in the Legislature by a large majority; on the very next it was carried and became a law. All intelligent men at the time believed it was fraudulently passed. The bill took the debt of 1861, added unpaid war and reconstruction interest and made a principal amounting to about \$46,000,000, and agreed to issue bonds with six per cent. tax-receivable coupons for two-thirds of the whole debt to such of her creditors as would come in and accept the provisions of the act; and for the other third to issue certificates that Virginia would pay that one-third when she had made a settlement with West Virginia. But this did not release the State from the payment of the whole debt, for the Supreme Court of Appeals decided that she was absolutely bound to pay it. It deprived the State of her sovereignty, mortgaged her revenues for thirty-four years, and put into circulation tax-receivable coupons to the amount of \$1,200,000, which intercepted funds to pay for the public schools which had been especially dedicated for that purpose by the Constitution. Some \$30,000 of the old debt was funded in coupon bonds, but it soon became evident that if the whole debt were allowed to be funded the State could not pay the expenses of Government even, and consequently in 1872 the act was repealed, leaving about \$10,000,000 unfunded. This gave rise to two classes of State securities—consol bonds and 'peelers, as they are commonly called. The holders of the former resided chiefly outside of the State, while the latter are principally held by our citizens who, being wards in chancery and minors, could not fund while the act was in operation. The consols, whose coupons represented interest and were redeemable for all debts, dues and demands owing the State, were put upon the market and sold to taxpayers, who paid their taxes with them instead of currency, and the owners of such bonds consequently realized yearly such interest upon them as the coupons were worth. The 'peeler bondholders have received no interest for the last ten years. The injustice of this legislation and discrimination is at once apparent from the mere statement of it. The Legislature felt compelled to repeal the act in 1872 because it was ascertained that if the whole amount were funded the coupons, which were obliged to be received at the Treasury in payment of taxes, &c., in lieu of currency, would entirely prevent the flow of money into the Treasury with which to pay the expenses of Government and furnish the necessary funds for the State. A test case was carried to our Supreme Court of Appeals upon the question of Whether the Act of 1871 was constitutional or not, and that court held that it was as to all bonds which had been fun-

ded previous to its repeal, and that as to them the State was obliged to receive the coupons in payment of taxes, &c. The revenues of the State yielded about \$1,000,000 less annually, at the highest rate of taxation that the people could bear, than was necessary to pay the necessary expenses of Government, to take care of the free schools, colleges, lunatic asylums, and to pay the interest upon the public debt. Here was a dilemma which was frightful, and to overcome it became a matter of vital necessity.

There were at that time two political parties in the State—the Conservative party and the Republican party. The first was composed entirely of the white people of the State, and the latter of a few whites and largely of negroes. The Conservative party was in the majority and had the control of the Government. They had the Governor, the State officers, and a majority of the Legislature. Upon them depended all the responsibility to enact wise measures of relief to remedy the distressful financial condition of the State. But as the years went by, and act after act passed the Legislature for this purpose, which did not produce the desired effect, the Conservatives began to differ among themselves as to what was the true policy to be pursued in order to put the financial affairs of the State in a proper course of settlement. All admitted the rate of taxation could not be increased, and all were anxious to devise a plan of settlement, but many held different opinions as to what the plan should be. In this may be found the origin of the Readjuster party. The Conservative majority in the Legislature passed a bill, commonly called the McCulloch bill, which was approved March 28th, 1879. Under this act the State debt was divided into two classes. Class 1 included consol bonds; class 2, 'peeler bonds. The outstanding indebtedness of the State was to be exchanged for new bonds with tax-receivable coupons attached in proportion of two consols to one 'peeler, said bonds to be payable in forty years, interest at three per cent. for ten years.

Shortly after this bill was passed, members of the Legislature and other citizens who opposed it determined to fight it before the people and, if possible, have it repealed. The favorers of the bill became known as Funders, and those opposed to it as Readjusters, and thus was formed the Readjuster party. In 1879 that party, under the leadership of Gen. Mahone and H. H. Riddleberger, met in Mozart Hall in the city of Richmond and laid down the following platform of principles, upon which they determined to contest the right to control the future Government of the State.

1. That Virginia fully recognizes her just liability for her fair proportion of the public debt contracted before her territory was divided into two separate and independent States.

2. That Virginia can never recognize any liability whatever for that portion of the public debt of undivided Virginia which should attach to West Virginia.

3. That in any settlement of Virginia with her creditors the annual interest of her recognized indebtedness must be brought within her revenues as derived from the present rate of taxation.

4. That the capacity of these revenues to meet such interest must be determined by deducting therefrom the necessary expenses of Government, the apportionment to the schools, and the reasonable appropriations for the support of certain colleges and the charitable institutions of the State.

5. That these limitations should be carefully ascertained and guarded so as in no event to allow the primary obligations of Government and people to be subordinated to any other demands whatsoever.

6. That a settlement within the limitations designated is the utmost stretch of our ability to pay, and should be satisfactory to the creditor as the furthest exaction he can expect.

7. That any settlement to be final must rest upon the sovereignty of the State and find its best security in the good will, the good faith, and the honor of the people of Virginia.

8. That the sovereignty of the State cannot be pledged or delegated except for the public service; and when so pledged or delegated is at any time revocable by the Legislature.

9. That any self-executing lien up-

on the public revenues, such as is given by tax-receivable coupons, is against the public policy and degrading alike to the State and the people.

10. That no discrimination between her creditors can be made, sanctioned, or allowed by the State in any readjustment that may be consummated.

11. That Virginia should deal directly and frankly with her creditors, and should never, under any consideration, place either their claims or her revenues and obligations in the hands of intermediaries who are not completely under her control and direction.

12. That all exemptions from taxation not expressly authorized by the Constitution are special privileges that are intolerable in a free and equal community, and cannot be afforded in the present condition of finances.

13. That the rate of taxation in Virginia is as high as can be borne, and that so far from entering into any undertaking that may necessitate an increase of taxation hereafter, it is the high duty of statesmanship as it is a pressing necessity of the people, to provide as speedily as possible for a diminution of the public burthens.

14. That it is the will of the people, and should be the object of every department of Government, to protect, sustain, foster and improve our free-schools system, so that no child in the Commonwealth shall be deprived of the blessings of education.

15. That reform and economy, as far as compatible with efficient service, should be energetically pressed in the administration of all our affairs in State and county governments.

16. That the full and cordial recognition of these principles and declarations by the people of Virginia and her creditors is absolutely essential to any amicable readjustment in which they or any of them shall have been neglected can be final, certain and satisfactory.

Upon the principles enunciated in this platform the Readjusters went before the people in the campaign of 1879 and demanded a repeal of the McCulloch bill which they considered embodied a plan of settlement entirely antagonistic to them and degrading to her creditors. The Funder party joined issue upon the question. Such a political battle was the result as had not before occurred in Virginia. From the mountains to the sea, in every county of the State, the clangor of political discussion was heard. People who had lived in the days of Andrew Jackson and had heard the heated, angry personal contest of Whiggery and Democracy in the olden time even, were astonished at the hot words of abuse, contumely and ridicule that were hurled at the Readjusters and the social ostracism that was practiced against them. The Funders were fabulant. They had on their side the party, the preachers, the women, the prestige of power, and most of the descendants of the men who had ruled Virginia in the past as if by hereditary right. They laughed, they scoffed, they felt as if it was impossible to take the reins of Government out of their hands. And indeed, it did seem like leading a forlorn hope against some well-fortified Gibraltar to attempt to do so. But the little band of Readjusters, firm in their convictions of right, and led on by Mahone, Riddleberger, Paul, Blair, Cameron, and other speakers, with the powerful assistance of Elam, editor of the Richmond *Whig*, took up the gage of battle and gained a triumphant victory. They carried the State by 25,000 majority to elect a Readjuster Legislature. The McCulloch bill became a dead letter and funding under it ceased. It was the most iniquitous measure that ever disgraced the Legislature of the State, for the following reasons:

3. It gave to a lot of brokers the sole and exclusive privilege to refund all the bonds of the State at a heavy rate of commission and deprived the bondholder of funding his own bond for himself.

4. Under the pretence of knocking off about fifty per cent. of back interest, it took the other half of all the back interest, and, by making this interest a new principal, the bill increased the principal of the debt from \$30,000,000 to \$33,000,000.

5. It gave the bondholders (or the brokers) the right and choice to demand that the whole of our State debt shall be payable in gold, instead of currency, as it has been heretofore.

6. It made the interest of the debt

payable at London, instead of wholly at Richmond and New York.

5. It gave a mortgage, or deed of trust as it were, by its coupons for forty years on the revenues of the State.

6. It exempted all the State bonds from taxation of all kinds—State, county, and corporation.

7. It required an increase of taxation to carry it into effect.

8. It was not a compromise or settlement with the creditors of the State, but it was an ingeniously drawn instrument by which McCulloch & Co., the speculating brokers, would get the lion's share of the \$33,000,000 and the creditors who were forced to fund by the provisions of the bill would get comparatively nothing.

These reasons and many other equally conclusive of its iniquity and unfairness both to the creditor and to the State were urged against it, and it was repudiated by the people. The victory was, however, incomplete; for although the Legislature was won, there still remained a Funder Governor to nullify its acts. When the General Assembly met in 1879 it passed a plan of settlement of the public debt, commonly known as the Riddleberger bill, but the Governor vetoed it. This necessarily postponed matters, and nothing could be done until the end of Governor Holliday's term, and his successor, if, perchance, one could be elected in accordance with the principles of the Readjusters should come into power. The party therefore prepared itself to overcome that obstacle. In 1880 a Presidential campaign intervened, and in order to keep their forces together they formed a separate electoral ticket pledged to vote for the Democratic nominees for the Presidency, but it was defeated owing to the influence of the managers of the two National parties, the Readjusters having especially directed their attention to State affairs. This defeat caused great joy with our readers, who were successful in the Presidential contest, and therefore they imagined that in the ensuing State election they would again demolish the Readjuster party. So in 1881 the contending parties joined battle again for State supremacy. Gen. Mahone exerted his great powers as a political organizer, and the party was soon arranged all over the State in perfect discipline. The Readjusters and a majority of the Republicans co-operated, and, after a long and hotly contested fight, the Readjusters carried the day and completely routed their antagonists. They elected their Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney-General, and a majority of the Legislature. Thus the Government of the State passed into their hands. In the winter of 1881-2 the newly-elected officers took their seats. The Legislature met and again passed the Riddleberger bill, the Governor approved it, and it is now the law. The object of this act was to settle the State's indebtedness to her creditors in a fair, just and equitable manner, so as to convince all honorable men that the purpose of the State was to act honestly and right. It first endeavored to ascertain what is the true and total amount of the debt, and what amount the State ought to pay under the circumstances and equities of the case. Accomplished accountants, experts in financial affairs, were employed to examine the archives of the Government and to ascertain what that amount was. After the most careful consideration and computation the amount of the debt as thus justly due was fixed at \$21,035,377.15. The act prescribed that this debt shall be refunded into new bonds bearing three per cent. interest, payable in currency, without tax-receivable coupons attached. All classes of State securities are equalized and to discrimination eliminated in the payment of them.

The People of Virginia, or a large majority of them, think that this bill presents a plan of settlement of the State liabilities that is fair, just and equitable alike to her creditors and herself. That "cut-worm of the revenue"—that contrivance of speculation—the tax-receivable coupon, which intercepted all the currency from the Treasury, has been destroyed.

Her creditors who chose to fund under the new act will be certainly regularly paid and there is reason to believe that in the course of time all

of them will come in and refund. At least the debt question is now taken from the field of politics, even if it has to go into the courts of law. The Readjusters think the bill will bear the test of judicial investigation and be pronounced by the courts to be constitutional. It is to be hoped that this will be so, for Virginia when bereft of this aggravating thorn in her side will arise from the lethargy it has inflicted upon her and soon regain that position among her sister States which of yore she possessed. The present Legislature have set about to solidify and strengthen the party. They have elected five judges of the Court of Appeals, all the ministerial officers of Government and all the judges of the County and Circuit Courts wherever there was a vacancy, and an additional United States Senator. The radical changes proposed are bitterly denounced, as was to be expected, by the Funders. But this is not strange. The Readjusters mean the total overthrow and uprooting of the Funder or Bourbon power, and to put in the places which they have heretofore exclusively held the men whom the people have said are entitled to rule. The contest last fall was bitter and fierce and the Readjusters won. The Bourbons have invited their own undoing by the extremes to which they resorted to retain power. The changes would not be so sweeping had not the Bourbon practice heretofore been so completely partizan. Every position had been filled by a Bourbon partizan, and every change that is made strikes of a Bourbon head. They have no right to complain, for now their own poisoned chalice is being commended to their own lips. In the canvass of 1881 the Readjusters extended their platform of principles. In addition to their declarations upon the debt question, which now have been crystallized by the passage of the Riddleberger bill, they further declared that as a matter of principle they would maintain the right of the people to a free ballot, and that the capitation tax upon suffrage should be abolished, and that they will heartily endeavor to procure more cordial and practical relations between the sections and the States, and especially labor to establish that concord and harmony which will make the country know how earnestly and sincerely Virginia desires and invites all men into her border as visitors, or to become citizens without fear of social or political ostracism, and to assure that every man from whatever section or country, shall enjoy the fullest freedom of thought, speech, politics and religion, if he should desire to make his residence in Virginia. Indeed, the Readjusters have become a Liberal party, whose mission is to break down sectional thought and feeling, to destroy a solid South and to nationalize politics.

General Mahone is the prominent man who has conducted this state of things in Virginia. Perhaps he is the only man who could have done it. With the prestige of a spendid war record, which even his enemies acknowledge; with an undaunted will that defied all opposition; with a courage and firmness that withstood the shafts of Ben Hill, Voorhees, and others in the Senate; possessing the confidence of the majority of the people of Virginia which was intensified by the slanders and hatred of his enemies, he was, of all others, the man to lead the people in this great movement.

Assisted by the able coadjutors whom I have named, and many others in all parts of the State, they produced such an enthusiasm among the people that the cause of the Readjusters prevailed and victory perched upon their banners. It was a great fight and a glorious success. We hope and believe that it will revive old Virginia, arose her from the lethargic slumbers in which she had fallen, and be an advantage not only to her, but the whole nation.

R. D. W.

A fire at Bridgeport, Conn., Wednesday a. m. consumed the Watson iron works and the Craighead & Elwell manufactory of kerosene lamp goods. The entire loss is about \$60,000; partially covered by insurance. About 255 hands are thrown out of employment.

On Saturday night the wreck of a vessel was discovered two and a half miles out from Long Branch, opposite the West End Hotel. Nothing could be seen but a few feet of the mainmast, with a sail fluttering from it. Nothing is known of the vessel or of the fate of its crew.

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LIBERAL READJUSTER TICKET, 1882.

For Congressman for the State at Large, HON. JOHN S. WISE, Of Richmond.

LIBERAL READJUSTER PLATFORM.

WHEREAS, the Readjuster party of Virginia, by its unparalleled victory of last year, has secured the government and policy of the Commonwealth, upon the advanced line dictated by the changes of the past and the necessities of the present, and

WHEREAS, the fruits of that victory have not been fully realized; and we, the Readjusters of the Ninth district, recognizing the fact that a great revolution such as this in behalf of Liberalism cannot be completed in a single year, and that therefore its work should not be abandoned to those who have stubbornly resisted its consummation; the right to change the administration of State affairs carries with it the obligation to see that the changed condition be allowed to remain in operation, at least, until it be fairly tested.

We realize that the Bourbon Funder party, having admitted the failure of its own measures, to satisfy the public necessity, is now changing over with the duty of reorganizing the government and policy of the Commonwealth, upon the advanced line dictated by the changes of the past and the necessities of the present, and

WHEREAS, the Readjusters of Virginia are unalterably opposed to the Sectionalism of the Bourbon party in national affairs, and realizing the purposes of President Arthur as indicated in his messages to Congress to adopt a national policy for the government of the country, thereby giving us one Union and one Government for that Union and securing a restoration of our Southern States, and guaranteeing our Southern citizens equal rights and privileges under the government as wise, generous and patriotic as such, fully deserving of approval, therefore be it

Resolved, That the said indications and acts of the President of the United States meet our hearty and unqualified support, and that we cheerfully accept his course in the past as a sufficient guarantee of the future policy of his administration.

2nd. That we endorse and extol the course of the true and tried Readjuster Liberals in the late session of the general Assembly, and condemn the treachery of those who were elected as pledged champions of our principles and measures, and afterward deserted our cause and betrayed our enemies to undermine those principles and to defeat the fulfillment of those measures.

3rd. That we favor a total abolition of the entire internal revenue system of taxation.

4th. That we heartily endorse John S. Wise as our candidate for Congressman at Large.

5th. That the delegates to this convention hereby pledge themselves as well as the candidates who may be placed in nomination before this convention, by any of said delegates, to support the nominee of this convention.

The pious old man of the Lynchburg Virginian says, "This is a canvass of lies."—Who could expect anything else, when you are writing and telling so much about it.—It has been known to the people of Virginia for several years that you were not too pious to lie, but entirely too pious to fight.—Patriot and Herald, Oct. 5th.

In our issue of the 5th inst. we produced the above in our editorial columns. It seems to have given offense to the little "button" who signs himself "E. A. BUTTON, City Editor" of the Lynchburg Virginian, and caused him to publish a "personal" card in that paper in which he tries to make the people believe that he is a very brave man by using scurrilous denunciatory language of the editor of this paper. A brave man was never known to resent an insult with an insult. If the little "button" had desired to relieve his family from the supposed insult given it, he might have found it convenient to travel one hundred and sixty miles, the distance from Lynchburg to Marion, where he would have found us willing and ready to receive him. The inference is that he is a much better calculator of the safety distance afforded than we are. Besides, the very day the indignant little "button" indited his penitential piece of scurrility, we travelled on the cars a considerable distance with his outraged paternal and he did not, except by silence, resent the insult we had given him. We would say to the indignant little "button" city editor, etc., that if he undertakes to fight, or even publish every one in Virginia who entertains the same views we have expressed of his pious (?) paternal, that he will have to cease gathering up city items and devote his whole time and attention to the other dutiful if not beautiful work.

READJUSTERS pay your poll-tax for 1881, if you have not already done so, and then vote for a free ballot.

THE ISSUES NEARLY THE SAME.

A stronger effort is being made by Funderism this year than last to divert the public mind from the real issues involved in this canvass. They would, if possible, lead the people off on side issues and personal friendships, and to accomplish this end they have departed from some of the methods they have formerly employed. Besides, they have cast aside their own leaders and have taken up men whom they have denounced as villains and dogs in the past, and whom they now despise as traitors, to lead them in this final encounter with Readjustment.

Funderism has done these things for a purpose. It means that they wish to delude the people. They do not want the lines drawn and the battle fought upon the real issues.

The issues this year though not precisely similar to those of the last canvass are so nearly like them that the people are as much interested in the result as they were last fall.—MASSEY or WISE, FULKERSON or BOWEN are not in issue. They are merely men and are but the candidates of parties that are before the people, and representatives of principles that the people are to pass upon.

WISE and BOWEN represent the Readjuster party and its principles; MASSEY and FULKERSON the Funder party and its lack of principles, or hatred of the principles of Readjustment.

Readjustment is for Free Suffrage, as a right; Free Education, as a public necessity; Progress and Development, and Reconciliation. These are the vital questions that were before the people last fall and that are now before them. Last year Readjustment won a glorious victory as the advocate of them over Funderism their bitter antagonist. Readjustment won a victory for the people and this fight is to decide whether the victory shall remain in force.

Funderism, has by its unholty conduct, shown itself the enemy of free suffrage in that it has, until now, opposed the repeal of the poll-tax qualification, and now since Readjustment has shown its determination and power to repeal it, Funderism steps up and says that it is willing and that the poll-tax qualification is no longer a question before the people. Funderism now says that the free schools are a fixed blessing and that they are their friends. How different is this from the position in the past? By declaring them a luxury, and voting for a man who said he would rather see all the school-houses in the State burned than that the bondholders should be deprived of any of the money they were demanding of Virginia.

Funderism has shown its enmity to progress and development by driving capital from the State by oppressive taxation; and has retarded reconciliation between the sections of the Union by joining in with the sectional cries of Bourbonism. In fact it has shown itself the bitter foe of every principle that Readjustment has brought before the people and won upon. Does Funderism think that by acquiescing in what has been done, that by the introduction of side-issues, and the continual cry of "Bossism, Radicalism and Nigger," that they can draw the minds of Readjusters from the real issues in the campaign. If the Funderists think so they are bigger fools, bigger asses, and decidedly more ignorant than they formerly claimed that Readjusters were.

FULKERSON in his speeches is telling the people of the district that he would not have accepted a nomination from the Marion Convention, and that he never had any idea of submitting his name to it. Is it not very strange then that he wrote to CAPT. J. HENRY RIVES, at Lynchburg, about one month prior to the assembling of the convention that he would be greatly obliged to him if he (RIVES) would use his influence with his friends in the 9th district and get them to assist FULKERSON in getting the nomination from the Marion Convention. CAPT. RIVES says that FULKERSON so wrote him and that FULKERSON will not dare deny it.

FULKERSON wrote Judge MILLER of Marion, a few days before the Marion Convention that he would not run for Congress except as the nominee of the Readjuster party. What think you Readjusters of FULKERSON? He is now running against the nominee of the party.

FULKERSON'S organ, the Abingdon Virginian says that the Colonel would not give the track to NEWBERRY if he, FULKERSON, thought NEWBERRY could win. In 1880 NEWBERRY came off in favor of the Colonel. "Oh gratitude where is thy virtue?"

WATCH THE BALLOT-BOX.

We are surprised that Mr. Fulkerson, should decline to ask for the appointment of Federal supervisors in his district, and especially at the poor reason he gives for his declination. The law is upon the statute-book, and will be none the less a law because he does not like "Federal interference in State elections." But the fact is that these are national elections. Congress has the power to take these elections entirely out of the hands of the State officials. The Constitution expressly confers upon that body power to make regulations as to "the times, places, and manner" of holding elections for representatives. The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette writes:

"Information from Rockingham county, Va., indicates that the Coalition managers in that county, becoming alarmed at the prospects of John Paul's defeat, are growing reckless, and are threatening to give any number of votes that may be necessary to elect their man, be it either by fair or foul means."

Is Mr. Fulkerson sure that he may not be the victim of similar methods? It will be poor satisfaction for him or any other candidate to say, after the election, that he was counted out; and have no evidence of the fact. Appoint watchers under the State law, and supervisors under the Federal law, and then everybody—Administration candidates and Democratic candidates—will be satisfied that the true results have been declared. We commend the following figures to Mr. Fulkerson's attention. They show the vote in eight counties of his district for Cameron and Daniel:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Daniel: Lee 268, Scott 443, Wise 186, Buchanan 30, Washington 1,408, Russell 346, Tazewell 684, Smyth 693. Cameron: 642, 1,354, 744, 375, 2,258, 1,087, 1,889, 1,138. Total: 4,989.

Five thousand majority for Cameron in eight counties is a rather large one. It may have been honestly given. We trust that it was. But we ask for supervisors that we may entertain no doubts next time. Peter Carter's declaration to Mr. Woltz that Cameron was Governor anyhow has caused much suspicion that all was not fair in the last State election.—Richmond Dispatch 11th inst.

"The Democrats of Richmond have already had Federal Supervisors appointed for this city. We don't think any of them will aid Mahone. The Democratic Supervisors are appointed upon the recommendation of Democrats. The State Executive Committee of the Democratic party is in full accord with the Dispatch in regard to this matter, or we are greatly mistaken. The Democrats of Philadelphia have for years relied upon Federal Supervisors to protect them from fraudulent counting.—At the last Congressional election we had Federal Supervisors not only in Richmond but in various counties.

"We have nothing to say in favor of the law. We opposed its passage, we should favor its repeal. But as long as it is the law let the Democrats derive whatever benefit they can from using it to prevent fraud.—We have heard that there would be Federal Supervisors at every precinct in this Congressional district and we trust that the report is true.

"This to our friend of the State whom we ask to reconsider the question, or, at any rate, not to oppose the appointment of Federal Supervisors."—Richmond Dispatch of October 12th, 1882.

The Funder are handing around a circular that charges CAPT. HENRY BOWEN, candidate of the Readjuster party in this district, with having asked Federal interference by requesting that Federal Supervisors of election be appointed for the different precincts in the District. We assert that CAPT. BOWEN has made no such request and that the charges in the circular so far as he is concerned are false. But suppose he had requested the Federal authorities to appoint Supervisors would not such conduct have been justified by the Dispatch. But Funderism is up to any kind of a game. First it charges that in some of the districts the Readjusters are threatening fraud, if necessary, to carry their candidates through, as is evidenced by the fabrications of the Washington correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette, and that there Federal supervision should be exercised to prevent the wrong; and then it charges that a candidate in another District has committed an outrage upon his people by asking Federal supervision to prevent fraud. The Dispatch, the chief organ of Funderism in Virginia, not only gives credit to the charges preferred against the friends of PAUL in the 7th District, but it actually insinuates that the heavy majority given CAMERON in the 9th District was the result of fraud. But should the Readjusters be astonished at anything Funderism does? Do they not remember the methods Funderism employed last year? Do they not remember that forged letters and falsehood were the chief instruments employed by Funder leaders and papers to deceive the people. Can Funderism, now led by traitors, do better this fall than it did last?

A terrier dog at Americus, Ga., has forsaken his home and taken up his lot with a herd of goats, refusing to associate with other canines.

The twelve additional looms and five hundred spindles have been started in a cotton factory in Prattville, Ala.

During the past summer cattle to value of \$325,000 have been shipped from Hillsborough and Manatee counties, Fla.

The receipts of cotton at Charlotte, N. C., last week were 3,677 bales, just 2,746 bales more than were received the corresponding week of last year.

Just after the speaking on Monday some one tried to start the report that Judge RHEA had given Mr. BROWNING the lie and that he had not resented it. Mr. BROWNING and the editor of this paper waited upon Judge RHEA and he stated to us in the presence of Mr. FUDGE, editor of the Democrat, that he had said that if Mr. BROWNING meant to say except in jocular way that FULKERSON was his boss that he BROWNING, lied, and that when Mr. BROWNING stated that he meant it only jocularly that he considered the matter at an end and that Mr. BROWNING was relieved from any responsibility or slur. Besides Judge RHEA said that when he called MAHONE the boss of Readjusters he only meant it in a jocular way.

Just think of it! The Funder denouncing us as coalitionists and for supporting BOWEN was nominated by a coalition convention, and then whooping and yelling for FULKERSON and his tooter RHEA; and that after FULKERSON had written to RIVES, chairman of the Republican wing of the Readjuster party, asking him to use his influence with his (RIVES') friends in the Ninth district to secure his (FULKERSON'S) nomination by the Marion Convention. FULKERSON is now playing the part of a political hypocrite, and the Funder are showing their utter want of principle by voting for him. But Funder would make the devil their candidate if he would come on earth and proclaim himself (as he would in truth) a Funder.

READJUSTERS did you notice one of the most conspicuous men in the political meeting last Monday? Did you notice that C. T. SMITH was there yelling for MASSEY and FULKERSON. He is the same man who said last year, in a discussion with Col. HANSBROUGH at this place, that he was paid by a syndicate to come out here to help crush Readjustment. Is that not enough to show Readjusters their plain line of duty?

THE Funder have about quit electioneering for DAWSON. They find the colored people are too smart to be fooled by the decoy ducks they are using in the person of DAWSON. Readjusters cannot be fooled either by the decoy ducks MASSEY and FULKERSON. Funderism has made another blunder, but it is too late to rectify it.

HERE is the ticket the Readjusters of the ninth district will vote: FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE, CAPT. JNO. S. WISE. FOR CONGRESSMAN NINTH DISTRICT, CAPT. HENRY BOWEN. For the amendment to the Constitution which restores free suffrage.

THE Abingdon Ring used to try to run the politics of Smyth County against ABRAM FULKERSON and Readjustment. Now it is trying to run the county for FULKERSON and Funderism. It will fail as signally in this last attempt as it did before.

Do not fail to register before the 28th of this month. Apply to the registrar on any day between this and that time and he is bound to register you.

Table titled 'Keep it Before the People.' Columns: Year (1874, 1879, 1881), When the coupon was used, Number of schools, Pupils, Teachers, Colored teachers, Colored schools, Colored pupils, Colored teachers. Total values for 1881 are \$1,004,900 and \$580,386.

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Mr. Parr's Statement.

The following speaks for itself, and shows Massey in his true light: PATRICK COURT HOUSE, July 4, 1882, Editor of the Whig.

A sense of party, if not of public duty, impels me to make this statement: I went to Richmond a member of the House of Delegates from Patrick, Mr. John E. Massey's political and personal friend. He was my choice for the United States Senate inside of the party and its caucus, and during the active canvass of members at Richmond preceding the caucus nomination, and when all manner of efforts (as was generally known) were put on foot by Mr. Massey and his partisans to secure a sufficient number of the party to leave the caucus and to join the Bourbon-Funderists to elect him, I saw Mr. Massey frequently. One evening, just preceding the caucus nomination, I met Mr. Massey at the door of the tea-room of the American. After assuring me in pleasing terms of his confidence in my friendship and my partiality for his candidacy, he said: "Help me all you can, and if you need any money you can get it: you can get as much as five hundred dollars if you want it." I was so startled and confounded at this suggestion that I made no reply, and left him immediately. I really felt so humiliated in my own esteem to have been thus approached that for some time I did not mention the matter to any one.

When Mr. Massey came to insist upon his nomination to the Auditorship upon his own arbitrary terms, and when the atmosphere was pregnant with all manner of suggestions as to bribery of members—when a committee of the Senate was engaged in an investigation of the conduct of some of the Senate against whom were charges of an attempt to bribe members, I made known to Mr. Amos Dickerson, the member from Floyd, what Mr. Massey had said to me in the five hundred dollar matter, giving him the case and circumstances as previously stated.

Mr. Dickerson promptly said he would abandon Mr. Massey; that he would not give his support to any man who would thus approach a member of the Legislature.

Subsequently, and during the tedious contention over the Auditorship nomination Mr. Massey hearing that Mr. Dickerson had abandoned him, called on Mr. Dickerson to know why he was no longer standing by him. Mr. Dickerson frankly gave Mr. Massey the reason by telling him what I had made known to him in the matter of the five hundred dollars.

Mr. Massey denied that he had offered anyone any money. On being so advised by Mr. Dickerson, I went with him to Mr. Massey's office, and there, to Mr. Massey's face and in the presence of Mr. Amos Dickerson, repeated the statement I had made to Mr. Dickerson, of his (Massey's) proposal to me, in effect—"Help me all you can, and if you need five hundred dollars you can get it."

Mr. Massey then admitted to having spoken to me, but said his purpose was, as I was a poor man, to offer me aid. My reply was that I did not understand why he should, at such a time, offer to lend me money; I had not intended to do so to anyone else that I wanted to borrow any money. I believe now, as I did then, that Mr. Massey intended to furnish me with the five hundred dollars to bribe members to stay out of caucus and vote with the Funderists to elect him to the United States Senate.

I make this statement because Mr. Massey is disposed to cast reflection upon the members of the Legislature by saying in his speech at Charlottesville that if he had all the money that had been used in that Legislature he would not want to work any more while he lived. I can only say that Mr. Massey is the only man that ever offered me any money in Richmond. I think his speech at Charlottesville coming from him is in bad taste.

EDMOND PARR, Member House of Delegates, Patrick County, Va.

REV. AMOS DICKERSON'S STATEMENT. I have read the foregoing statement of Mr. Parr; it is correct of my own knowledge, as it relates to me in that of my interview with Mr. Parr and of my interview with Mr. Massey, and it correctly gives what passed when I went with Mr. Parr to see Mr. Massey about the five hundred dollars.

AMOS DICKERSON, Member House of Delegates, Floyd County, Va.

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Westward Daily.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Time, No. 1, No. 3, No. 11. Stations include Washington, Norfolk, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Abingdon, Roanoke, and Bristol.

Connections: At PETERSBURG, with R. & F. R. R. for Richmond and Springs on & R. Y. R. for Richmond, Warrenton, Baltimore and the North and East.

At LYNCHBURG, with Va. Mid. R. R. to and from the South and North, and with Richmond and Alleghany R. R. for Buchanan, Chiron Forge and C. O. Ky. Pullman. At ROANOKE, No. 11 makes close connection with the Shenandoah Valley R. R. North bound.

At BRISTOL, with East Tenn. Va. & Ga. R. R. for Knoxville, Dalton, Chattanooga and all points South, and South of No. 1 has Leighton Sleeper from Luray to Memphis and from Lynchburg to Knoxville. No. 3 has Pullman Sleeper to Houston and San Antonio, without change, and from New York to Chattanooga via S. V. R. R. and Roanoke. Only one change from Washington to San Antonio in Pullman cars.

Eastward Daily.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Time, No. 2, No. 4, No. 10. Stations include Bristol, Abingdon, Marion, Lynchburg, Christiansburg, Spring, Roanoke, Liberty, and Lynchburg.

Connections at ROANOKE, No. 10 with the S. V. R. R. from Luray, Hagerstown, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Through Sleeper from Chattanooga to N. York via Harrisburg, Leighton Sleeper on No. 2, Memphis to Luray, and Knoxville to Lynchburg. Pullman Sleeper on No. 1, New Orleans to Washington, via Lynchburg, and from Knoxville to Lynchburg.

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Mr. AUSTIN has located his office for the present at WYTHEVILLE, WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, to which point all communications to him should be addressed. Upon the completion of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad to a connection with the Norfolk & Western Railroad, which will be effected in March 1883, the principal office of the Bureau will be removed to Roanoke. A monthly bulletin of properties for sale will be issued for circulation among investors, manufacturers and agriculturists. The commission charged will be moderate.

Parties having lands for sale are invited to send them to this Bureau with plat maps, description, improvements, and of mineral deposits, analyses of minerals, price, etc., etc. It is hoped that, by means of such an organization, the material development of the resources of this rich, salubrious, and fertile section of Virginia may receive an effectual and permanent impulse, and public attention be directed and practically assured to its varied and remarkable elements of national wealth and prosperity. GEO. F. TYLER, President Norfolk & Western R. R. Co. F. J. KIMBALL, President Shenandoah Valley R. R. Co. President N. & W. R. Co. PHILADELPHIA, February 24th, 1882. mh30 Gn

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Local News.

County Readjuster Committee.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Readjuster party, in Smyth county, I appoint the following citizens members of the county committee, requesting that they go to work in earnest and see that our cause shall not suffer on the 7th of November:

- Eye Valley District: Matthew Houston, E. Gross, G. B. Blankenbiller, Jack Grinstead, Robert Eades, Samuel James, William Shupe, C. E. Hopkins, M. W. Slemper, R. L. Nelson, M. F. Umbarger, Cap. R. C. Williams. Marion District: Daniel Lindanood, A. B. Snively, J. T. Calhoun, William Mansfield, R. N. Ward, S. M. Williams, T. J. Wynn, P. J. Snider, Charles Falke, N. C. Harris, James H. Francis, W. A. Wolfe, Benjamin Floyd, R. T. Copenhaver, R. M. Goodman, I. C. Anderson, W. N. Dungan, Jr., P. J. Gregory, George R. Ritter, E. D. Farris, Joseph C. Golleton, W. E. Leonard, A. F. Bonham, W. C. Williams. Rick Valley District: A. J. Hubble, Capt. H. Harmon, Capt. J. B. Whitehead, Dr. D. T. Davis, Jas. R. Hubble, F. J. Whitehead, Frank W. Richardson, F. J. Buchanan, James H. Kinder, W. M. Spratt, Wm. H. Poston, William McVey, John M. Poston, Robert Allison, John Cass. GEO. W. HUBBLE, Chairman.

Appointments.

We will address the people in behalf of the Readjuster Party and its nominees at the following places and times:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Includes Lebanon, Wytheville, Tazewell, Giles, Salem, Estillville, Marion, Abingdon, Bland, Christianburg.

- J. C. FOWLER. D. F. BAILEY. P. H. MCCAULL. G. W. HANSBROUGH. J. P. McTEER. W. C. PENDLETON. J. H. WOODS.

Personals.

Mr. Tipton Jobe, of Johnson City, Tenn. is on a visit to his son-in-law Mr. E. P. Pendleton.

Briefs.

Sportmen have commenced to shoot partridges. We are not informed as to whether they are numerous or not.

We are told that the mountains and ridges are literally alive with wild turkeys. Park Phipps has already killed two very fine ones.

Saturday night frost made its appearance in full force. It had delayed its appearance sufficiently late to let backward corn reach a safe condition.

The county road on Staleys Creek just above the house of Mr. James M. Jones needs attention. Without it is fixed it will be impassable during the winter.

The town council met a Tuesday evening and accepted a proposition to compromise a debt held by Dr. M. P. Watson against the town.

The debt claimed amounted to about \$400, and the council agreed to pay as a compromise \$250. The council acted upon the advice of Mr. J. H. Gilmore who was the counsel of the town.

Never try to raise a family without a good news paper. provided it contains the advertisement of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; for this valuable medicine is necessary to keep your children in good health.

County Court.

Judge Miller commenced the regular October term of his court on Monday. Very little business was done that day. Tuesday Wm. J. Crabtree was tried for malicious stabbing and found guilty of unlawful cutting. The term of the court has not yet been adjourned.

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READJUSTER TRIUMPH.

Browning and Fowler Meet the Little Rhea, of Washington, a Supporter of Fulkerson.

On last court day Col. J. S. Browning, Hon. I. C. Fowler, Readjusters and Judge Rhea, Fulkersons little tooter, spoke in Marion, each half 45 minutes to open and 15 minutes re-ponder. The discussion was opened by Col. Browning, who with gloves off pitched into the record of Fulkerson and Massey, in a style which called forth the wildest applause from the Readjusters present. He read extracts from extract from Fulkersons organ, the Abingdon Virginian, with crushing effect. Browning showed Fulkerson up in all his hideous inconsistencies especially was he severe when he produced a telegram from Capt. Rives, chairman of the Republican party in the State, which said that he (Fulkerson) had written a letter to him (Rives) asking that he use his influence with the Republicans of the ninth district to secure the nomination of him (Fulkerson) at the Marion convention. This letter was written to Rives but a short time before the Marion convention was held. Col. Browning showed himself familiar with the record of Fulkerson and gave him a most thorough ventilation which was greeted with prolonged shouts by the friends of Readjustment.

Fulkerson's man Rhea then took the stand and said he would occupy the position of an Independent Readjuster. His speech was filled with abuse of Mahone and the Readjuster Leaders, and the caucus; a regular Funder speech which was applauded by the few Funders present. He failed to justify the cause of Fulkerson, and relied on abuse of every one who opposed him. The Funders applauded him during his whole speech even after he proclaimed that the man who said he was a Funder was a liar. We have never heard a more puny effort, a mere rehearsal of Funder argument, and abuse and bragadocio.

Hon. I. C. Fowler then took the stand and in a few minutes had the crowd wild with enthusiasm. He said that Rhea was one of the hungry dogs who ran after the Readjuster caucus for office and now that he had secured the office of county Judge of Washington county was loudest in his abuse of the caucus rule. Fowler is a talented speaker and was too much for the narrow Rheadade of Abram, whose false position was fully shown to the voters of the county of Smyth. C. T. Smyth, the man who said he had denounced Massey on the floor of the State Senate, and did not take anything back he said of the Parson, but would vote for him (Massey) asked Fowler what he thought of the Ohio election, to which Mr. Fowler replied "I do not take any great stock in the Ohio election. I remember that about 1872 the Democrats carried Congress by a majority of 70 odd in the year, but when the Presidential election came Grant was elected by a tremendous majority. This will cause foolish remarks to be made as Hampton did in 1880, which caused the defeat of the Democratic ticket."

Browning's rejoinder was crushing on Rhea and caused this Readjuster beneficiary to let his angry passions rise. Rhea was mad, mad mad when he came in for his rejoinder and was very bitter towards the Readjuster party. During his first tirade Mr. W. C. Pendleton called for three cheers for Fowler, which were given with emphasis by our party. Rhea then in a sneering manner called for three cheers for Billy Pendleton and the Readjusters gave them with a vim that startled the Rheadade from Washington. Rhea then said give three cheers for Arthur and the Readjusters groaned and hissed him until we felt sorry for him.

When Fowler rose to reply to Rhea the Funder crowd left the court house en masse which showed them full strength about 50 in a crowd of 250 or 300. Rhea started to call the few back but our people shouted "let them go," "we want to see how many you have." It was a grand day for our party and our people are proud of Browning and Fowler.

A druggist in New Richmond, O., Mr. E. J. Donham, writes us the following: "I consider Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup one of the very best things made. I use it altogether in my own family and can therefore recommend it."

Something New for our Climate.

At the wedding supper given at Mr. R. J. Venable's last Thursday night a large dish of delicious strawberries was upon the table, and they were gathered that day from the garden of Mr. J. H. Gilmore, growing in the open air.

To-day we have been handed a nice bunch of wild strawberries gathered in an old field in Chilhowie, by Clay Moore col. and he says there are plenty of them. This is something new for this climate.

The Richmond Va. State writes: Ex-Mayor J. A. Gentry, Manchester, this State, was cured of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil.

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Matrimonial.

Last Thursday night, the 12th inst., a very interesting and beautiful marriage ceremony took place at the Methodist church in the presence of a crowded house, the contracting parties being Miss Carrie Gordon Venable, youngest daughter of Mr. R. J. Venable, of this place, and Mr. W. J. Patient, of Ontario, Canada. The lady friends of Miss Venable, had decorated the church very beautifully. In front of the altar a semicircular wreath had been put up composed of flowers and evergreens. In the centre of the semicircle a large horse-shoe of exquisite flowers was tastefully suspended, under which the ceremony was performed. On the wall in rear of the altar were the words "Love And Truth" and the initials "V. and P." At eight o'clock the bridal party arrived in vehicles at the church, and Mrs. Wm. C. Pendleton, played the Wedding March while the bridal party entered the church. The attendants came first, Miss Kate Miller and Dr. E. J. Haller, Miss Mattie Morgan and Mr. Glen Baylor, Miss Okie Sprinkle and Mr. Fanning Miles, and Miss Maggie Gilmore and Mr. Geo. Venable, then two little girls, Lula and Lucy Harris, nieces of the bride, who sprinkled flowers in front of the bride and bridegroom as they marched up the aisle and took their position in front of the altar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. M. French, pastor of the church, a ring being used in the ceremony. After the ceremony and congratulations the bridal party accompanied by a large number of relatives and friends repaired the home of the bride's father where they found a very elegant supper and which they enjoyed most heartily.

We had the pleasure of seeing the large array of presents made the bride. Some of them were very handsome and all useful. They were chiefly silver ware and the list would be a full one if placed before our readers. A silver sugar bowl and spoon holder combined with one dozen silver teaspoons, were presented by the bridesmaids. Weak muscles and nerves, sluggishness of thought and inactivity, cured by Brown's Iron Bitters.

A "Flopper."

[Communicated.] "I am an Independent Liberal Readjuster"—A. Fulkerson to the Richmond Dispatch May 22, 1882. "I am a Democratic Readjuster," A. Fulkerson at Abingdon. "I am a Democrat." A Fulkerson at Marion and Tazewell C. H. as reported. Which does the Colonel "stick" to? "Anything to beat Mahone"—and to get back to Congress. Very well. But what is the Colonel's platform now? A substitute. But what is a substitute? Nothing in place of something, a negative in place of a positive, a body without a soul in place of a living body with a soul. Belonging to three different parties and having no foundation to rest on, no platform; the Colonel is surely running on his "own look." Captain Newberry started first, has the inside of the track, said he was a Democrat at first and says so yet. He is no "flopper," but the Colonel certainly is one. But "any thing to beat Mahone."

The Colonel voted for Kieffer a Republican for speaker, will he do so again or "flop" again? The Colonel voted for McPherson a Republican, for clerk, will he do so again or "flop" again? The Colonel voted for Brownlow a Republican for Door keeper, will he do so again or "flop" again? Always provided he is elected—but if defeated where will he "flop" to then? Up salt river.

The Colonel supports Massey who voted for the poll-tax restriction. Is the Colonel opposed to its repeal or has Massey of the Colonel "flopped"? Massey is a freetrader the Colonel is for a protective Tariff—of one of them must "flop" or remain at odds. When a public man begins to flop there is no telling where he will flop to. A statesman should have a policy founded on principles and should adhere strictly to his principles. To get the votes of the Democrats the Colonel must renounce his protective Tariff views. Will he do so? If he is a Democrat can Readjusters vote for him on principle? Surely not. But should Captain Newberry be kicked off the track by the Democrats to make way for "an Independent Liberal Readjuster"? Will Captain Newberry quietly submit to that sort of kicking? Hardly. But the Colonel may affect to believe that Captain Newberry is a candidate "without authority" as he claims Bowen is. That would be safest for the Colonel. Down with freedom of political action, free speech, free suffrage and freedom of the press and the Colonel wins.

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[Special to the WHIG.]

CHATHAM, October 14.—I rode thirty miles to-day through the diphtheria district in order to learn the nature and extent of the disease. I interviewed farmers, merchants and doctors. I ascertained the names of one hundred and twenty-seven children who have died within the last two months within a radius of five miles. One family lost seven; another has lost six; three have lost five each; one has lost four; eight have lost three each; eighteen have lost two each; thirty-five have lost one each.

Dr. Martin has treated sixty cases, cases, twelve of which have died. In twenty cases three died. Dr. Dickinson treated forty-one cases; eight died. Dr. Ramsey, sixty-five cases; fourteen died. Dr. Shelton, sixty-three cases; seventeen died. Dr. Anderson, one hundred and thirty-two cases; fourteen died. I was unable to find several other doctors who have been practicing in that section. It will be seen that the six above-named doctors have treated 380 cases, sixty-eight of which died, which shows a fearful mortality.

The disease has spent its fury in some neighborhoods for want of material, and is spreading to other sections where it is equally fatal. A prominent merchant at Berger's store informed me he had sold more shrouds within the last two months than he ever did in any two years of his mercantile life before, and an undertaker near that place has done nothing else but make coffins for the past two months.

The disease appears in different forms. In some cases the patient is attacked with vomiting, emitting in the last stages a green and blue fluid. Some die from strangulation, some from general congestion, and others from blood-poison, the most malignant. Cases that do not die are left with their systems completely wrecked. Some are left cross-eyed and have the dropsy, and others paralyzed in different parts of the body.

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SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

In obedience to a decree of the Circuit court of Smyth county, entered at its September term 1882, in the cause of Bonham adm'r of Henderlite and C. Aultman & Co. against Robert Goolsby, the undersigned special commissioner in this cause, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on the 30th day of November, 1882 (court-day) in front of the court house door of Smyth county, the tract of land described in the proceedings had in said cause and enough of same to pay \$767.86 debts and interest and about \$100.00 said land lies about 4 miles west of Marion, south of the Railroad, being a part of the T. T. Hall tract, adjoining the lands that V. S. Morgan bought of R. Goolsby on the south of N. & W. Railroad.

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