

[Special Correspondence of the Republican.]

NORTHERN POLITICS.

Connecticut Campaign.

MERIDEN, Ct., March 27, 1876.

In previous letters in this correspondence I have stated that the inevitable drift of politics would lead both parties into certain positions in spite of all efforts of the leaders at Washington to have it otherwise.

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The Fourth District Assessors.

Governor Kellogg yesterday commissioned Major Charles H. Thompson as State assessor of the fourth city district, vice D. Urban.

Mr. Thompson is well and favorably known in the fourth district, and received the hearty endorsement of his own political friends, as well as of the largest property holders of the district, irrespective of party considerations.

He is a man of superior business qualities, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties with a considerable knowledge thereof. He was born in Indiana. At the beginning of the war he enlisted in the First Iowa Cavalry, under Colonel, afterwards General, Fitz Henry Warren.

After some two years of active service in the ranks he was appointed captain and assistant commissary of volunteers by President Lincoln. He was a staff officer with Generals David Carr, West, Busey, Lee, Steele, Herron and Canby. He participated in several campaigns, especially distinguished himself on the expedition from Little Rock to Camden, the Red River expedition and the movements against Mobile, Bleakley and Spanish Fort.

In civil life, since the war, Mr. Thompson was for a time assistant assessor of internal revenue under Colonel Lewis Woodley; subsequently, a clerk in the Auditor's office of the Customhouse. Latterly, he has been carrying on the business of notary public.

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COURT RECORD.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1876.

United States Circuit Court.

Present—Hon. W. B. Woods, circuit judge.

United States vs. Whom it may concern.—On challenge to the grand jury by B. W. Hammond, W. J. Belton, John Taylor, John McWhorter and John H. Webb.

No grand jury has been summoned, nor any venire issued therefor, as required by the act of March 3, 1875, section 810, for November term, 1875.

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STATE NEWS.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE CREVASSE.

BREAK AT MILLIKEN'S BEND.

GENERAL THOMPSON'S REPORT.

[Special to the New Orleans Republican.]

VICKSBURG, April 5, 1876.

I have been to the Milliken's Bend crevasse. It occurred from a cave in the old levee in front of where the town was three months ago, and the water flows through a drainage gap left in the new unfinished levee. The gap is in front of the present levee. The crevasse proper is about 500 feet wide, but little over two feet deep, but the current is very rapid. The ends of the old levee, and also of the new, will be secured, and by that time it will be determined whether to attempt to close the crevasse or not.

M. JEFF THOMPSON.

CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—In the Senate Messrs. Edmunds and Thurman were appointed a committee to inquire into the matter of the Alabama commission's judgment was passed. It now goes to the President.

The bill authorizing the sale of the Pawnee Indian reservation was passed and sent to the President.

A joint resolution was introduced to confirm the sale of the naval hospital and grounds at Annapolis, referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Chief Justice Waite administered the impeachment oath to the Senators. The Senate organized itself into a court of impeachment. The summons against Balkan, made returnable on the seventeenth instant, at half past twelve o'clock.

Legislative business was resumed. The bill regulating third class mail matter was taken up. Senator Collman made a long speech. The Senate adjourned.

The Secretary of the Treasury was directed to furnish an itemized account of the \$300,000 for light and fuel for the year ending June 30, 1876.

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