

The next session of the Legislature of this State will be a very important one, and it behoves the people to exercise their utmost sagacity in the choice of their representatives. Over and above the usual business of legislation, in which every citizen is more or less interested, it will devolve on the next legislature to select eight Judges of the Superior Courts, Attorney General and Solicitors, and a Senator in Congress. With one or two exceptions, the present Judges will be candidates for re-election; and were the question to turn upon the fitness of the candidates, the fidelity and intelligence with which the present incumbents have fulfilled all the duties of their offices, would, no doubt, secure to them almost a unanimous re-election. But, unfortunately for our State, the foul spirit of party has insinuated itself into almost every department of government, and in nearly every circuit, candidates have been announced, who place their highest pretensions to office on their adherence to a party. This is not as it should be.

In this Circuit it is understood that the present incumbent will not be a candidate for re-election.

In the middle Circuit Judge Schley will

be opposed by Gen. Holt, of Augusta.— And if the people of the Circuit, to whom he has given universal satisfaction, could decide the matter, there could be no doubt on whom the choice would rest.

In the Northern Circuit it is yet rather uncertain whether Judge Crawford will be a candidate for re-election, or whether he will compete with Gov. Troup for a seat in the Senate of the U. S. The Caucus at Athens must settle this matter.

In the Western Circuit Judge Underwood will have two competitors, the late Judges Clayton and Harris.

There will be two competitors also for Judge Kenan's seat on the bench of the Ocmulgee Circuit, Messrs. Thos. W. Cobb and Eli S. Shorter.

Judge M'Donald, of the Flint Circuit, will be opposed by Messrs. C. B. Strong and O. H. Prince.

In the Southern Circuit, Judge Fort will be opposed by Mr. Holt.

In the Chatahoocby Circuit, as Judge Colquit belongs to the present dominant party, it is presumed he will be suffered to run in without competition.

In all these cases, the Representatives of the people will have to decide between the claims of merit, the claim arising from past faithful service, and the claims of party.— It is to be hoped, that the people will so far look to their own welfare, as to send such individuals to Milledgeville as will consult their judgements rather than their passions, and who will legislate rather for the whole state, than the confined limits of a particular sect.—*Savannah Mercury.*