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Hoke Vs. Henderson.

The majority of Supreme Court overruled the famous case of Hoke vs Henderson in an opinion written by Justice Connor, Chief Justice Clark concurs, while Justices Montgomery and Douglas dissent. The gist of the opinion is that a man may have property in an office in a Monarchical government, but not so in a Republic.

Bassett and the Trustees.

At the meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College last week a [illegible] Trustees voted for while [illegible] against the retention of Dr. Bassett, Hon. F. M. Simmons and Dr. Ivey leading the fight against his retention.

The editor was among those present at the mid-winter session of the State Press Association in Washington, D. C., last week. The attendance was large. Much praise is due President Varner and Secretary Stikeleather for the interesting programme. Senators and members in Congress from North Carolina did much to contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion, is under especial obligations to Hon. R. N. Page and his secretary, Mr. Chas. Ross and A. D. Watts and J. M. Julian secretaries of Senators Simmons and Overman for courtesies extended.

We publish on our first page the address of President Varner of the North Carolina Press Association at the mid-winter association in Washington last week. It is of special interest to advertisers and managers of newspapers.

Innocent Men Seldom Convicted.

There is a tradition that an old fashioned North Carolina judge charging the jury in a criminal case, who had been asked to charge to repeat the maxim, "It is better that ninety-nine guilty men should escape than that one innocent man should be punished," proceeded to do so. When he came to that portion of his charge he emphasized the question and addressed himself to you, gentlemen of the jury, that ninety-nine guilty men have been allowed to escape, and it is now for you to see that the hundredth guilty man does not escape acquitted."

It is a rare thing for an innocent man to be convicted. We have never known a case, though we have seen a few. In his charge to the grand jury at Kinston this week, Judge Brown dwelt upon the term "reasonableness of doubt" and mean any doubt at all, but those arising in the minds of "reasonable men." The Kinston Free Press quotes a portion of the judge's charge and adds:

"Along this line Hon. Brown said that though he endeavored to give the law which says that it is better to turn loose ninety-nine guilty men than to convict an innocent, that there was nothing in it to alarm a juror as during his twenty years practicing at the bar and fifteen years on the bench he had never known a man who he believed innocent convicted in court."

The judge might truly have added that he had seen many guilty men acquitted, for that happens too often in North Carolina and other States.—News and Observer.

Southern History.

Ambitious heads of historical departments in some parts of the country, desiring to advertise their work, set young students, some of them Southerners, to productive tasks of original research at an age when they should have been acquainting themselves with the facts of general history and with the broad principles of the science. Some remarkably excellent work was produced, considering all the circumstances and all the pitfalls. Some remarkably absurd literature was given the stamp of authority.

The net result of the three influences was a fever to get into print with results of study in the historical field, and to get into print that would pay in fame or in cash.

To assuage this fever, which renders the victim liable to fall into many errors of thought and many errors of act, is the task in which the teaching force of the South should occupy itself assiduously. It is to train youth, first of all, to view a distinct period of history not by itself, but as immediately connected with the past, with the present and with the future; to avoid any authorship save that intended for practice in the art of expression until there is a distinct message to be delivered regardless of publication, and when prepared to write, to write upon the line of absolute conviction as to principles and absolute accuracy as to facts and the weights which facts should have.—Peter Pechin in Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore for December.

Gives Notice of Appeal.

The attorneys for Dr. Jay who was sentenced at Superior Court in Asheville last week have given notice of appeal. Another trial will put Jay on trial for murder in first degree. It is said the evidence of premeditation of the murder of the 3rd child is strong.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Trouble in Republican Camp—The Panama Matter—The Sugar Trust and Tariff.

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There is going to be a whole lot of fun here on and about the 11th and 12th of the present month when the Republican National Committee meets for the purpose of selecting the time and place for the holding of the next Republican National Convention. There is going to be an element present at that meeting to give the Hon. Perry S. Heath, Secretary of the Republican National Committee. The late report of Hon. [illegible] Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, has thrown the harpoons into Mr. Heath with all the energy of a man who wanted to get even for some things, and that report has stirred up the President to the striking stage, and he says that Mr. Heath must go. Senator Hanna, the Chairman of the Committee, is a friend of Heath, and he is as insistent that Mr. Heath must not be disturbed. This presents an issue between the President and the Senator from Ohio, who is the real leader of the republican party. The President apparently forgets that he did not make up the present National Committee of the republican party, which wields the influence and pulls the strings until its successor is selected at the next national republican convention, but that it was made up by McKinley and Hanna, so that it is under the control of Hanna. This being the case, the committee will accept the decision of Hanna and refuse to "oust" Heath. [illegible] Roosevelt and at the same time place the republican party in the attitude of working in the interest of a man who practically has been indicted for boodling in the Post Office Department. There is going to be a warm time and much republican dirty linen will be washed in the deliberations of the general committee. It will be a straight fight between Hanna and Roosevelt and Hanna is going to win. Watch the papers.

O. Panama deal is still a topic of official discussion here, and the chances are determined we every day. What is the next canal action. It may do they will shoot [illegible] if the most suspicious circumstances is attached to this government. Then the backs of things [illegible] another [illegible] of this republic [illegible] to grab San Domingo. [illegible] trouble down [illegible] for the [illegible] in this country [illegible] years to pull off, [illegible] Hanna [illegible] the Dominican Republic [illegible] of members of Congress [illegible] by this government [illegible] medical to San Domingo