

**Passed Away.**

On Thursday, November the 19th, without one note of warning and without one sign of premonition, the spirit of Joe T. Ward, the genial and affable proprietor of Ward's Hotel in this place, passed from earthly scenes to the Presence Chamber of the Great I Am. He had been a great sufferer with neuralgia for many months, and no one can describe the agony he endured. And notwithstanding he was such a sufferer no one dreamed that he was so near the Sunset, so near the precious surcease of suffering, so near the blissful repose, so near Heaven and its harmonies, its peace and its glories. As stated above he died suddenly, and without a struggle. Seated with two gentlemen, and with pencil in hand making some calculation, he threw his head back, and Joe Ward was at rest, his suffering ended. In his death another brave and chivalrous confederate soldier, whose legless pants told of scenes of heroism and of daring, has "crossed over the river," and joined the other fetterless martyrs in the grand Valhalla of eternity. Joe Ward was a high toned gentleman—upright and fair minded, a devoted and loyal and faithful husband, a fond and indulgent father; and these are the virtues which will keep his memory green and cease the tenderest feelings to hang around the grave of one so tender and yet so brave, so noble and so true.

**Bryan Electors Officially Notified.**

Proclamation by the Governor:  
"State of North Carolina,  
Executive Department.  
Whereas, the Secretary of State has under his hand and the seal of his office, in the manner prescribed by law, certified to me that the following named persons received the highest number of votes as electors of President and Vice-President for this State on November 3rd, 1896, to wit:

- Locke Craig, Ninth Congressional district.
- Robert B Davis, Sixth Congressional district.
- Ralph Howland, First Congressional district.
- Howard F Freeman, Second Congressional district.
- Charles R Thomas, Third Congressional district.
- William S Bailey, Fourth Congressional district.
- William D Merritt, Fifth Congressional district.
- Benjamin F Keith, Sixth Congressional district.
- Theodore F Klutz, Seventh Congressional district.
- Tyre York, Eighth Congressional district.
- Robert D Gilmer, Ninth Congressional district.

Now, therefore I, Elias Carr, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do, as directed by law, issue this my proclamation, declaring that the said Locke Craig, Robert B Davis, Ralph Howland, Howard F Freeman, Charles R Thomas, William S Bailey, William D Merritt, Benjamin F Keith, Theodore F Klutz, Tyre York, Robert D Gilmer, have been duly elected as electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, and I do warn each of them to attend at the Capitol in the city of Raleigh on the Tuesday preceeding the first Wednesday in December (December 1st,) 1896, to discharge the duties imposed upon them by law.

Done at the city of Raleigh this the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six and in the twenty-first year of American Independence.

ELIAS CARR,

By the Governor,  
S. F. TELFAIR,  
Private Secretary.

**CASTORIA.**

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Hutchins* is on every wrapper.

**Our Navy.**

As the present indications show we may almost at any time with very little notice have a rupture with Spain, our war resources will be of interest to all. At present the Cuban question is agitating the diplomatic circles of several countries. It seems that the United States will in a short while put an end to this struggle. If such happens Spain will turn her guns from the Cuban insurgents to our shores. The unusual activity in war preparations during the last few weeks is proof that the authorities at Washington feel that trouble may arise at almost any time. Believing this they have put forth to strengthen all of our war resources. The Chief Engineer Commodore Melyille made his report, it shows that all the modern ships are in good condition; a few in which machinery is being overhauled. The old time ships are, as usual, reported antique, but serviceable considering their age. The New York Navy Yard has done the largest quota of work, the expenditure \$346,927 on vessels, and the yard expenses \$130,537. The Norfolk yard disbursed \$122,320 on vessels, and \$49,471 on the yard. The Boston Navy Yard spent \$602 on vessels and \$10,115 on the yard. The Mare Island, California, yards disbursed \$123,362 on vessels and \$73,451 on the yard. The report urges that a boiler-making plant be provided at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and the League Island yards. As to the new dry dock at Port Royal, S. C., it says:

"The completion at this station of the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast, which will take the battleships, makes it imperative that there should be facilities for doing the ordinary repair work when one of these vessels is placed in dry dock. The necessity for providing for such repairs is too evident to require argument, especially as the great draft of water of these ships renders it almost impossible to take them either to Norfolk or New York Navy Yards for repairs."

**A Nash County Diamond.**

We are informed by a reliable business man that a farmer in Nash county found some time ago a diamond of this size on his farm. Our informant states that he saw it one evening about dark and it illumined a small room about 16x18. It was found some years ago. The business man states that he offered to advance \$100 on it for the farmer to send it on to be examined by experts.—Rocky Mount Phoenix.

**Buxton an Embezzler.**

Mr. J. B. Buxton, a prominent lawyer of Wilkesboro is missing. He disappeared from home a few days ago and some very unpleasant developments have since been made. A warrant has been issued for his arrest charging him with forgery and embezzlement in signing the certificates of the county clerk and register upon a mortgage deed by which he obtained money from A. L. Richardson, of New York.

**Notice.**

Messrs. G. S. Tucker & Co., of Raleigh, have opened a new line of furniture next door to Branch's Bank on Nash street. These gentlemen have put in a nice new lot of furniture which they will sell for cash or on the installment plan.

**Fits Cured**

From U.S. Journal of Medicine  
Prof. W. H. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address **Prof. W. H. PECK, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York**

**RADICAL EX-MINISTER, CURRY.**

**He Objects to the Stars and Stripes Floating Over Schoolhouses.**

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 20.—Dr. Curry, ex-minister to Spain and trustee of the Peabody and Slater funds, made an address yesterday before the colored students of Shaw university here, in which he used this rather startling language:

"I don't believe much in the idea of having the United States flag over our schools. I'd like to know what the United States government has done for our public schools in North Carolina to demand that the flag should hang over them. It never gave a cent to North Carolina schools except to the A. and M. colleges. It is a deception and a fraud to put the flag there. It is the state that gives you education."

Speaking of the negro he said: "I never could understand why the negro population remains so compact in the south instead of becoming scattered all over the Union. The northern men freed the negro. Why is it the negro does not go north, to be with his friends, instead of staying in the south among his enemy."

As to suffrage, Dr. Curry said: "I don't believe a man who cannot read his ballot ought to be allowed to put it into the box."

**A Fatal Initiation.**

DES MOINES, Nov. 19.—Edward W. Curry, chairman of the Democratic state committee, died at the Savery House yesterday of blood poisoning, the result of initiation into the Elks lodge here a few weeks ago. He was seated in an electric chair and horribly burned before those operating it realized what they were doing. It was kept quiet till yesterday. It was given out at his request that he had hemorrhoids.

**Death of Actor Mestayer.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—After several months' illness, W. A. Mestayer, the well known actor, died Saturday night of Bright's disease. Mr. Mestayer wrote, in conjunction with James Barton Key, "The Tourists in a Pullman Palace Car," which made him quite a fortune. This piece was followed by other works, including "We, Us and Co.," "Tobogganing" and "The Grab Bag."

**Twelve and a Half Years for Richter.**

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—William J. Richter was sentenced to twelve years and a half in the penitentiary on Saturday for the murder of James McConnell, his 13-year-old nephew. Richter made an address to the court, in which he said: "I thought my life was conspired against, and that taking the life of that boy would save my life." John Jack, of McKeesport, was convicted in the second degree for killing George C. Welsh during a political quarrel.

**Another Law Declared Unconstitutional.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Judge Carter, of the county court, has decided that the inheritance tax law passed by the last Illinois legislature is unconstitutional. The decision was rendered in the estate of the late John B. Drake, against which the county attorney began proceedings several months ago in the county court to collect the tax. The object of the proceedings was to test the validity of the law.

**Fatal Collapse of a Bridge.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 23.—A party of a dozen young people, who left Ensley City Saturday night for a hay ride, had their merriment transformed into death and disaster before they had proceeded a mile on their journey. While crossing a bridge the structure collapsed and all were thrown into Village creek, fifteen feet below. All were injured, three probably fatally.

**Wife Poisoner Sentenced to Six Years.**

ST. PAUL, Nov. 20.—Rev. J. C. Hull, the preacher on trial charged with attempting to poison his wife, yesterday afternoon pleaded guilty and was sentenced to state prison for six years.

**W. F. Hart, of Louisville, Ky., who has had nine wives, was sentenced to prison for bigamy.**

Henry Hicks, one of a mob of outlaws near Columbia, Miss., was shot and killed by a deputy sheriff.

**A foul breath is one of the greatest afflictions that a man or woman can have.**

An affliction not only to themselves, but to those with whom they come in contact. A foul breath is a dreadful discourager of affection, or rather of affection, or rather of affection, or rather of affection.

It would probably be more so if people only realized just what bad breath means. Bad breath is one of the symptoms of constipation. Some of the other symptoms are sour stomach, loss of appetite, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, heartburn and distress after eating. These things mean indigestion. They lead to dyspepsia and worse things. They all start with constipation, and constipation is inexcusable because it can be cured—cured easily, quickly and permanently, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are a perfect remedy for this most common of all troubles. They give to nature just the little help that she needs. They are very mild in their action, and act without any violence whatever. In this, they are different from many preparations offered for a similar purpose. Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease, but they are infallibly efficient. They do the work which they are intended to do, without deranging the system in any way. They not only give immediate relief, but the benefit derived from them is permanent. You can stop taking them by and by and there is no danger that you will become a slave to their use. The druggist who tries to sell you something else "just as good," either does not know what he is talking about, or he makes more money on the other thing. If you care more for his prosperity than you do for your own health, take the other thing. If you value your health, insist on having Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. A free sample, of from 4 to 7 doses, will be sent to any address. A copy of Dr. Pierce's celebrated 1008 page book, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," published by Dr. J. C. Root, will be sent free on receipt of twenty-one (21) cents in one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only. Address, **WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.**

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