

(Correspondence of the News.)

J. P. L. Answered.

Roanoke, N. C. May 15th, 1878.

Mr. Editor:—I notice a communication in your paper of recent date, signed J. P. L. on "our inferior court." I have also read with much interest, and satisfaction, the learned, logical and elegant letter of Col. D. C. Clark on the same—and really there remains nothing for me to say in further vindication of our inferior court, and its officers, so completely does the argument of Col. Clark, wither and perfectly demolish every attempted position of J. P. L. But Mr. Editor, although my name is not mentioned, it is referred to by incidents in the piece of J. P. L., and in terms so very unjust and I might say unfair, in reference to J. P. L. as even No. 2 I dislike newspaper controversies; they generally fail to interest, entertain, or enlighten the public, and frequently terminate without accomplishing any good to the community, or to the parties themselves. It would seem to the intelligent, and especially the legal mind, and all persons who are posted at all, in reference to the act of the Legislature, ordaining and establishing our inferior courts, that J. P. L. either possessed his reflections without a proper knowledge of the law, as it is, in creating our inferior courts, or else as Col. Clark suggests, to vent his spleen, and to take care of some of his pet lambs. For certainly his argument if such it can be called, would not bring into ridicule and contempt, our inferior courts, but would call for its total annihilation, as well as our Superior Courts, if I happened to be present when our inferior court was organized—of course as a silent spectator and observer, and I could not fail to notice the prominent and conspicuous part taken by J. P. L. then and now, the distinguished figure of meadowland. I think he displayed much ardency and enthusiasm for the establishment of our inferior courts—he did a large part of the nominating for officers of the court, and I reckon nearly two-thirds of the specification. I think he must have impressed every one present that he not only desired the formation of the court, but that he desired it constituted by electing our present very able, worthy and efficient court. Now how aware, how patriotic and inconsistent in the position taken by J. P. L. appear! Is he seeking notoriety as a writer on law, and the proper construction of the courts their modes of operation? If so he should be a little more cautious and prudent in what flows from his pen, as Col. Clark, might take the dissecting knife, and explain to the public what the law is which J. P. L. might dim and mystify. Is he ambitious? If so let me kindly refer him to Cardinal Wolsey's advice to Cromwell.

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We have received from the Secretary, Col. W. C. Knight, the premium list for the next annual fair of the Virginia State Agricultural Society. From a cursory glance at the list we are inclined to think the premiums liberal and well distributed. One feature we especially like, it is the offer of premiums of the value of \$150.00 for horsemanship by ladies. The encouragement thus offered to this beautiful and healthful exercise is in our opinion strictly within the scope of an agricultural Society and we hope to see like premiums offered at many other fairs.

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Before taking up the cogged of defence to correct the many false accusations drawn by Col. Clark in his answer to my previous note, permit me in behalf of the citizens of this part of the section, sometimes called "The Dark Corner," to return thanks for the introduction of fast mails and rapid delivery by means of industrious news boys. Many copies of your valuable paper containing his reply having reached us at the hour they are supposed to be in press, and three days in advance of their usual delivery.

Had the Colonel pondered the advice of his illustrious namesake, the original David Crockett, to wit: "First be sure you are right then go ahead," I think he would have left many things unsaid in his recent communication. He must have been provoked at a description of him as one of the "two bowers—a strong and lusty limb of the law," the figure describes exactly the fine, many Washingtonian face of the Colonel and his clean cut but partly fair, and I trust he will accept this as a fair interpretation. I also disclaim any intentionally unjust reflection upon any member of the court or other persons—it became necessary to make a recitation of facts on record, if these were wrong, this recitation made it neither more nor less of course I am not responsible for the "pitching about." There certainly should be no occasion for sneering on the suppression of facts when the men are sent to court and put upon trial for their honor, their liberty or their money—our courts are not secret inquisitions, and God grant they may never be.

The Colonel is aware no doubt that he has not made a fair interpretation of my meaning when he places upon the court "per se," all the blame for the irregularities in the two cases cited for the purpose of illustrating "the point in question," but in his labored defence of the court and I suppose as well its four terms, it seemed to be necessary to use not only a considerable amount of personalities, but some far fetched conclusions—for this I excuse him in sympathy as a better argument was wanting, and disclaim any intention to place him in an attitude of defence, but if he insists upon four terms of the inferior court when two may answer, then let him rise to explain, certainly if he has any respect for the wishes of his many friends in this section.

I can certainly attribute to the Colonel higher motives than those of a mercenary kind in the discussion of this subject, but some law or other question of "pabulum" seems to stand prominent in his acts and paramount to others supposed to be of greater moment to the masses, however he will no doubt give the writer credit for urging at our first meeting good wages as an inducement for the best talent, but as we have commanded the talent a low price we have heard of no complaint on this score.

It is hinted (and by the Colonel) that we need not attempt reformation measures in our country Government and that it is all very well to talk about economy but the difficulty is to get anything to economize on, on the other hand I am informed by those acquainted with the facts that there is no occasion for uneasiness, "all is well as time will show"—"no more it be"—and good sir's show us the corner of a ragged \$100 for the sake of these thirty eyes. We will then agree to wait your convenience and flourish a little while longer on paper and promises at home and perchance on bread and water and "linked sweetness on bays' logic long drawn out" while we wait upon our numerous courts.

I do not flatter myself that I could meet the witty Colonel in an even handed discussion, but in this case conscious of the rectitude of my own deductions and urged by the concurrent opinions of many of the best citizens of this section I have endeavored to set him and the public right by pointing out some of his many errors conclusions.

By all means let us adopt the Colonel's motto, "First justice, rest calm," and this also for friendship's sake, "Sic utere tuo ut non alterius alicuius." Quodam J. P. L.

New the "ANONYMOUS SCHIBLER."

SPECIAL LOCALS.

100 sacks of Liverpool salt 200 lbs., at \$1.25. Also 50 barrels herrings. WINFIELD & EMBRY.

In time of peace prepare for war. While all is quiet don't forget to insure your property with R. F. Butler, General Insurance Agent.

Sixteen Sewing Machines, needles and all attachments, for sale at White & Stainback's Bottom Store.

100!!! 100!!!—One hundred lbs. of Flour just received and for sale cheap for cash. WHITE STAINBACK & GOUGH.

Call and examine our large and new selected stock of Crookery before purchasing. WHITE STAINBACK & GOUGH.

If you die soon will your family be provided for? If not be sure to insure your life in the M & T POLITICAL.

Two elegant business and 1 pleasure wagons for one or two horses for sale cheap at the Roanoke Agricultural works Weldon. WINFIELD & EMBRY.

Winfield and Embry have to arrive 10 barrels of flour and 25,000 pounds of bacon, which they will sell at Baltimore prices, without any charge for freight. WINFIELD & EMBRY.

Just received a lot of Miles Celebrated Waincoat and Buttoned Shirts. Call and see them, we guarantee satisfaction. WHITE STAINBACK & GOUGH.

You can find Boiled Lard Oil, Raw Lard Oil, Machine Oil for Gies, and Sewing Machine Oil, Lard Oil, Tanners Oil, at T. A. Clark's Drug Store.

On and after October 1st all goods will be sold, strictly for cash. Every thing done at lowest prices. Call and see as before purchasing else where. WINFIELD & EMBRY.

PLEASE remember that your little accounts are past due and we respectfully ask a settlement at the same. WHITE & STAINBACK, Bottom Store.

Just to hand one car load Liverpool fine salt, full weight, factory filled 1.65 per sack. Also at Garysburg 8 bars same price. R. P. SPIERS, Bottom Store.

THE BEST FERTILIZER.—Therefore you should call at the price of Fertilizers for which we are agents—before buying elsewhere. WHITE & STAINBACK, Bottom Store.

FARMERS save money by using the Home Fertilizer, made at home by the Formula of Boykin, Carmer & Co., which has given such general satisfaction, where tried. The chemicals can be had pure of T. A. Clark Weldon N. C. Agent for Boykin Carmer & Co. May 15th.

THE PICTURE ON THE WALL.

(For the Roanoke News.)

Just between the curtains window, Where the shadows softly fall, Laying there a touch of sadness, Hangs a picture on the wall, Our sainted father's picture, Hanging there upon the wall.

And the curtains as they waver, In the breeze and half unrolled, Letting sunlight on the picture Like a hand of purest gold, Make the dear eyes beam upon us, Beams and sparkling as of old.

Softly on the sofa forebared, Lies the shining raven hair, As though the light of heaven had A moment rested there, Like a gleaming silver hair, Just an instant lingered there.

But the lot and bitter tear drops From our orphan hearts arise, When the light looks upon us With such tender loving eyes, For death has laid his fingers Coldly on these loving eyes.

How we linger there before it, As our tears in silence fall, While the curtains waver sadly, And the light looks gently fall— Fall about our father's picture, As it hangs upon the wall.

A. V. P.

We are under many obligations to our friends Messrs. Ferabee, Farris and W. N. Jones, for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises at Wake Forest College which come off on the 11th, 12th and 13th of June. We notice from the ticket, which is very neatly gotten up, that Rev. Henry McDonald, D. D., of Richmond, Va., will deliver the oration to the Literary Societies; this alone would be sufficient to attract a large crowd.

Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., of Philadelphia, has been invited to preach the sermon before the graduating class, and Hon. G. W. Blount, of Wilson, N. C., the address before the Alumni. These gentlemen are of high intellectual culture, and we think the committee has exercised good judgment in their selection. On Thursday the 13th the graduates for this year who are Messrs. J. C. Caddell, John G. Banoh, F. R. Cooper, A. E. Walters, W. E. Daniel, W. T. Jordan, W. R. Ford and N. D. Johnson, will deliver their graduating addresses and receive their degrees. On Thursday night there will be a social gathering in the Literary Hall, complimentary to the graduates. In addition to the usual exercises, we understand that the orator selected for a new building to be known as Science Hall, will be laid down, with the attending ceremonies. We notice that our young friend Mr. Wiley G. Ferabee represents the Euclidian Society as its Chief Marshal on that occasion, and Mr. J. F. McMillan the Philanthropist Society in the same capacity. Every arrangement has been made to make the ensuing commencement an ordinary festive affair, at Wake Forest. We shall be pleased to attend, and will do so if possible.

OBITUARY.

Died, on the 20th day of May 1878, in the 74th year of his age, James Drewery Esq., by the feelings of deep regret, and no ordinary feelings of sorrow, that we record the death of this most excellent and prominent man. His loss has thrown a dark, deep gloom over his many friends and relations with whom he was a particular favorite, for he eminently possessed many high qualities of head and heart to endear himself to all. The loss of our friends in the advanced stage of life will ever throw a gloom around us, but we mourn for him knowing that his death was in the ordinary course of nature, but when one so bright is suddenly taken away in the still hours of night without time to tell his family farewell, our hearts are so overwhelmed with that poignant feeling of sorrow that while we bow to this mysterious decree of Providence, we are almost tempted to complain of the flower being cut down. The subject of this notice was carefully nurtured by kind friends, who regarded his profession of christianity, which they held dear to their hearts, and indeed in this they were not disappointed, for he soon began to display these noble traits, of heart and mind to a realization of all the hopes which could possibly be expected of him, he connected himself with the Methodist church, and close strict attention to all the christian duties was the one absorbing and constant aim of his life. Of a quiet, meek, and amiable disposition, he was the admiration of all who came within the scope of his meek influence, and while his intercourse with his friends was marked with a certain degree of ease, freedom and cheerfulness, it was of that agreeable and tender kind, and in which every one felt bound, such christian virtues as to call forth the laudable praises of both sexes. But it was at home, surrounded by the members of the family circle, where he was still more lovely.

It was here where his christian virtues and influence were more particularly brought forth to adorn and give credit to the religion which he professed. His every day life was that of a christian in every acceptance of the term. He told his wife the morning previous to his death, that his end was fast approaching, and that but a few days were allotted to him on earth and on the last Sunday night he quietly and calmly passed away. Obed his precious lamb in the back of the Good shepherd, safely lodged in heavenly pastures. One more angel to join in the chorus of praise to the most high, and to look in the agonies of death his shining and sparkling crown. In death he is beautiful, a calm, serene smile denoting that he was at rest. The family of the bereaved have the sympathy of the writer.

Then waken no more, the loved one sleeps, Buried in earth, and sorrow flows, Bright angels guard his tomb, who weep, For an angel pure as he, And when a few more suns shall rise, A low melodious pass on, We will meet him as we read the skies, And parting be no more.

MILLARD C. WHEELER, Boykin Depot, Va.

Great Decline in Sugar Coffee and Meat.

L. A. FARINHOLT'S RETAIL PRICES

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