

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1879.

CAPT. W. H. KITCHEN voted for Randall for Speaker.

GEN. T. W. SHERMAN is dead. This is not William Tecumseh.

SENATOR RANSOM is chairman of the committee on Railroads.

The United States Senator, George Goldthwaite died suddenly in Mont gomery, Ala. on the 16th inst.

JOE TURNER was formally reprimanded in the house of Representatives for contempt on the last day of the session.

According to caucus agreement, Senator Ransom will have choice of the chairmanship of either the committee on Library or on Railroads.

In the Democratic caucus on the 17th Randall received the nomination for Speaker. He received 75 votes; Blackburn 67; McMahon 3; Cox 4. This insures the election of Randall. Garfield received the unanimous vote of the Republican caucus for Speaker.

**WELDON AND RINGWOOD TURNPIKE.**

One good evidence of the prosperous community is good roads, a stranger passing through a section of country judges of its financial condition by its general appearance; nothing strikes him so forcibly as bad roads. Our county for some time past has been cursed by roads over which it is at times almost impossible to pass. The roads leading from Weldon are among the worst in the county, one reason of this, is probably the large amount of travel over them. If the roads were good this travel would increase. When people have to haul produce and supplies long distances, and have the choice of two or three shipping points, as is the case in the Ringwood and Binkleyville section, they are sure to choose the route which is best for vehicles, because they can carry larger loads with less labor to the teams. If the citizens of Weldon are alive to their true interests they will take some steps to build the road.

They all say they want people to come here to trade, and bring their cotton; they say they want people to come here to live. But we have not seen one single step taken to bring this about nor a single inducement offered. We cannot sit still and see all these things come to pass. If we want them, we must do something. We cannot expect other people to build roads without our help, when we are to be as much benefited as they are.

If the turnpike is to be built the citizens of Weldon must begin the work and we ask them to meet together and see cannot some means be devised to accomplish this object. A gentleman who lives in Ringwood informs us that the people in his section are in favor of the road, and will aid in building it. They want, he says, a meeting called so that the people of both sections can unite and form a plan of operations. We call on our public spirited business men to give their attention to this, and fix on some day for the meeting and notify every man in, and near Ringwood and request them to attend. Build the turnpike by all means, and let us have a big city. We have all natural advantages and they only need to be developed.

**THE INFERIOR COURT.**

Within the last ten years crime has increased to such an extent, that each term of the Superior Court for Halifax county has had most of its time occupied with the trial of criminal cases; causing the civil docket to be continued from term to term until the business of the court had accumulated so that special terms became necessary to dispose of it no longer than a year ago. The commissioners at the request of the bar asked for, and obtained, a special term which lasted six weeks at a heavy expense to the county.

The Legislature, to give relief from this state of things created the Inferior Court system, and the justices of this county availed themselves of the law, and established an Inferior Court. What are the results? Since the establishment of the Inferior Court, the criminal dockets of the Superior Court have been decreasing, until at the term now in session, there are only thirty-nine state cases to be tried, and these will be disposed of during the first week; and the civil docket will be called before Monday of the second week, for the first time in five years, nearly. This no doubt is owing to the Inferior Court, which during its last session had before it more than eighty cases. Now if these cases had been on the dockets of the Superior Court, the disposal of them would have occupied nearly the whole two weeks of the term, and suitors might wait for the transaction of their business, until people stopped fighting and stealing, or until the commissioners asked for a special term. The Inferior Court has

ing four terms a year, gives a speedy trial, thereby saving the county something in the way of feeding prisoners. However, the people can do as they choose, and abolish or continue the Inferior Court as they think best. But it is a matter of importance, and should not be done without mature deliberation; and in the meantime we invite a discussion of the question through our columns by those who favor and those who oppose it. We believe in the court and favor its existence, and will hold to our opinion until we are convinced of our error. But if the people differ with us we bow.

**COMMUNICATED.**

ENFIELD, N. C., March 15th, 1879.

To the Justices of the Peace of the county of Halifax:

GENTLEMEN:—In the year 1877, and for several years prior to that time, the docket of the Superior Court of this and some other counties was so large that it was almost impossible to try a civil case at any of the regular terms, and the trial of civil actions was thus prevented to such an extent as to amount to a denial of justice. To remedy this evil was passed the act of March 1877, giving to the justices of each county authority to establish the Inferior Court, with jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the Superior Court, to inquire of, try, hear and determine all proceedings in bastardy, and all crimes and misdemeanors excepting those whereof exclusive original jurisdiction is given to courts of justices of the Peace, and except the crimes of murder, manslaughter, arson, rape, assault with intent to commit rape, burglary, larceny, libel, perjury, forgery and highway robbery—with right of appeal in all cases to the Superior Court. At the time that you established the Inferior Court there was a great necessity for it; and it has I think, been the exception perhaps of one term, been the saving of much money to the county.

But the Legislature which has just adjourned has given to you exclusive original jurisdiction of no less than fifteen criminal offenses of which the Inferior Court had jurisdiction; and there is now little for the Inferior Court to try besides cases of larceny and fornication and adultery, and there is therefore at present no necessity for it, as the Superior Court will in all probability be able to dispose of all criminal offenses of which you have not exclusive original jurisdiction, as well as all the civil actions.

Each term of the Inferior Court will cost the county about five hundred dollars as follows: Pay of jurors \$372.75, fees of sheriff for summoning jury \$90.00, pay of chairman of court \$50.00, pay of associate justices \$36.00. If there is no absolute necessity for this expenditure I am sure it will be your pleasure to stop it as soon as possible. But you can only abolish the Inferior Court, at a regular term of said court, in the presence of the justices of said court, after three months notice to that effect. This could not be done before the August term, and in the meantime the May term will entail upon the county a useless expense of \$500.00. Can this be avoided? It seems to have been thought by some that the Solicitor for this court was completely in the hands of the presiding justices, to be removed or appointed at their will; but the Legislature has provided that all vacancies in the offices of the Inferior Court shall be filled by you. If therefore you should accept my resignation, and decline to elect another Solicitor, there would be no one to prosecute for the State. The County Commissioners, I have no doubt, would at your request cause to be summoned for the May term no jurors—two of the presiding justices might, on the first day of the term, adjourn the court; and thus the useless expense to the county of \$500 could be avoided.

In the meantime the necessary notice to be given by you, and the court abolished at the August term; and the few cases then on the docket transferred, as is provided by law, to the Superior Court.

With my sincere thanks for the honor conferred, and for the kind words and earnest support which I have at all times received from you in the discharge of my unpleasant and arduous duties, and for the purpose of assisting you in more speedily relieving the county of a great and useless expense, I now tender to you my resignation of the office of Solicitor of the Inferior Court of this county. And I take the liberty of suggesting that you meet at Halifax courthouse on Tuesday the 25th inst., for the purpose of accepting the same and taking such other steps as to you may seem necessary.

I am, with much respect,  
Very truly yours,  
SHER WHITEHARTER.

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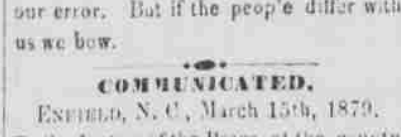
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**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having this day qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of Isaac N. Faulcon, late of Halifax county, deceased, before the Judge of Probate for said county, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement and all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, or his Atty. W. H. Day, duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This 23d. Jan. 79.

S. JOHNSTON,  
Administrator. Jan 30 79.

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**Halifax County.**

**Superior Court.**

**Spring Term '79.**

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Against Sol. Frank and Charles Adler, trading under the firm name of Frank & Adler, Defendants.

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Witness, John T. Gregory, Clerk of said Court, in said Halifax town, this 27th day of January A. D. 1879.

JOHN T. GREGORY,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
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Mullen & Moore, Day & Hall, Whiteaker Attys for Plaintiff. Jan 30 79.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF LAND**

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Halifax county, I shall sell to make assets, at the Court house door in the town of Halifax on the 17th day of March, 1879, the following tracts or parcels of land belonging to the estate of Edward Conigland: 1 The Conigland & Burton office and lot in the town of Halifax, a very desirable location. 2 The Old Orchard lot, opposite the store of Dwyer & Merrill, near Halifax, and containing 134 acres. 3 The River tract, near Halifax, and containing about 145 acres. Very fertile. 4 The Pope tract, lying on the east of the W. & R. R. C., and containing 422 acres, with large buildings. As doubts have been suggested as to the title to this tract, I announce that I will sell a fee-simple title, and will pay the costs of testing it before the Supreme Court, before purchase money is paid. 5 The upper tract, adjoining C. Bradley's and others, containing about 250 acres, with buildings. Terms, I cash, remainder in 12, 18 and 24 months, on bond with approved security, with interest at 8 per cent from day of sale. Title retained. A fine opportunity is here presented to make good bargains.

Halifax, N. C. Jan 25th 1879.

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