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RINGWOOD.

SICKNESS—MR. T. H. TAYLOR—JUDGE GREGORY'S LETTER—MR. CLEVELAND—FINE TOBACCO SALES—CLIMATE, SOIL, RAILROAD PROSPECTS—PERSONAL.

Our esteemed townsman Mr. N. A. Spivey has been quite sick for two weeks. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

A little daughter of Mr. George Davis, of Arcola, is quite sick at the home of Mr. T. H. Taylor, where she has been going to school to the accomplished lady and teacher Miss Mary Wills.

In staying all night with Mr. T. H. Taylor recently he gave me a history of his prison life at Point Lookout and Elmyra and it is as interesting as it can be and filled with hairbreadth escapades, and thrilling adventure. Mr. Taylor is one of the best conversationalists I ever met and can interest you for two hours at least on his prison life.

The letter of our countyman, Judge Gregory, was widely circulated and did the cause much good. Judge Gregory is an able and competent officer, and his letter was admirably written and well conceived. Long may he live to battle for the right.

The election of Mr. Cleveland is a triumph of the people in spite of the fine service of Messrs. Croker, Shehan, Cookran, Hill and all of the braves of Tammany, whose efforts we have no wish to underrate. Not they, but the patriotism of all America elected Grover Cleveland. Patriot and spoilsman alike may be sure that while he will acknowledge just obligation to friend and party, he will not forget or disappoint the disinterested millions whose votes are appeals to his manhood and honor. Mr. Cleveland at present is the most splendid figure in the world; he is the representative of the justice and truths of the people; he is the chosen champion of the pure in politics, called and chosen by a people tried unto exhaustion with the practice of the base and will show to the people that he has not unlearned his old knowledge of how to be a pure man and a patriot, how to be an American and a statesman as well as a chief of party. Hurray for Cleveland.

Recent tobacco sales at Rocky Mount have demonstrated the fact that we have the finest tobacco lands in the State. Mr. Joe King, farming for Mr. T. H. Taylor, sold at an average of \$125 00 per acre, and many others did as well or better. Mr. J. W. Cole, Mr. Williams' tobacco manager, who has been one of the best and most successful for the past three years says our lands are the best in the world to raise the golden leaf tobacco and there is money in it to those who are painstaking and work. So with the prospect of a railroad to utilize our fine timber and other products, our fine tobacco lands, healthful climate, and fertile soil, we will have the fair Goddess of Plenty to reign over a smiling land.

Miss Fannie Vinson, one of Brinkleyville's charming and accomplished daughters, was visiting friends and relatives in our town last week.

Miss B. R. Proctor, one of Virginia's brightest jewels, is making wonderful success with her well equipped school here.

Messrs. Harrison and Beavens, two of Brinkleyville's most brilliant young men, were in town Sunday, "rushing the girls in style."

Dr. A. S. Harrison, of Weldon, much esteemed by all, is in town.

I heard Rev. Mr. Vanderborgat preach at St. Clements church on Sunday night. His discourse was on "Christian unity," and was instructive and interesting.

G. E. M.

AN OLD FRIEND.

We do not know how many votes our old friend in Halifax, Capt. Edward A. Thorne, received as the Weaverite candidate for Congress, but he did not "get there," and made rather a poor run in Warren and his own county, Halifax, where he is best known. He was on the wrong ticket. He had really no excuse for training with the gang he did. Born well, with a partial course at the University, a man of sense, a life long steward in the Methodist Church, he ought to have kept away from such madness and folly. He wounded many friends and damaged himself and yet all in vain, for he is still "out in the cold." We can never cease to feel very kindly for him, for our friendship has been exceedingly close for thirty-three years nearly, but we profoundly regret his very unwise course. We hope he will return to the old party of wisdom, principle and opportunities. His vagaries shall not affect our friendship for him. We do not turn our back upon a true and tried friend, however much we may deplore unwise and unfortunate conduct. We must be very glad in his defeat, for he deserved it.—Wilmington Messenger.

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.

SKETCHES OF CHIEF JUSTICE SHEPHERD AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICE BURWELL.

Raleigh Chronicle.

CHIEF JUSTICE SHEPHERD.

James Edward Shepherd was born in Nansemond county, Va., July 26, 1847. His parents, Thomas, and Ann Eliza (Browne) Shepherd, were also Virginians by birth and of English lineage. Part of his ancestors were North Carolinians, and one on his maternal side, Dr. Albrighton Browne, a surgeon in the English navy, purchased lands on the Nottaway and Chowan rivers and settled there.

Judge Shepherd's mother died when he was but two years old and the death of his father followed in 1859. Soon thereafter he came to North Carolina with his oldest brother, William S., and settled at Murfreesboro, which he made his home till the war came on, when, at the age of fourteen, he enlisted in the Confederate Army. Being too young for other service, he was made a "marker" and as such continued for twelve months, when he was selected as military operator in which capacity he did both field and station work till the close of the war. Here as elsewhere he distinguished himself for his fidelity to duty. The fall of his elder brother Lieut. W. S. Shephard, while leading his company at Sharpsburg, deprived him of his chief counsellor and friend, and when the war closed he had to begin the battle of life alone, without money and dependent upon his own exertion. Not discouraged, however, he took charge of the telegraph office in Wilson, N. C., and supported himself while he prosecuted his studies—especially the law, for which he early developed a fondness and aptness. After several years of such preparation and work, he entered the State University, where he studied law under the late Wm. H. Battle, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He began the practice of law in Wilson, but in 1871 moved to Washington, N. C., and formed a co-partnership with Major Thomas Sparrow.

Already rising in his profession, in 1872 he was most happily married to Miss Elizabeth B., eldest daughter of Mr. Silvester T. Brown. Two sons have blessed their union, James E., deceased, and Silvester B. Shepherd.

Judge Shepherd was a member of the constitutional convention of 1875, and though the youngest man in the convention, he was on the judiciary committee, where he showed his usual skill and industry. He began his judicial career as a judge of the inferior court in 1876. His bearing and conduct there and in his profession was such that in the summer of 1882 he was nominated superior court judge for the first district, to which position he was elected at the ensuing election, filling in the meantime, by appointment of Governor Jarvis, the unexpired term of Judge Eure, who had resigned. Serving with fidelity and acceptability until 1888, he was nominated and elected a justice of the supreme court, which position he occupied until his recent appointment as Chief Justice by Governor Holt.

On the bench Judge Shepherd has developed his fine legal ability by the most patient and assiduous study. He is noted for his moderation and conservatism. In manner he is kind and affable, modest and unostentatious. He is popular with the bar as well as the people. This appointment is eminently fit. It will give universal satisfaction. The new Chief Justice will prove a worthy successor of the profound jurists who have gone before him.

JUSTICE ARMISTEAD BURWELL.

This gentleman was appointed by Governor Holt a Justice of the Supreme court last week.

Justice Burwell is the second son of the Rev. Robert Barwell, D. D., of Raleigh. He was born in Hillsboro, N. C., October 22, 1839. He was prepared for college at that place and entered Davidson College, where he graduated in 1859 with the first honor of his class. After graduation he taught school in Statesville, N. C., and in the summer of 1860 took charge of a school in Princeton, Arkansas, where he resided at the breaking out of the war. He entered the Confederate service as a member of the 4th Arkansas cavalry, being one of six brothers who served in the Southern army, and was soon made adjutant general of General Frank Armstrong's cavalry brigade. In the fighting before Atlanta he was wounded in the right arm and disabled from further active service in the field. After the war he made Charlotte, N. C., his home, and was for a time principal of the male academy of that city, studying law in the meantime

under Col. John E. Brown. In 1867 he obtained county court license, and in 1869 Superior Court license. For several years Mr. Burwell was a law partner of Senator Vance, which partnership was dissolved only when the Senator was elected Governor in 1876. He served in the State Senate from Mecklenburg county, and took a high stand in that body. At the time of his appointment to the Superior court bench he was a member of the law firm of Barwell & Walker, which enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Burwell is regarded as one of the foremost lawyers of the State, and in every respect qualified for a place on the bench of our highest court. He is a gentleman of high social position of unblemished reputation and enjoys the confidence of the whole people. In war he was a gallant soldier, and in peace he has ever been loyal to the best interest of his State. His appointment will give great satisfaction to his section, and will be received throughout the State with marked approval. Mr. Burwell was married in 1870 to Miss Ella Jenkins, of Salisbury, and of this marriage there are three children—two daughters and one son.

BY A TOUCH OF THE HAND.

REMARKABLE CURES EFFECTED BY AN EVANGELIST IN A PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

A special to the Philadelphia Press from Wilkesbarre says:

This town is excited over some wonderful faith cures performed by a man calling himself "The Healing Evangelist," who has now for two days been healing persons who for years have been sick. The first service was held last night at the M. E. church. After a sermon by the healer a large number of sick persons were treated by laying on of hands, and some very remarkable results were obtained. Several deaf persons were made to hear; several were freed entirely from rheumatic pains and stiffness. A man with heart disease suddenly felt the heart beating naturally. Another unable to bend his back from lumbago and sciatica quickly and easily stepped to and from the floor. A woman in an agony of extreme pain instantly declared her anguish had gone, and kneeling down with sobs and tears thanked God for her wonderful improvement. A man nearly blind said his sight was greatly helped, and he then correctly described objects fifteen feet distant, which was impossible before. Many others were treated with remarkable success.

Another meeting was held today and the little church could not hold the large crowd which assembled to see the wonderful healer. After discourses by the pastor and Rev. P. Warson many treated the previous evening arose and emphatically testified that the benefits they obtained had continued permanently. A large number of new patients were treated. Eosign Wedemans, 45 years, totally deaf ear, instantly heard a whisper, and the same happened to the totally deaf ears of T. Davenport, E. Evans and several others. William Lane said his asthmatic symptoms were instantly removed. Mrs. L. Reeve's withered and totally powerless arm relieved instantly, and she raised it to her head and the long, bent and crooked fingers were loosened and strengthened. Mrs. S. Wincom's rheumatic pains ceased right away. Mrs. M. Butler's chronic neuralgia left her at once. Mrs. Brenner's rheumatism yielded and for the first time in years she knelt, raised her feet to a chair seat and ran and jumped like a girl. William Hayden's lost speech was greatly restored, and his rheumatic feet, that he could not raise, were so helped that he jumped on and off a chair and then ran and leaped. "Praise God," he said, and all the audience responded with a hearty "Amen." Scores of other equally striking results were obtained.

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