

# The Chatham Record

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## OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

We hope that the next Legislature will devise some judicial system by which justice may be more cheaply and speedily administered in North Carolina. All admit that it is now too costly and dilatory. The cost and delay are both unnecessary. If any one doubts this, let him have a suit in court and he will soon be convinced. It is needless to argue that some reform or change is needed, for everybody is convinced of that, but the question arises what changes are best?

The Legislature in 1877 authorized the establishment of inferior courts of limited criminal jurisdiction, and a few counties have established them, but while these courts have been of some benefit yet they have not given some satisfaction. The Legislature in 1881 discussed at some length a bill to establish a number of criminal judicial districts, the sources of which were to be held by judges of the State. The bill was finally removed, and its passage seemed certain, but it was finally defeated because one in was then said to be members of the Legislature who aspired to be the Judges and Senators of the proposed districts, and themselves. We hope that the next Legislature will not be thus influenced.

We have again delayed an increase in the number of our Supreme Court Judges, and we sincerely hope that the Legislature will see the importance and propose an amendment to the State Constitution providing for it. While these Judges might have been sufficient before the war, now it is impossible for that number to properly discharge the important duties devolved upon them.

The citizens of North Carolina need and deserve a cheaper and more speedy judicial system than our next Legislature can do better work than devising some help in this respect.

## HOLDEN'S HISTORY.

Ex-Gov. Holden has announced his purpose to write a history of the sketch of North Carolina from 1861 to 1885, and requests persons who have them to send him documents or facts relating to men and events in this State for the last thirty years. Such a work will doubtless be a valuable contribution to our State's history, for the author is eminently well qualified for the task he proposes. That period of our State's history (from 1861 to 1885) has been its most interesting and important. It has been full of exciting events, and for a greater portion of it Mr. Holden was one of the chief actors in it. He is a writer of unusual capacity, and we may add probability of greater experience than anyone now living in this State. While, of course, it is natural to suppose that he will attempt a defense of his own conduct and career, yet we believe that he will try to be as fair and just as his man nature will permit to those who differed with him. It is possible that his history may cause some one else to write one in answer thereto, and thus ample matter for forming for a more impartial history in the future.

## A STEAMER SUNK.

On last Thursday night the steamship D. H. Miller, collided with another steamer and was sunk, but fortunately all the crew and passengers were saved. This steamer belonged to the Merchants and Miners Company, and was the one that carried the North Carolina exhibitors to the Boston Exposition last year. It was a costly and well equipped ship, and a full description of it we published upon our return from Boston, which probably is remembered by the Revere's readers. In its loss we feel somewhat like an old friend had gone.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The recent session of the Methodist Conference at Wilmington was one of the pleasantest that body has ever held. The next session will be held at Charlotte. The reports all showed a steady growth in every department of the Church's work. The following statistics were reported, viz.: number of Preachers, 249; white members 74,888; and colored members 182; number baptized, 5,297; Sunday schools, 847; teachers, 5,506; and scholars, 46,026; churches, 848; and parsonages, 96.

Cox was met last Monday according to law. It is thought that no important legislation will be attempted this session. The President's message was a plain, practical and conservative document.

## THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

The Board of State Canvassers have completed their work, and we can now give our readers the full official vote of the State. As heretofore announced Cleveland received 142,965; Blaine 125,068 and St. John 448. We publish below the vote for Governor by counties:

	1880	1884	
COUNTIES	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
Alexander	792	375	343
Alleghany	514	247	505
Ashe	1057	103	131
Aston	1372	603	1890
Attala	1117	127	1622
Benton	1717	173	201
Bertie	1188	172	3114
Bladen	1278	158	142
Brunswick	702	890	921
Buncombe	1925	150	2085
Burke	1671	816	1278
Cabarrus	1167	1057	1006
Campbell	971	411	1251
Carteret	611	527	659
Caswell	188	705	1174
Chowan	1449	1790	157
Clayton	286	1888	248
Cleveland	734	616	539
Cowan	470	874	73
Craighead	506	184	375
Dare	1671	514	298
Douglas	1577	922	1893
Drown	4300	2816	135
Dutherford	273	210	247
Easley	988	323	347
Floyd	1458	921	1378
Graham	1774	1885	1876
Franklin	91	898	106
Forbes	1863	1211	242
Granville	280	205	211
Greene	1723	317	347
Hanover	1755	1796	2104
Harrison	2551	1988	2145
Hawkins	1366	1127	1377
Hicks	140	545	1
Holmes	482	187	17
Hoke	873	105	17
Holmes	257	2248	43
Hood	217	62	17
Hudson	1275	212	217
Hughes	109	72	126
Haywood	75	17	44
Henderson	171	84	78
Hickman	26	113	142
Henderson	75	364	867
Henry	231	1668	287
Hickman	65	213	73
Holmes	2007	1507	1824
Holmes	313	79	73
Holmes	1687	175	16
Holmes	136	106	73
Holmes	587	205	179
Holmes	947	108	187
Holmes	1084	1295	1474
Holmes	775	37	551
Holmes	428	320	375
Holmes	157	96	1148
Holmes	605	889	901
Holmes	1352	1357	1737
Holmes	1550	1307	1373
Holmes	1570	93	1576
Holmes	373	1052	808
Holmes	908	120	1215
Holmes	749	435	481
Holmes	584	386	738
Holmes	1976	1834	2044
Holmes	1410	1710	1968
Holmes	2253	1304	2384
Holmes	2361	1502	2443
Holmes	1979	1570	2336
Holmes	1204	1218	1517
Holmes	2168	1608	2327
Holmes	873	606	1190
Holmes	1181	966	1334
Holmes	1370	959	1371
Holmes	404	67	194
Holmes	392	284	459
Holmes	419	353	485
Holmes	1481	888	1048
Holmes	988	1182	1155
Holmes	1280	1618	1727
Holmes	947	2172	1146
Holmes	621	350	648
Holmes	672	552	624
Holmes	2330	2233	2736
Holmes	1486	1548	1391
Holmes	1573	1380	2135
Holmes	929	1153	956
Holmes	689	418	749

MAJORITY FOR DURKEE, 6,247.  
MAJORITY FOR STODDARD, 20,210.

The other State officers received the following votes: Lt. Governor, Stevens 142,866; Lieutenant Governor, Roberts 142,800; Lawyer 121,534; Treasurer, Bain 142,833; State Auditor 122,998; Attorney General, Davidson 142,367; Auditor 122,562; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Fager 142,080; Winston 121,363.

For Justice of the Supreme Court Morrison received 119,307 votes and Russel 118,949, so that Mr. Morrison's vote was less than Stoddard's majority was larger.

The following is the vote for Congressman, by districts: First district, Shaffer 16,381; Reference 13,637; Skinner's majority 2,288; second district, O'Hara 142,366; Woodward 15,609; O'Hara's majority 12,697; third district, Green 16,785; Bragdon 12,252; Green's majority 5,533; fourth district, Cox 18,330; Turner 13,448; Cox's majority 4,882; fifth district, Bennett 16,334; Dickey 14,010; Bennett's majority 5,334; seventh district, Henderson 14,297; Ramsey 10,851; Henderson's majority 3,446; eighth district, Cowles 14,422; Green 8,635; Cowles' majority 3,386; ninth district, Johnston 13,643; Estes 10,466; Johnston's majority 4,558.

It will be seen from the above that Cox received the largest majority of all the democratic Congressmen and that ours is the banner district; and as Chatham gave Cox the largest majority in this district, Chatham is the banner county of the banner district.

## Methodist Appointments.

The following are the appointments of the Ministers in the North Carolina Conference for the ensuing year:

### RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D., Presiding Elder.

Raleigh, Edenton Street, W. L. Cunningham; Brooklyn and Macedonia mission, to be supplied by J. T. Batt; Cary circuit, J. B. Hobbs; Rolesville circuit, J. D. Bule; Smithfield circuit, Daniel May; Clayton circuit, J. E. Wiley; Tar River circuit, B. C. Allard; Louisburg station, W. S. Rome; Oxford circuit, T. A. Boone; Henderson circuit, J. E. Ream; Buckhorn circuit, A. E. Wiley; Newland Grove mission, D. A. Walker; Raleigh Christian Advocate, F. L. Reid and W. S. Black.

### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Rev. P. J. Carraway, presiding elder.

Wilmington, Front Street, E. L. Pitt; Washington Station, T. E. Riedl; W. H. Calhoun; Superintendant, Bath circuit, to be supplied by S. H. Gentry; Plymouth station, W. R. Ware; Columbia circuit, C. C. Brothers; Matthews Reed circuit, J. D. Carpenter; Fansleth circuit, F. A. Bishop; Hatteras mission, to be supplied by J. G. Pegram; Ports mouth and Ocracoke mission, L. O. Wyche.

### THE COTTON KING COOK STOVE.

Rev. W. J. Caraway, presiding elder.

Porter's Powder House, scales,

the cotton king cook stove,

at wholesale and retail prices.

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