

Another "reform" of the last Legislature was made known to the citizens of this (Chatham) county during the present term of our superior court. It was the new method of drawing jurors in the trial of capital cases. Heretofore, unless otherwise demanded by the defendant, the special venire, or the extra jurors, in capital cases were summoned by the sheriff indiscriminately from among the freeholders. But the last Legislature changed this by compelling all these extra jurors, or special venire, to be drawn from the jury box in open court. Accordingly, on last Tuesday, the special venire, or extra jurors, in two capital cases were drawn in this manner, city jurors in each case. Immediately after the names of these jurors were drawn the sheriff had to hurry his deputies all over the county to summon the jurors to be here the next day, and the deputies had a lively time of it.

While this "reform" may be proper and even necessary in counties where the sheriff is corrupt, yet in most cases it is a needless expense and puts too many good citizens to a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

SENATOR Butler and the other Populist Congressmen from this State, except Harry Skinner, have published a card, in which they state that the endorsement of a Populist Congressman cannot secure any position from the Federal government, and urging Populists not to apply for Federal office. Indeed they go so far as to say that "no true Populist would accept any position which he could not get by virtue of being a Populist and through Populist influence". Therefore, if you see a Populist applying for or accepting any Federal office, you may know he is "no true Populist".

In this card our Populist Congressmen also say "that the only way that any member of our (Populist) party can secure an appointment under the McKinley administration is through the influence of Skinner and the leading members of the Legislature, which influence they acquired by the betrayal of their party at Raleigh".

Who wrote the asylum bill? No body seems to know, and nobody is willing to acknowledge being their author.

The Supreme Court in deciding them to be unconstitutional and void was very uncomplimentary to their author. The opinion of the court, as written by Judge Montgomery, intimates that the authors of these bills had not read the old law, or that they attempted to repeal, and that he did not even know the legal name of those institutions!

And now, not only will nobody acknowledge the authorship of these bills, but no member of the last Legislature who voted for them will acknowledge that he ever heard them read!

Did the last Legislature enact ANY law that is not unconstitutional and void? This question really seems proper and pertinent in view of the fact that so many of its acts have already been decided to be unconstitutional and void. And every day or two still another act is discovered to be void.

The latest is a circular issued by State Treasurer Worth (a Populist himself) stating that section 51 of the new Revenue Act is unconstitutional and void. This is a tax of \$50 on drummers, and, as exposing the gross ignorance or carelessness of our "reform" legislators, Treasurer Worth states that such a tax had long ago been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court of this State and of the United States.

ELECTIONS were held, on last Monday, in many of the cities and towns of this state for municipal officers, and at some places there was considerable excitement. At Raleigh there was an attempt by some former Democrats, aided by some Republicans and Populists, to defeat the regular Democratic candidates, but it was an ignominious failure. Mayor Russ was re-elected by an overwhelming majority—nearly two to one.

The war between Greece and Turkey seems to be about ended, and the great European Powers will dictate the terms of peace. The populace at Athens, which was so clamorous for war and so violently urged on their King to declare war, have acted disgracefully. Indeed the spirit of the ancient Greeks seems to be utterly unknown to their degenerate descendants.

DISTINGUISHED LAWYERS—AMERICA'S AND FOREIGNERS—COURT SCENES &c.

Among the distinguished attorneys who attended the Chatham bar in 1840 to 1850 none were more distinguished than the Hon. J. H. Hyatt, an attorney from Raleigh. He had lived in Newbern and in that city, for as he was the peer of the great and good Judge Thomas. He was an orator, a keen speaker and most convincing in social intercourse. I well remember a little incident in which he was called on by Mr. Manly's son—"Fort Song", to give a number of his friends at which all laughed very heartily. He said he had just attended a session of the Federal Court in Washington and was retained by an Irishman who was in front. No serious offense, by the by, but Mike was very much about the trick. He accordingly went out to see him every day, not once in five or six days. He was in the Ole Country, and there were 85 that I wanted him to take it for my sake. As Mike said, Mr. Manly said, "I had a difficulty in convincing Mike that he would be a danger to my life."

Mr. John H. Hamilton's lawyer for a long time. He was a laborious student and always made himself perfectly familiar with his cases, the law and evidence. Hence when he might be expected to give a good account of himself, he was nearly always ready for trial. He was well posted before the court and no man ever made a lawyer without study. The public respect for him was such that he could do their business with, and hence it was that Mr. Hamilton got a large and lucrative practice in the county and every county he practiced in in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hamilton represented Chatham county in the Legislature from 1830 to 1832 and was an influential leading member.

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Wm. J. Long was probably the most popular and loved attorney in Chatham county before the war, removed to Minneapolis in 1851. Before the commencement at Raleigh in 1852, I received a letter from him informing me of his intention to remove and requesting me particularly to meet him at that commencement. That he wished to meet one more as many of his old class mates as possible. Of course I went. We had been divided friends at that time for over 50 years. I met with Long and five or six others of our class and others among them Madison L. Bell. I found them all together one evening and Long had lunch I thought looked. He was familiar with some of his short comings. I will tell you in the preceding section. Long had voted for the "back pay" to members of Congress. Some time after lunch he made a speech at Clinton to a vast crowd of people and when he got up and commenced, some one called out, "Long, tell us about that back pay you stole. Tell us, what you did with it?" To which on the instant, he answered, "I never used a cent of it. It took it all to pay a security debt I owed for a—of all failures." All made up on the instant, Long never saw father or son Long was laughing at him very much, making it unpleasant to him. The laugh by all was on him; he needed a diversion, upon which the following conversation took place with the writer:

"Long, what old Corsetoga was that you introduced me to this evening at the hotel?" "Why General, did you not know?" That was Paul Cameron, the richest man in the State. "He looks like he has had good vices and he wears good clothes. Does he live up in Raleigh on Stinking Quarter?" "No, why General, you surely know Paul Cameron." At this point, the company set up a roar of merriment in which Long joined most heartily, admitting that he was sold. I never enjoyed a few days more pleasantly in my life. We were all boys again. I had a son, J. W. Jackson, to graduate that commencement and his mother and all the family were present. Also Col. McLaster who had acted so important a part in rescuing the State from Kirk and his freebooters and Mrs. McLaster and sons, one of them

the bell is ringing. Judge Dick has taken his seat and old man Woodson has taken his seat on State's day. He looks forward to it as to a theatre. Gen. P. Alexander is to be, but it is important to know some thing about him. He is a large old Dutchman, a bachelor from Stokes county. If you know nothing about him, you would never suspect that he was the very embodiment of fun and droll humor. Not all diagnosis, but it would seem if it was possible he could laugh himself out of him. To explain his action at the beginning. At the first Baltimore Democratic Convention when Mr. Van Buren was nominated for President, there were gentlemen from Tennessee and one from North Carolina who happened at the time to be in Baltimore and took seats in the Convention as delegates from Tennessee and from North Carolina without authority. They excited the wrath of Gen. P. Alexander and he had them ejected out of the hall of every court house in the District, saying that he did so because he wanted to get head of them. The order of the court was a little peculiar in that the judge of the man as well as his name and was named Sikes. Court having been opened, Gen. P. Alexander called out, "make proclamation and call Ned Rucker and William Y. Paul." Mr. Sikes had his hat, but somehow he got in some confusion and mixed up, and was very much displeased regarding the whole proceeding as an insult to his dignity. Well, I noticed the crisis for some time. Defendants were nearly all convicted. Gen. P. Alexander was nominated as a representative of the Union.

graduating also. We were all most royally entertained by Dr. Tom Harris, a distinguished physician raised near Pittsboro and his excellent lady, who was a daughter of Hon. Isaac Foote of Randolph. Long it was Thursday after dinner. On replying to my inquiries as to how he got to North Carolina, he told me, he answered, "Why General, would you have me to pitch right into a snow bank? He did not live long after reaching Maine again.

The Tennessee Exposition. Nashville, May 1.—The Tennessee Centennial Exposition was thrown open to the world today in the most auspicious circumstances. Yesterday was a day of wet and drenching, a type of the day of heretofore rainy season. But today even the weather was in favor of the Exposition, and Nashville is in particular. In the evening, crowds thronged the streets by 5 o'clock and toward the parade that was given at that hour, but for some reason delayed. It was led by a detachment of police, followed by uniformed rank Knights of Pythias and the Tennessee Bessemer Order. The Legion Band of Knoxville and the Sponsors of the Bessemer Order all formed a grand guard of honor to Gov. Taylor and his staff, who passed through the principal streets to the Exposition grounds.

The thousands of persons arrived long after the exhibition was concluded by the Auditorium was crowded when the President of the Exposition Company, John W. Bismarck, called the assembly to order with a graceful ode from the famous poet in which Daniel Boone led a bear in 1769. After the booming of the cannon, announced that the machinery had been started by President McKinley. Mrs. Van Leer Kiekman, first on the water at the Morris hotel. The grounds are perfect and complete beyond description. There are splendid walks with beautiful fine grass and beds of flowers with fountain on each side and in lake. The lakes, too, are very beautiful, with green, black and blue, and with goldfish from Venice, as well as the best of sounds rising from the sections de voted to Vanity Fair, make necessary investigation as to whether that section is in full blast. The features of the afternoon and evening were concerts by Bell's and Bollenberger's bands and in the evening an elaborate display of fireworks.

Washington, May 1.—President McKinley today by pressing a button attended to the telegraph wires set in motion the machinery in the building connected with the Tennessee Centennial Exposition at Nashville. The hour fixed for the ceremony was noon, according to Nashville, which made the time here one o'clock. A party of distinguished persons had assembled in the telegraph room of the Executive Mansion to witness the formal opening of the Exposition. Among those present were several members of the Cabinet, the Tennessee delegation in Congress, a member of each of the Committees on Arrangements, who came here for the purpose. Commissioner of Pensions Evans and some of the resident Tennessians colony.

A telegraphic circuit direct to the exposition grounds was made up by way of Richmond, Va., and Asheville, N.C., being in length a total of more than seven hundred miles. The circuit was left open in such a way that the closing of the telegraph room of the Executive Mansion would start the machinery. Upon the completion of the preparations, the appointed hour having arrived, the President stepped to the desk containing the telegraph instrument, and, under the guidance of the attendant in charge, placed the index finger of his right hand on the button attached to the regular Morse telegraphic key. This action closed the circuit and the machinery was set in motion.

One Farmer Kills Another. Red Springs, May 3.—Two farmers, living near each other, three miles north of this place (Norton and Tolar are their names) had been at outs for some time past. Two weeks ago some one shot at Norton from ambush. Since then everything has been quiet until last night, when Tolar went to Norton's house and demanded entrance, which was refused. This morning about 4 o'clock Tolar broke open the door and entered the house with a large knife and an axe. As he came in Norton fired the contents of both barrels of his shot gun into him, killing him instantly.

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