

# THE TIMES.

THURSDAY MARCH 2nd 1894.

## THE BALLOT BOX NO PLACE FOR FRAUDS.

In view of the shameful rumors that come to us from a border state of the recent open and disgraceful frauds in the election returns of that great commonwealth, we are more than ever convinced that our whole system of voting and making the returns of the ballot is radically wrong, and needs reform and badly needs it too.

Every man in all the land who is entitled by law to vote ought to have that privilege, fully, freely and without fear of the face of mortal man before him, be he friend or foe.

The elective franchise is a most sacred right; and it belongs to a free people like the citizens of this republic to see that this right is not, and shall not be taken from any who are invested with it. To carry this high principle out at the ballot box, it is important that pure men, *christian men* be placed there to guard that box and to see that none shall either intimidate the voter, or, in any manner attempt to influence him, or to prevent him from depositing his ballot for just that candidate whom he prefers to honor with his suffrage.

All frauds at the ballot-box are a shame and a disgrace to any people of any party in any locality; and woe be the day for our boasted freedom, when good men become so disgusted with the fraudulent practices of party leaders as to yield up to their control, the sacred privilege of a free and untrammelled ballot in this country.

In order to prevent so bad a calamity, let us see to it, that only *good men* are brought out as candidates; men whose praise is in every community; and men who are above all trickery and deception; whose private life bears no immoral stains. These are the men that are needed in our halls of legislation and in all other places of honor and trust.

Spectator.

## THE COURT HOUSE QUESTION.

As the question above is the most touching and interesting one that now claims the attention of our county commissioners and magistrates, and not only them, but every voter of the county, and as the decision must soon come up I desire to give the the law on designating sites for county building so that those who may expect too much may not be disappointed. The Code of North Carolina Volume I, chapter 17, Section VIII in regard to locating sites, says the commissioners with the concurrence of a majority of the justices of peace sitting with them, to remove or designate a new site for any county building; but the site of any county building already located shall not be changed, unless by a unanimous vote of all the members of the board and by a majority of the Justices at the regular December meeting, and unless upon notice of the proposed change, specifying the new site, such notice shall be published in a newspaper printed in the county, if there is one, and posted in one or more public places in every township in the county for 3 months next immediately preceding the annual meeting, at which the final vote on the proposed is to be taken. Such new sites shall not be more than one mile distant from the old, except upon the special approval of the General Assembly.

Section IX. To erect and repair county buildings. The commissioners with the concurrence of the Justices of the Peace, to erect and repair the necessary county buildings, and to raise by taxation, the moneys therefor. Thus you see the law on it therefore only two sites to this ques-

tion, to fix the county and build a new Court House, or not have one. With these facts before us the situation is a bad one, the people have more on them now than they can stand up under. Now the thing is this which can we get along the best without, the special tax, or the Court House. The commissioners and Justices must decide and we feel they will act cautiously in the matter. Subscriber.

## FRETTING.

There is no sin, it seems to me, is everywhere and by everybody underestimated and quite too much overlooked in valuation and character. It is the sin of fretting; so common unless it rises above its usual monotone, we do not observe it. Watch any ordinary coming together of people, and see how many minutes it will be before somebody frets—that is, makes more or less complaining statement of something or other, which most probably everyone in the room, or in the car, or on the street corner, it may be, knew before, and which probably nobody can help. Why say anything about it? It is cold, it is hot, it is dry; somebody has broken an appointment; ill-cooked a meal; stupidly or bad faith somewhere has resulted in discomfort. There are plenty of things to fret about. It is simply astonishing how much annoyance may be found in the course of every day's living, even at the simplest, if one only keeps a sharp eye out on that side of things. Even Holy Writ says we are prone to trouble as sparks to fly upward, in the blackest of smoke, there is a blue sky above, and the less time they waste on the road the sooner they will reach it. Fretting is all time wasted on the road.

## TURNED TO JOY

We live in a sad world. Tears are everywhere. Suffering, trial, sun-dried ties, broken hearts, meet us on all sides. Men have called this world a vale of tears, a wailing place, one great Bochim. Every land and city, almost every family, treasures sad memories. Earth has furnished no specific to heal these fountains of sorrow. Without some divine interposition men go on from bad to worse, piling up their grief and accumulating wounds until the heart itself breaks down under the load. But "is there no balm in Gilead, no physician there?" Must this tide of sorrow ever more unchecked? Is there no healing branch to be cast into the bitter waters? Thanks be to God for the unspeakable gift of his son, who brought life and immortality to light through his own resurrection, and opened the crimson "fountain in the house of David for sin and uncleanness." The believer knows sorrow, but at the touch of Christ his sorrow is turned into joy. A light, clear and strong, shines into the tomb itself, and a song ascend to heaven from the place of bitterness and death; for even these afflictions shall "work out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."—Zion's Herald.

## PRAYER.

Prayer is a haven to the shipwrecked mariner an anchor unto them that are sinking in the waves; a staff to the limbs that totter; a mine of jewels to the poor; a security to the rich; a healer of disease and a guardians of health. Prayer at once secures the continuance of our blessings and dissipates the cloud of our calamities. Oh prayer! Oh blessed prayer! thou art the unwearied conqueror of human woes the firm foundation of human happiness the source of ever enduring joy.

A postal card bearing the following queer inscription was sent to Senator Vance a few days ago: "Neither shall thy name be any more called Zebulon but Simoons Regulator and I have given unto thee all the land of Carolina for an everlasting possession."

## TURLINGTON ITEMS.

Our farms are set back very much by the snow and disagreeable weather and seems to be somewhat blue.

The public school in which Prof. Hannibal Godwin is principal will close on the 8th of this month. A good time expected.

Miss Mollie Balie of Stewarts Academy will open a private school at this place next Monday.

The season for guano hauling is at hand, but guess that those who have to cross Black River will not haul much until the road is put in a better condition.

In reply to the Smithfield Herald, we wish to say that Mr. Holliday killed a hog about Xmas that tipped the scales at 788 pounds, so Harnett still claims the champion hog of the season.

It has been reported that a man was seen floating down the Cape Fear river about the 21st ult. We did not learn as to whether he was white or black.

We are sorry to say that Mr. J. R. Tew is very sick with the lagrippe.

With best wishes for The Times and its Editor we are Very Truly,

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A tart is a little pie, but in the composing-room a little pie has often made more than one tart.

As an exchange says there is a sad propensity in human nature; very sad. It is to listen to scandal, and help to spread it, too. Without intention to do our neighbor an injury, a careless remark may be seized by a babbler, and as a snowball grows by rolling it so does a story by telling. It passes through the babbling tribe, growing larger and larger and darker and darker, and by the time it has rolled through Babbletown it has assumed the largeness and blackness of base slander. Curb this propensity as far as possible. The world has much in it that is unpleasent without adding anything more.

We call the attention of our readers to the remarkable clubbing offer in another column by which we can send this paper and the ATLANTIC WEEKLY CONSTITUTION to the same address for one year for the low sum of \$1.25.

The ATLANTIC WEEKLY CONSTITUTION is too well known to need any introduction here. It has won its place at the firesides of the nation as a model weekly newspaper. It numbers on its staff some of the most famous and brilliant writers of the day and on all public questions its leader is ever in rest to defend the rights of the people. It is the largest and most widely circulated weekly newspaper published in America, having a circulation of 155,000, and it covers the news of the world every week. It is in itself an education to those who read it. By the clubbing rate which we offer, our readers can get the WEEKLY CONSTITUTION and their home paper at but little more than the cost of one paper, thereby getting the news of their home and the news of the world every week for a year at an insignificant outlay.

In addition to this, every subscriber to this paper and the CONSTITUTION, under our clubbing arrangement, will be given an opportunity to win some handsome prizes.

Every person who subscribes for this paper and the CONSTITUTION for one year will be entitled to a guess at the probable size of the cotton crop for 1893-94, the crop which is now harvesting and being marketed \$1,000 in prizes, the first being \$400 in gold, and the others in proportion. will be divided among the five guessers who come nearest guessing the number of bales in this crop. Every one who takes advantage of our clubbing rate will be entitled to one guess, which will be promptly recorded and filed and the announcement of the winners will be made as soon as the New Orleans Cotton Exchange announces its estimate of the crop.

# FURNITURE.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF  
**TIN SAFES, DINING TABLES,  
WASHSTANDS, BUREAUS, BED-  
STEADS, AND ANYTHING ELSE  
IN THE WAY OF FURNITURE,  
COME AND SEE ME.**

I ALSO MAKE COFFINS.  
SPECIAL ORDERS FILLED ON SHORT NOTICE.  
I MAKE ALL THE GOODS THAT I HANDLE, AND WILL  
GUARENTEE EVERY THING THAT GOES OUT OF MY SHOP.  
Respectfully  
H. J. STRICKLAND.

## NOTICE.

By virtue of power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by G. M. Capps and wife and duly recorded in Register of Deeds office of Harnett county in book H No. 2, page 189 and 190. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Lillington on Monday April 2nd 1894 one tract or parcel of land lying in Averasboro Township containing 32 acres more or less. For a better description see records above. This Feb. 27th 1894.  
E. F. Young,  
Mortgagee.

## NOTICE.

By virtue of a certain mortgage executed to us August 1st 1885 by J. A. Stewart and wife Sarah Stewart and duly registered in the records of deeds of mortgages of Harnett County, in book Q pages 480 and 481, we will sell at public sale to the highest bidder at Court House door in Lillington N. C. at 12 o'clock M. on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1894. The following property therein conveyed, to-wit: A certain tract of land in Grove Township in said county described as follows: Beginning at a gum Stewarts corner, in the edge of Black River and as his line n 23 e 14 chains to a gum A. Hughes corner then as his line n 65 w 37.50 chains to Hughes corners then s 6 s w 14.50 chains to a white Bay tree J. K. Stewarts corner then as said Stewarts line n 89 1/2 w 11.30 chains to a corner of the Atkins land in said J. K. Stewarts line then as the Atkins line s 11.69 chains to a pine and pointers the Atkins line thence direct to the beginning containing 100 acres. Also the personal property described and conveyed in said mortgage For full description see Records of Harnett County. This 28 day of Feb. 1894. Terms cash.  
A. E. Rankin & Co.  
Mortgagees.  
L. J. Best, Attorney.

## SPECIAL OFFER.

We have made arrangements with the publishers of the Atlanta Weekly Constitution, by which we can offer it with our paper one year for only \$1.25, clubbing subscriptions to be sent to this office and accompanied by cash.

## LIBERAL PRIZE OFFER.

Every subscriber to this to this remarkable clubbing proposition is entitled to enter One Prize Contest, sending his guess for  
**THE \$1,000 COTTON CROP CONTEST.**

In which there are four prizes offered for the nearest estimates of the size of the cotton crop of 1893-4, now being marketed, and award to be made as soon as the New Orleans Cotton Exchange announces the official crop figures. \$400 in gold for nearest guess to the crop, \$200 prize for second, \$200 prize for third, \$100 for fourth, \$100 for fifth.

Crops for recent years have been as follows:

Year	Bales	Year	Bales
1871	4,487,483	1887	5,665,761
1872	4,111,265	1888	6,550,115
1873	5,073,531	1889	6,513,621
1874	5,757,397	1890	7,017,797
1875	6,389,329	1891	6,735,002
1876	5,435,815	1892	7,713,796
1877	6,392,234	1893	8,655,513
1878	5,711,952	1894	6,790,365

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## NOTICE.

North Carolina, } In the Superior Court  
Harnett County, }  
J. J. Wilson Assignee of } NOTICE  
Gleaves Hardware Co. } of  
vs. } Execution  
A. R. Wilson, } Sale.  
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Harnett county in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 2nd day of April 1894, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title, and interest which the said A. R. Wilson, Defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: 49 1/2 acres of land known as McLean land, 7 1/2 acres of land known as Lewis McLean land, 55 acres known as Alex. Ferguson land, located in Stewarts Creek Township, one acre at Spout Springs in Andersons Creek Township.  
C. McArtan, Sheriff.

By virtue of a certain Mortgage Deed executed to me Feb. 20 1893 by A. F. Kennedy, and duly registered in the records of deeds of mortgages of Harnett county, in book H. No. 2 page 126. I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the Depot in Dunn, N. C. at 12 o'clock M. on Saturday the 17th day of March, 1894. The following property therein conveyed, to-wit: A certain tract of land in Grove Township Harnett county adjoining the lands of W. H. Stephenson and others containing 24 acres more or less. For full description see Book H. No. 2 page 126 Records of Harnett county. Said land contains valuable buildings. Also one black mare conveyed in said mortgage. This 13th day of Feb. 1894.

L. M. Ryals, Admr.  
R. M. Cannady, Mortgagee.  
L. J. Best, Attorney.

## NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Mortgage Deed executed on the 20th day of Dec. 1892 by D. A. Stewart and wife to R. G. Taylor & Co., and duly recorded in the Register's office of Harnett county in Book F. page 498, which said Mortgage Deed was this day duly transferred to the undersigned by R. G. Taylor. I will sell for cash at the court house door in the Town of Lillington on Monday the 5th day of March 1894 at 12 o'clock M. the lands described in said Mortgage Deed. The same being the lands upon which the D. A. Stewart and wife now reside. For a more definite description see Registry of Harnett county Book F page 498. This the 5th day of Feb. 1894. J. A. Taylor, Assignee.

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed, executed to me and duly registered in Book H No. 2. Page 163, Records of Harnett county, I will sell at public sale at the Court House door at Lillington on the 1st day of March 1894 at 12 o'clock M. a certain house and lot in the town of Dunn, known as the Mack Parker place. This is one of the most desirable buildings in the town, the house being new, well finished, with 4 good sized rooms, being on the corner of two prominent streets, and a well of splendid water on the lot. Title is good. This Jan. 17th 1894. J. J. Wade, Mortgagee.  
F. P. Jones, Attorney.

## NOTICE

By virtue of a certain Mortgage executed to S. A. Salmon Feb. 20, 1893 by F. M. McKay and duly transferred and assigned to us and duly registered in the records of deeds of mortgages of Harnett county, in book H No. 2 page 81, we will sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Lillington N. C. at 12 o'clock M. on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1894, the following property therein conveyed, to-wit: A certain tract of land in Upper Little River Township in said county adjoining the lands of Hardy Collins and being originally a part of said tract, also adjoining the lands of A. A. Bethea and L. B. Chapin, containing 100 acres more or less. For full description see Commissioners report of the division of the estate of Neil McKay deceased filed in Clerks office of Harnett county. Also two hules described and conveyed in said mortgage. This 28 day of February, 1894. Terms cash.

Young, Creighton & Diggs,  
Assignees of Mortgagee.  
L. J. Best, Attorney.