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IN THE GOLDEN BELT.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE'S VISIT TO OXFORD.

Court Week With Judge Connor Presiding—Distinguished Gentlemen Present—An Unpublished Anecdote about Mr. Poindexter.

Oxford, Sept. 15.—The crowd in attendance at court this week is very small. The weather is favorable and cutting and curing tobacco is the order of the day over here. On our way we saw many farmers harvesting the golden weed. The crop is generally coloring up well on the hill. Nothing gives an old tobacco grower more pleasure than to cut and house the weed when it has ripened well. We instanced several persons along the road waving the weed high up in the air as good as to say "we shall soon reap the rewards of our labor." It makes us feel proud of our native State when our eyes behold the rich fields of yellow tobacco to be seen in every direction as we pass through the golden belt of Vance and Granville counties. The flourishing and prosperous towns of Henderson and Oxford bespeak the fertility of the soil and the enterprise of the citizens throughout the golden belt. The growth of the county in material prosperity since the late war is simply marvelous. While beholding these beautiful towns and fields, we find ourselves unconsciously repeating these beautiful lines of the poet:

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land.

Hon. Jos. J. Davis and Chas. Cooke, of Louisville, are here as is also Col. Thomas Fuller, of Raleigh. Few men in North Carolina stand higher in the estimation of the people than Capt. Joseph J. Davis. He is a clean, good man and can be trusted any where, and would make a strong race for any position in the gift of the people of North Carolina.

The Hon. James W. Reid and Jake Long, Esq., made speeches here to-day to a good crowd and impressed the people favorably. Mr. Reid was very happily introduced by Alvis Allen, Esq., in a very neat and appropriate way.

Thomas Venerable, Esq., who by the way is a son of the late Hon. Abe Venable, who so long and faithfully represented this district in Congress is prosecuting for the State in place of Solicitor Strudwick.

There are thirteen prisoners in jail here, four of whom, his Honor Judge Connor sent up to the penitentiary yesterday for from two to four years each. Others will follow this week to augment the force already at work on our railroads.

We are proud to report that the "old SENTINEL" is taking well over here as it does everywhere in North Carolina. Many have already come forward to swell the list and others are falling in every day. THE SENTINEL takes well with the people because it has a character unsurpassed in North Carolina journalism for the amount and character of its reading matter; because it is conservative in its views; because its moral tone is good, and its pages sparkle with spicy news items from all over the country. Its columns are not exclusively devoted to politics but contains much real literary and scientific matter, and may be carried into every family in the land with profit and pleasure. The minds of the young, if fed upon nothing but politics, becomes sordid and narrow. Your humble correspondent insists that some good religious matter should go into every newspaper throughout the land that the morals as well as the minds of the readers may be improved. Such a paper we delight to introduce into every family.

Some years ago when Mr. Poindexter of Yadkin county was States Attorney he had a man convicted at this place for petty larceny. The court ordered that he be whipped at the whipping post. The Sheriff anxious to execute the sentence of the court and discharge the prisoner, immediately proceeded to the spot and commenced the flogging. In the meantime the attorney for the prisoner who was not aware that the sentence was being so summarily executed arose and moved for a new trial. Mr. Poindexter who had been looking through the window at the flogging, arose and said that he should not object to a new trial if the attorney for the defense thought it necessary to whip his man again. As the attorney did not insist the matter ended here.

TRAVELER.

Disappointments of Journalism.

From the Boonington, Ill., Eye.

At an early hour this morning Squire Bixby's barn, four miles east of town, was consumed by fire. It was supposed to be the work of incendiaries. Four shoats perished in the flames.

Later—Since writing the above we learn that there was no fire.

OVER IN RANDOLPH.

The Center of the Third Party Movement—Their County Ticket Klemptomianse.

Staff Correspondence of the Sentinel.

RANDOLPH CO., N. C.—This county is about the center of the third party movement in this State. If in any county the Prohibitionists hope to succeed, this is the one. Upon what they base their hopes of success here, no one has yet learned. In their recent convention they very sensibly nominated representative men and men of standing; no sore heads or petitions, though they have a full supply of such in their ranks. Moses Hammond and J. C. Fuller, both men of means and character, were nominated for the House, and the remainder of their candidates are farmers of ability and influence. Prof. N. C. English of Trinity College was endorsed for Congress.

The Democratic Convention for the county was held in Asheboro recently and the following ticket nominated. For the House—Ex State Treas., Dr. Worth and T. J. Redding, Clerk—G. S. Bradshaw, Register—J. W. Craven, For Sheriff—E. A. Moffitt. This is decidedly one of the strongest tickets ever placed before the voters of this county.

The floating votes controls the elections in this county, there is no prohibition element in it, and the Republicans cannot hope to have any influence with it without office or patronage. It is easy to see which ticket will be elected though it is generally believed that the Republicans will endorse the Prohibition ticket.

Trinity College has opened well, some 90 odd boys on the role, with many old students yet to return. In point of attendance as compared to its influence, capabilities, and standing Trinity has always been a reproach and disgrace to the N. C. Conference. A minister who does not support his conference, institutions and enterprises violates his ordination vows, and should transfer or locate.

We have a genuine keptomaniac down here. A young man of good family and in first rate circumstances, invariably steals every piece of leather he can get hold of. He has a good plantation, well stocked and equipped, with \$800 loaned out, a bachelor, yet for years he has been acquiring leather. During the recent cammoping at Old Union he appropriated a bridle, was promptly tried and bound over to court. His excuse or plea is generally that he found the article in question.

Tobacco will fall slightly below the average. It is either extra good or very poor with a preponderance of the latter. Our farmers are now cutting and curing, not so much for the reason that it is ripe, as because the worms are eating it up. They will be satisfied this year if they can come out "even", and promise next year not to overcrop themselves.

This is a dry county. In one or two townships only, is liquor sold. Many of our magistrates and other officers are Prohibitionists, yet there is no difficulty in obtaining liquor in any and every township in the county. Practical Local Option and Prohibition has proved itself here, to be a snare and a fraud, and "wusser" delusion than Civil Service Reform. B.

BROUGHT TO LIFE.

A Remarkable Occurrence in Iredell County.

Hon. Burgess S. Gaither writes the Statesville Landmark as follows: There was a young man residing in Wake county by the name of Fitzgerald. Receiving information that his mother was lying at the point of death and wished to speak with him, he made immediate haste. His horse became exhausted when he arrived at the Catawba river. He applied for a fresh horse. By contract to return it in a special time he obtained one, leaving his own until his return. He found his mother still alive and conversed with her. She soon died and was buried and he, remembering his appointed time to return his horse, being behind time, found a State warrant against him for horse stealing, was arrested, committed to jail in Statesville, was prosecuted with all hatred, malice and vengeance, convicted by the law and executed by hanging until pronounced dead. His friends obtained his body from the gibbet, carried it a short distance from Statesville, to water, applied the proper remedies, restored the body to life and returned with it to Tennessee. He there married and raised an interesting family highly intelligent, wealthy, honest and respectable.

A Philosopher Flounders in a Fog. From the Mt. Carmel News.

Why does the poorest band always blow the loudest and longest in a procession.

REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG MEN,

WHO ARE TO SHAPE NORTH CAROLINA'S HISTORY IN THE PRESENT GENERATION.

School of a Revivified South Who Will Build Up Our Waste Places and Infuse New Life Into Our Political, Industrial and Educational Structure.

PAPER NUMBER SIX. Jacob Alson Long, Esq., Candidate for Solicitor in the Fifth Judicial District. BY JAMES A. GRAHAM.

Jacob Alson Long, one of the rising young men of North Carolina, and the Democratic candidate for Solicitor in the Fifth Judicial District of this State is a native of Alamance county, and may well be styled a "self-made" man. I do not mean by that to class him with many of the "so-called" self-made men; who, for want of a better manufacturer, "put up a bad job" and made wrecks of themselves; but to class him with men, like Merrimon, Howard and others of our State, who from an humble start raised themselves to prominence and have made and are making a name of which their posterity may well be proud. What I call a "self-made" man is one who has a sound mind, coupled with energy, nerve and will power, and has raised himself to such a grade as to command the respect of his fellows. Such a man is Jacob A. Long. He



JACOB ALSON LONG, ESQ.

is a splendid type of the true, honest, upright, "self-made" man. Born in an humble hamlet on the banks of Haw River in Alamance—then a part of Orange county—he has, mostly by his own exertions, raised himself to the position he now holds in the confidence of the people as a lawyer and a citizen. Mr. Long claims no "pride of birth," though his ancestors were among the first settlers along the banks of Haw River; in the now prosperous county of Alamance—then an almost unknown part of Orange. Sturdy and of a strong German stock they worked, as did Jake, for everything they got. But on both sides Mr. Long can claim men who stood by our people in the dark days of 1776 and can point with as much pleasure as any citizen of Orange or Alamance, to his maternal grandfather, Col. Stockard, who for 19 terms represented his country—Orange—in the Legislature of this State. Alamance was then a part of Orange. But Mr. Long claims nothing from this; nor do I claim anything for him. I simply present him as a man of merit.

He is a son of Jacob and Jane S. Long, who are now, as they ever have been, unpretentious residents of this section. But this family has accomplished more than any other family in our midst. From an humble start have, in this family, in this generation sprung two ministers of the gospel and one of them a D. D. They are both teachers Rev. W. S. Long being at the head of Graham Normal College and Rev D. A. Long the President of Antioch College, Ohio. Then there are two lawyers, Jacob A. and Benj. F. both prominent in their profession and one doctor, Geo. W., who stands high in his profession. Such a family deserves credit and merits recognition at our hands whenever they come before us.

"Jake" Long, as we always call him, was born on the 6th day of Apr. 1846 and is now 40 years old. His early life was spent on his father's farm, where he was a plow-boy and general hand. He then went to school, in Graham, to his brother W. S. Long, but the school being changed to a girls school, "Jake" then went as a pupil to Rev. A. Wilson D. D., a preceptor well known throughout the Southern States. His tuition was paid in great part by

money, raised by the work of his own hands on the farm. In 1862 he went with his brother Rev. W. S. Long to Hyco Va., where the former then had a school. In ashort while he was, though but a lad made assistant teacher for the lower classes, and was Captain of the company of school boys at the school. In 1863 when Wilson's Calvary made their futile attempt to burn the bridge on the R. & D. R. R. over Stanton river, news of it was brought to the school, just as it was closing. Old men joined his company and they were soon on the way to the bridge. Think of a boy captain—not 17 years old—going to meet a brigade of trained cavalry. Anyhow the raiders were repulsed and the only loss on the Confederate side was Dr. Sutphin of "Jake's" company who was shot as he was crossing the bridge. Soon

They are in plain language and, in fact, so plain that any one can see the point at once. He uses no platitudes nor metaphors unless the occasion specially requires it. He is always ready to catch a point and use it. He is an able advocate, an honest, true gentleman, a faithful lawyer, a patriotic citizen and, therefore I think I can pronounce him, as I did in the start one of our rising young men.

THE UNIVERSITY.

More Students Present Now than Antecedent All of Last Year.

Special Correspondence of The Sentinel.

CHAPEL HILL, Sept. 18.—It seemed to me that your progressive paper, watchful, as it always is, over the property of Winston, and zealous in the support of anything calculated to advance the material interests of the State, would like to hear now and then from the University. I have thereupon made up my mind to write you occasionally from this educational center.

The friends of liberal education will be glad to know that we have opened with about 175 students. More students have matriculated already this session than was registered during the whole of the last scholastic year. The opportunities afforded to students are exceptionally good, and no young man need go out of the State for instruction. The professors are accomplished in their various courses of study and are enthusiastic teachers. The following young gentlemen are in attendance on the Law School:

Edmund Alexander, of Plymouth; Oliver C. Bynum, of Chatham county; R. L. Cooper, of Murphy; P. B. Cox, (son of Gen. W. R. Cox) of Raleigh; S. P. Graves, (son of Judge Graves) of Mt. Airy; G. W. Rich, (son of Col. J. M. Rich) of Raleigh; Thomas N. Hill, (son of Thomas M. Hill) of Halifax; Paul Jones, of Tarboro; Alex. W. McAlister, (Professor at Bingham School) of Asheboro; Hamilton W. McNeill, of Moore; Thomas Ransom, (son of Senator Ransom) of Weldon; St. Leon Scull, of Hertford county; W. S. Thompson, of Sampson county; A. D. Ward, of Duplin; Stacy Van Amringe, Jr., of Wilmington; H. A. Whittington, of Yancey; Julius Ward, of Edenton, and Claude R. Johnson, of Bertie. LEX.

A Leaf From Mr. Tilden's Life.

Told by Ex-Governor Pinckney White.

In 1875, when the Maryland and Virginia Boundary Commission, composed of Ex-Governor Graham of North Carolina; Ex-Governor Jenkins, of Georgia; and Judge J. S. Black (all now dead), was in session at Saratoga, Governor Tilden gave us a magnificent dinner at the Lake, and among the guests was Ex-Senator T. A. Hendricks. As we drove down to the lake I was sitting next to the late Vice President when Governor Tilden came rushing after us in his T-cart, with a pair of spanking bays, and some one in our carriage, recognizing how both Tilden and Hendricks were in the minds of the people for the nomination in 1876, jokingly remarked, "Look out Hendricks, the old man is forging for the lead." It was nip and tuck for a little while between the carriages, but in a few moments Tilden passed us by, amid the laughter and cheers of all, the Vice President enjoying the joke then, which became a reality at St. Louis in 1876.

Tax Valuation.

From the Philadelphia Record.

North Carolina newspapers are urging the State authorities to increase the tax valuations of real property in that Commonwealth. They declare that the impression has gone abroad that North Carolina lands are next to worthless, and that the tax returns have contributed to strengthen this belief, thereby working an injury to the State. As a matter of fact the land is held at and brings higher prices. Higher valuations would result in lower tax rates, but the net revenue of the State would in the end be the same. The North Carolinians will find that there is only one safe standard to follow in tax assessments; and that it is to appraise at the actual value, as is required in Pennsylvania.

Earthquakes Feeling For Candidates Homes.

From the Curranville Review.

The coming election will be warm.

Moralizing Over a Ruined Suit.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

It seldom rains at a fire, but a firemen's tournament is sure to bring water.

Wooling the Earthquake With Tender word.

From the Mahanoy City Local.

One shake will go a great way.

From the Historical Stub's Toe.

From the Syracuse Standard.

Gen. Brady is going to publish his confessions. But will he give up the money?

THE GIST OF THE NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The Cream of the Wire Caught by "The Sentinel's" Careful Condenser.

WASHINGTON

The President will probably return to Washington Thursday.

Mr. Sedgwick, the envoy to Mexico has returned, but declined to be interviewed upon his arrival in Washington.

EASTERN AND MIDDLE STATES.

The New York chamber of commerce's fund for Charleston has reached \$70,008.46.

All the iron rolling mills in Lebanon, Penn., have shut down; employes asking higher wages.

Business failures in the United States the past week number 132, the week before the number was 178.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. is an annual session in Boston, Mass.; about 30,000 visitors are present.

Members of the police force of Baltimore contribute \$700 for the Charleston sufferers; total contributions in Baltimore amount to \$35,000.

George J. Gould, the eldest son of Jay Gould and heir to his sixty millions, was married to Edith Kingdon, late of Daly's English company, at his father's house in Irvington-on-the-Hudson at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 14th inst.

An eastbound excursion and passenger train on the Nickel Plate road collided with a westbound freight train near Silver Creek, N. Y., Sept. 15th. Nineteen people were killed and a large number of others injured. Engineer Wm. Harris of the freight train is blamed. It is said he had orders to meet the excursion train at Irving. He failed to obey the instructions, and was running at full speed when the collision occurred.

SOUTH AND WEST.

Cotton of the new crop in sight amounts to 126,259 bales.

A heavy rain in Charleston Sunday added to the discomforts of the situation.

A storm in Northern Illinois Saturday night caused great damage to property.

Rev. Jesse Cook, colored, was hung in Butler, Ga., for the murder of his wife, he confessed on the gallows.

A hurricane in southwestern Michigan Thursday evening was the most destructive ever known in the State.

Fully 10,000 Knights Templar had arrived in St. Louis up to noon yesterday to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Order.

The Mayor of Charleston issues a proclamation, invoking additional aid for the stricken city; a slight shock was felt there at 2.25 Friday morning.

Work at Charleston is going on actively, but bricklayers and plasterers are badly needed; the subsistence committee are feeding 7,000 persons.

More than 8000 Odd Fellows left Chicago yesterday for Boston, to attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge which begins Monday morning.

Jas. Douglass, Jr., a prominent young man of Florence, S. C. was murdered on the streets of that place Sunday night, the murderer is unknown.

A reduction of rates to all south and southwestern points has been ordered on all trunk lines; the cut will be on the basis of \$25 to New Orleans from New York, the rate now being \$32.

The meeting of Governors of the thirteen original States of the Union to arrange for a fitting observance of the centennial anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution, was held Tuesday at Philadelphia; Governor Lee of Virginia was made permanent president of the meeting.

FOREIGN.

A revolution is threatened in Bulgaria.

Another riot is reported in Belfast, Ireland.

Three officers of the Spanish army have been imprisoned for leading a band of soldiers to join the Carlists.

Spanish troops in Madrid attempted a revolution; it was ill-planned and amounted to but little more than a mutiny; the insurgents were driven from the city, several were killed.

M. Bratiou, the Roumanian Prime minister, was shot at by an assassin; the bullet struck and wounded another man; the populace, enraged at the attempt, wrecked the office of a newspaper that had opposed the Prime Minister.