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### KEPHALINE TESTIMONIALS.

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#### THE ELECTION LAW.

We copy the following from the State Chronicle:  
The Republicans in the Legislature and the Republican newspapers in the State have sought to mislead the people in regard to the changes made by the General Assembly in the election laws. We charge it upon them that they have tried to make a false impression for partisan purposes, and we tell them that the people are not fools and will not be deceived by untrue statements.

To understand the changes fully it is well to go back to the recent election. The readers of the Chronicle will remember that in Forsyth and other counties a large number of negroes registered and voted who had no legal right. The old law required the registrar upon the oath of an elector and the testimony of one other elector to allow registration. This often led to fraud. The new law requires an elector to furnish "testimony under oath, satisfactory to the registrar." This change was proposed in the Chronicle last November and is an important and needed change. The other changes are that the registrar shall be appointed in September, instead of October, and that the books shall be closed on the second Saturday before the election. This change will prevent colonization.

Another provision is that if a judge of election refuses to serve, the other judges may appoint any discreet person in his place. This was made necessary by Eave's circulars of last fall in which he advised Republican poll-holders not to serve. Now if Republicans appointed do not serve the Democrats will hold the elections.

The only other changes are three; the first, that if the judges of election prefer the polling places may be *railed off*. Otherwise the elections shall be conducted as heretofore. This provision will be valuable in large precincts, but will not be used elsewhere. It is provided that the voting for State and county officers may be kept separate from the voting for members of Congress and Presidential electors. This is optional and will not be needed or used unless President Harrison attempts to control elections in North Carolina. If he does, then his National agents cannot spy into and control State elections. This is a preparation to forestall any hostile action on the part of the Republican Congress. If we are let alone, we will not need to separate the elections. If there is an attempt at Federal interference we will not submit to any violations of our rights as a State.

The last change is that the board of canvassers will have judicial powers. They exercised such powers under the old law until the Supreme Court construed the law not to grant judicial powers.

Now, the above are plain explanations of the changes and the reasons that caused them to be made. We submit that all the clamor and "hullabaloo" raised about them is cheap Republican clap-trap—sound and fury, signifying nothing. It will make no impression upon sensible people when there is a perfect understanding of the changes. To prevent repeating, to put a stop to colonization, to be ready to checkmate the Republican Congress, to provide against a rush and intimidation at the polls, and to give the board of canvassers power to pass upon returns—all these things demanded slight changes in our election machinery, and they have been made, and will be commended and endorsed by the fair-minded people of both political parties. Indeed, when the matter was under consideration in the House, Mr. Trull, Republican member from Cherokee, secured the adoption of an amendment providing that there should be no crowding around the polls, and then left the House and would not vote against the bill.

**Her Charms.**  
Written by a skeptical lover.  
Her fair complexion, creamy and clear,  
Would dazzle and craze a saint;  
I could gaze at it forever,  
and never tire—  
But I wonder if it's paint?  
Her hair is wavy, and rich,  
and brown,  
The fairest I've ever known;

No mermaid ever had tresses so fair—  
But I wonder if they're her own?

Her beautiful, even, pearl like teeth  
Behind red lips do lurk;  
They're fairer than the richest pearls—  
But the dentist's handiwork.  
—Exchange.

**His Substita.**  
"I'll never use tobacco, no;  
It is a filthy weed,  
I'll never put it in my mouth,"  
Said little Robert Reed.

"I'll never use tobacco, no;  
Its use all woe begets,  
I'll scorn the weed in every form;  
I'll just smoke cigarettes."  
—American

In 2033.—Did you hear that awful thing about Mr. Blanket, the cashier of the sixteenth National?

No. What was it?  
Why, they went over his accounts the other day and found that in twenty years Mr. Blanket hadn't stolen a cent.

How I pity his poor wife!  
—Harper's Bazar.

**One Unusual Evening.**  
She (whispering)—Mamma is in bed sound asleep.

He—asp! This time in the evening?

Yes. Last evening she thought you were, and I didn't let on you weren't.

Was any one?

No, it was only the phonograph. Well, I slipped up stairs without her seeing me, and she sat up until 2 o'clock this morning waiting to give me a piece of her mind.

Yes.  
Well, all day to-day I've kept her trotting around so she couldn't take a nap. You can stay real late to night.  
—Philadelphia Record.

Archibald Campbell, while out driving near Cincinnati, pulled out his handkerchief to wipe his nose. Mrs. Osborne was at her gate, and thought he meant to flirt with her, and she followed him up and shot him in the arm.

**THE RADICALS KICKED BEFORE THEY WERE SPURRED.**—The amendments to the election law do not change it materially. The Senate passed an election bill which took a pretty rank hold, but the western members of the House could not stand it and the new law is a substitute for the Senate bill. It is very mild. The judges are still to be of both parties; only one voter can enter the polling place at a time; the judges shall, upon request, put the voter's ticket in the box; they may separate the State and National elections—this clause is not mandatory; the registration books shall be closed ten days before the election; some safeguards are thrown around registration. The law is as fair for one party as for the other. The Republican outcry against it was for buy-one only.—The Statesville Landmark.

**STRANGE PETS ON SHIPBOARD.**—The story is told of Captain Curling, a retired sea Captain of Thomaston, sailing between New York and Liverpool, there might have been seen, in calm weather or rough weather, cavoring on the decks of his ship, two famous pets, a buck and doe. These pets always went to sea with the Captain's ship, and were famous in two great cities—New York and Liverpool. They were even allowed the privilege of the Captain's private cabin, and took their naps on a Turkish rug in front of his berth. It is said that he rarely allowed them out of his sight, and even when discharging or receiving cargoes on the big New York or Liverpool wharves these strange pets followed him wherever he went. Strange as it may seem, not long after the death of these pets the Captain retired from the busy life of a shipmaster, not, however, on account of their loss.—Lawiston (Me.) Journal.

he was neither ashamed nor afraid to face his enemies. It was supposed, when it was learned that he was in town, that he would be at once arrested, but Sheriff Allison was in the country Tuesday night and yesterday and so he was not disturbed. The Sheriff is in town this morning but no steps had been taken in the case up to 11 o'clock.  
Ex-Judge Montgomery, of Concord, and ex-Solicitor Adams, of Ashville, were here last Saturday, having been retained in Connelly's interest, to ascertain of Solicitor Long what bond would probably be required in case of his return, and it is believed that the return of the fugitive is a result of the visit and presence of the advise of his counsel. So says the Statesville Landmark.

#### A Better Class of Citizens will See Good There.

**RANSOM, N. C. March 16.**—The negro exodus from this State is about to take the form of a colonization of negroes in Arkansas. The negroes are holding mass meetings almost nightly, and negro orators and preachers are urging them to colonize. The negro preachers of this section are especially active in the matter, and issued a circular to-day calling on them to organize the North Carolina Emigrant Association for the purpose of securing organized action toward colonizing all the negroes in the State in Arkansas, where they are offered lands for a trifle. The circulars say that the white people don't want them here and they have determined to go. It is complained that the election law, school law and other laws passed by the last general assembly, were passed to crush them out. They propose to colonize on unoccupied land in Arkansas and follow agriculture.

The Republican Senate gave the Democrats only a few chairmanships. Of these North Carolina gets two—Ransom retains his chairmanship of Committee on Private Land Claims, with a clerk and a committee room, and Vance is chairman of the committee on Woman Suffrage. This is a huge joke. We do not think Dr. Mary Walker, Susan B. Anthony and other woman suffragists will approve the selection of the chairman of this committee.—State Chronicle.

Tuesday evening's train from Charlotte brought a surprise to the people of Statesville. J. B. Connelly, the defaulting ex-clerk of the Superior Court, arrived on it, with his wife and youngest child. They took a carriage at the station and were driven to the residence of O. M. Connelly, on front street, and yesterday Connelly was on the streets shaking hands with his acquaintances. He does not look as well as when he left, and says his health has not been the best, but his spirits are fairly good and his confidence in his own integrity is unshaken. He said on the train, on his way up, that

he was neither ashamed nor afraid to face his enemies. It was supposed, when it was learned that he was in town, that he would be at once arrested, but Sheriff Allison was in the country Tuesday night and yesterday and so he was not disturbed. The Sheriff is in town this morning but no steps had been taken in the case up to 11 o'clock.

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#### NOTION OF BAPTISM.

An old colored Methodist, of fair repute, suddenly joined the Baptists, to the surprise of his friends, who demanded an explanation. He said: "I am sick and tired of the Methodists, who preach nothing but 'Work, work!' but the Baptists preach, 'Baptized, and be done with it.'"

#### AN AGREABLE OCCASION.

Editor DEMOCRAT:  
Without presuming that this article will interest your readers, I ask permission to refer to an occasion which I had the pleasure of attending at Mr. J. W. Horton's, on Sunday, March 10th.

Before the day arrived, it was generally known to be Miss Addie's birthday, and many anxious hearts awaited its arrival. After attending to our Sunday School duties, a large party of equestrians formed a procession without delay—impatient to share the ever-ready hospitality of our beloved citizen, Mr. Horton. A very warm reception awaited us, and the crowd, numbering thirty or more, each had a different topic to discuss; some joking, others courting, and a few talking sensibly. Much to the delight of some (if not of the writer) one couple was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, and all hastened to be first to tell it; but alas, it was only a sham, and they parted that evening as before. I wonder if we will not soon witness the same in reality!

By this time the welcome summons to dinner came. Now was the time for the sweethearts to couple, and those of us so unfortunate as not to possess one, had to take some one else's, and make for the dinner table. All to please the eye or gratify the taste was served. The dinner was excellent, and although prepared for mortals, it was fit food for the gods. It is needless to add that we performed the part assigned us faithfully.

After a few hours more of social chat, music, and melodious singing, the time of parting came. Then we realized there's a tear for every smile. Such a crowd would be difficult to assemble again, and we all wished our band had known no break, but

could go on—on with the rolling wheels of time throughout eternity. We were glad to have with us Miss Bina Greene and Mr. Ben. Council, of Boone, both of whom enjoy great popularity on Cove Creek.

We wish for Miss Addie the success she deserves, and the return of her birthday three times a year, when we can again enjoy the pleasure of her last.

Our saddest mission was bidding farewell to those so soon bound for the West. Among these were Messrs. A. M. Mast, D. C. Mast, Ivey Sherrill and Harvey Deal, to whom our hearts, from constant association, have become strongly attached. We wish for them much prosperity and a speedy return to Watauga, where they leave some of our fair daughters sad and heartbroken.

DIXIE.  
Cove Creek, Mar. 16.

#### Objecting to the Removal of Bull-Dozing.

The Philadelphia Press is howling over the amendments to the North Carolina election law. There is no great occasion for comment afforded by the adoption of these amendments, but if anybody is opposed to a fair election, he can howl at any law calculated to relieve the voter from bull-dozing and tending to a free ballot.

That there has always been a fair count in North Carolina every man admits; that the negroes have always been fearfully bull-dozed by their associates is also as plain as a pike-staff.

The amendment which the Philadelphia Press particularly howls about has nothing to do with the count but removes to some extent this bull-dozing.

The law so much objected to is that there shall be appointed four poll-holders at each box, two democrats and two republicans; that provision may be made for keeping the crowd outside of the polling room; that the voter may, if he chooses, put his own ballots in the boxes, but if he does not choose to do so the poll-holders may put them in for him. That is the law as amended. In practice we suppose the republican poll-holders will see to it that the republican voter who desires their help will get it. Any man, however, can either put his ballots in himself, or can call on any poll-holder to put them in for him. He votes away from the crowd, and if he wants to vote the democratic ticket he can do so without fear of detection. That is what makes the Press' gorge rise. It says: "Let bull-dozing thrive"—so long as it is the bull-dozing of the darkey by the colored crowd.

The amendments to the North Carolina election law proceed on the ground that each voter is permitted to cast the ballot of his choice free from bull-dozing. And so the Press raises its howl.—News and Observer.