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## THE BODY CREMATED.

THE PROCESS OF CREMATION WITNESSED BY A CHARLOTTE MAN, WHO RATHER THINKS THAT IS BETTER THAN BURYING.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Prof. Albert Rouse, late music teacher of the Charlotte Female Institute, who dropped dead of heart disease at the residence of Capt. R. E. Cochrane, on the 19th, was a believer in the art of cremation, and according to his expressed wish, his body was burned to ashes. The cremation ceremony was performed at a crematory at Fresh Pond, Long Island, five miles out from Brooklyn, the Professor's old home. Mr. Robert L. Cochrane, who accompanied the body from this city to Brooklyn, witnessed the entire ceremony, and was so favorably impressed with the manner of disposing of the dead that he is himself almost ready to join the ranks of the cremationists.

The crematory is a very simple affair, comprising an ordinary house with very thick walls, in which are located a furnace and reception rooms, the latter being for the accommodation of the friends and relatives of the deceased while the body is being reduced to ashes, a process that usually requires about three hours. The coffin which contained Prof. Rouse's body was not opened from the time it left Charlotte until it reached the crematory. When the funeral procession arrived there, the furnace was fired up and ready to receive the body. The coffin was opened and the body was taken out and wrapped in a sheet that had been thoroughly saturated with kerosene. The body was completely enveloped by the coffin and was then placed in an iron bed when the furnace door was opened and it was shoveled into the furnace. The furnace was then closed and the heat was allowed to do its work. At the end of three hours, the door was opened and the iron bed that held the body was drawn out. The alum cloth was intact, and within its folds were the ashes of Prof. Rouse. The ashes, which were sufficient to fill a pint measure, were collected, deposited in an urn and turned over to his relatives.

The editor of the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*, the Rev. F. L. Reid, has been appointed residing Elder by Bishop Key, in place of the late Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D.

Charlotte Chronicle: Passengers on the Richmond & Danville train Sunday last reported that Greensboro was visited by a severe storm, last Monday morning. The rainfall was tremendous and the wind blew almost a gale. A frame building in course of erection was blown down and seven chimneys were demolished. The rainfall was exceedingly heavy all the way from Greensboro to Harrisburg.

Capt. W. T. R. Bell's residence caught on fire about 6 o'clock Monday. Loss on the house was about two hundred dollars, on furniture three hundred. The furniture was insured.

Winston Daily: A severe storm of wind and rain struck this section on Sunday evening tearing up trees by the roots and unroofing houses. The worst force seemed to have spent about a mile and a half distance. Mr. Daniel Grubbs' house was unroofed and completely demolished. John Jenkins and George Hego's barns were unroofed. Other damage of a minor character was wrought in that locality, such as the blowing down fences, uprooting of trees, &c.

Sanford Express: Cumberland county sent seven persons to the penitentiary this week—three of them women and all of them in groves. The cold weather has damaged the tender cotton plant very much in this section Tuesday morning the thermometer was down to forty degrees and fire was a necessity.

Mer at noon, in Winston, William Houston shot and instantly killed Kate Cosby. Both colored. Both discharging.

## Embarrassing Predicament.

What a solemn warning and plaintive plea, is this which floats down from the Northwest on the crest of the latest cold wave?

"It is just as important," exclaims the leading Republican organ of the State, "to retain Michigan in the Republican column as it is to win back New Jersey or Indiana. The way to do this is to select Michigan's candidate as the nominee of the party for President. With Gen. Alger as the candidate there would be no doubt as to Michigan."

Alas! alas! and has it come to this? The Louisville "Courier-Journal" argues that if it is necessary to nominate Alger to save Michigan, then what is the party going to do about the other States, which are just as essential to Republican success as Michigan? What will avail the party if it save Michigan and lose Indiana? Must not Harrison be nominated to secure Indiana? Must not Allison be nominated to save Iowa? And who is going to insure Wisconsin to the Republicans unless Rusk shall be nominated? Then there is New York; isn't Depew the only Republican who stands any chance of carrying that State? He, too, must be nominated, therefore, Connecticut went for Cleveland in 1884, and so be regained Hawley must be nominated. And what Republican can carry New Jersey, unless it be William Walter Phelps? While they do say that even California is not safe unless Stanford with his barrel head ticket, and Illinois is so fast beginning to be looked upon as a doubtful State that it would be highly advisable to make sure of its vote by nominating either LINCOLN or GRESHAM, the latter of whom is so much better appreciated at his true worth in Illinois than he is in his own State, which insists on trying to make a silk purse out of HARRISON.

The Republican party is evidently in a very embarrassing predicament, and as yet it does not seem to have discovered any way out of it. There is, in truth, as far as we can see, but one way out of it, and that is for the Chicago Convention to nominate all these gentlemen. Put each State's favorite son of the ticket; let each favorite son see to it that he carries his own State, and then, if the Republicans secure a majority of the Electoral College, let the College decide between the different favorite sons.

There is nothing at all impracticable about this plan, unless the Electors should be unable to agree among themselves on a President, in which event the matter could be decided by the various nominees drawing straws or flipping nickels for the honor.

We honestly believe that this is the only chance the Republicans have of electing a President this year, and we do not hesitate to show it to them simply because we have an abiding conviction that the party, in its present demoralized condition, is not capable of taking advantage of its only chance after it has been pointed out to it.

At a meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, it was unanimously agreed that the tariff bill should be set aside until to-day, at least, in order that the appropriation bill might be considered. If the proposition made by Mr. Mills as to the district vote on the Democratic and Republican tariff bills to be accepted, it is likely that there will be a disposition of the two bills before the end of the week. The country wants action on this matter. It has had enough of wind and words.

## Justices not Eligible.

The question has been asked: "Are Justices of the Peace eligible as county commissioners?"

They are not. The last legislature amended the code by inserting a clause which excludes the justices. The amended law reads as follows: After saying that the justices shall meet on the 1st Monday in June, 1884, and every two years thereafter, a majority being present, "shall proceed to the election of not less than three or more than five persons, to be chosen from the body of the county, excluding the justices themselves, who shall be styled the Board of Commissioners."

The words in italics is the amendment passed by the last legislature. This settles it. A Justice of the Peace is ineligible to the office of County Commissioner. Justices in the various counties should govern themselves accordingly.

Wilmington Star: "Rev. Dr. Deems, in 1852, published the *Daily Ballot Box* in Greensboro. It was devoted to temperance and was the first paper of the kind ever issued."

—DURHAM RECORDER. A friend here thinks the *Recorder* is mistaken; that the *Ballot Box*, if he remembers correctly, was not a daily, and that it was not the first temperance paper published in the State, as a temperance paper was published in Wilmington a number of years previous to the publication of the *Ballot Box*. [Our information was derived from the Greensboro *Workman*.—EDS' RECORDER.]

Rockingham *Spirit of the South*: Bob McNeil, of Moore county, who shot Miss Ida Poe, in Carthage, recently, was in Carthage on Thursday last week. No attempt was made to arrest him. His brother, the lawyer, was with him.

A correspondent of the *News and Observer* thus writes of the situation in the mountains:

As stress is laid on the vote in the Ninth district, way up yonder in the mountains, I beg you will print the following resume which I believe to be correct:

For Stedman—Bancrofts 18, Jackson 3, Haywood 4, Macon 5, McDowell 2, Swain 3, Transylvania 3; total for Stedman, 39.

For Gilmer—Yancey 5, and a part of Mitchell.

For Fowle—Cherokee 4, Clay 2, Graham 2, Haywood 4, Henderson 5, Jackson 2, Mitchell 2, McDowell 4, Polk 3, Rutherford 10; total 39. Madison having 7 votes, has not yet voted, but is claimed for Fowle.

A Railroad Man Testifies.

Mr. Ransom Montgomery states the following: For twelve long weary months I was afflicted with Diarrhea. I tried several physicians and various remedies all to no effect. I was reduced to a mere skeleton and gradually sinking every day; indeed I was upon the brink of the grave. I heard of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordia, and I used one bottle and at once felt the improvement. The second made a final cure.

How "O'd Hickory's" Board Bill Was Paid.

A correspondent writing from Dobson to the *News & Observer* says: Andrew Jackson was sworn in as an attorney at law in the court house, and the entry is still among the records here.

Soon after obtaining license to practice law Andrew Jackson located at Salisbury. He was a very rollicking, devil-may-care young fellow. He went up to old Rockford on one occasion, to attend court and left his board bill unsettled. Long years afterwards, when the new-reached Rockford of his great victory at New Orleans, the old hotel proprietor turned to the register where Jackson's name stood and wrote: "Settled in full by the battle of New Orleans." One of our townsmen saw the old register, with this entry in it a few years ago and tells the incident.—Statesville *Landmark*.

Comet Discovered.

The Virginian. ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 22.—The tail of a large comet was discovered in the Northwest last evening, its direction being downward of north. The tail was very broad at first but gradually narrowed while the light from it increased. No astronomer here can identify it.

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