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WE WERE attempting to frame in writing our sentiments in regard to the Chatham lynching when we came across the charge of Judge Walter Clarke to the Wake grand jury. This so well describes the way we think about it that we adopt the charge as an editorial.

"In the adjoining county of Chatham a masked mob has taken from the prison of the county four persons confined therein on a charge of murder and has hung them without warrant of law, and this on the week preceding the term of their Superior Court. Almost on the same day in a neighborhood of the county of Caswell, a mob has taken from the custody of the law, another prisoner, and hanged him by the wayside.

The unlawfulness and the dangerous tendency of such acts and their certain effect in the disorganization of society must be apparent to all good citizens. It would be commonplace to dwell on that subject. As you are the grand inquest of the county, the court feels it its duty to call your attention to this matter, and the remedy for it.

It is easy to denounce such deeds but there can be no defense of such unlawfulness. But among a people who reverence law as North Carolinians have ever done, such deeds take place at distant points, and almost simultaneously, there is something to challenge our attention.

Courts are instituted that life, person and property may be protected in an orderly way. To maintain these courts, the good people of the State annually tax themselves liberally. If these courts do not protect the public, if justice is not administered in them, if by delays, continuances and removals, criminals wear out the prosecution, if juries upon technicalities, or through a false sympathy, acquit the guilty, if grand juries through negligence and indifference, fail to present violators of the law, the public time, and the expense of these courts is wasted.

Men will be protected, and if the courts will not give that protection, mobs will take the law in their own hands and do that which the courts ought to do—administer justice upon criminals speedily, cheaply, and without useless technicalities and delays. Such occurrences as have been mentioned, show a deep unrest in the public mind. They are significant. Their warning should be heeded. The lesson they teach is that the people are losing confidence in the courts as a prompt and certain means of repressing violations of the law.

All good men will condemn such highhanded disregard of the laws, but such acts are born of resolution and a deep sense of mistaken, of their necessities. If this feeling obtains a hold in any community, it will not "down at your bidding." The remedy is a more speedy and efficient administration of justice. Let the people feel that in the court-house the law will be vindicated with certainty and dispatch, and you will hear no more of lynch law. Let your county commissioners be more careful to put only the best names in the jury box. Let those drawn on the jury take a pride in serving, and not seek evasions of the duty.

There is no place where they can serve their country more effectually. And let juries, whether grand juries or petty juries, realize the importance of the matters submitted to them. In my practice at the bar, I have never known an innocent man convicted. It is something I hope I never shall see. But we have all seen hundreds of guilty men pass without sentence or punishment. This is the evil which must be remedied, if your courts are to serve the end for which they are created—of protecting the public against evil men.

The administration of President Cleveland has so far been the most business-like of any that Washington City has ever known. It is a fair, square, honest, open-and-above-board administration and wins the confidence and respect of the people. It fails to please everybody, though, as does every thing sublimary. The New York, Ohio and Massachusetts Republican platforms "arraigned" it for ignoring the civil service rules and making appointments for partisan purposes. On the other hand some of our brethren complain and think Cleveland pays too much attention to the "humbly snivel service" rules. The fact of the matter is, the rules need changing and Cleveland in not to blame. Senator Vance, for instance, doesn't like the present status of the civil service arrangement. There are many of us, true reformers, who want all the humbug knocked out of these rules. Why, then, should brother Hunsey call Vance a "kicker" and place him on Senator Eustis' side of the fence? Vance has said nothing more and done nothing

more than thousands of us have said and done and, no doubt, Cleveland thinks about the same way too. If that be so, we are all "kickers" and so is Cleveland. When Congress meets we will see these things more clearly and not through a glass darkly as at present. Even the snivel victor who sits back and pouts because he cannot get the spoils that belong to him will smile grimly and cease to call it "snivel" service reform. Wait until Congress meets before you begin to brand the "kickers."

AT THE Lynchburg fair last Thursday, nearly all of Virginia was present and "ovation" but faintly describes the reception given to Fitz Lee who attended. One thousand cavalymen followed him in procession besides the other military companies. At night he addressed 10,000 people and when he spoke of the venomous Logan's reference to the "treason-stained saddle of R. E. Lee" and declared that he was not ashamed to be the hero's nephew, pen cannot describe the deafening uproar and shout that went up from the great throng, many of whom had fought under "Mars Bob." Lee's prospects to be elected Governor of Virginia are first-rate.

OUR Republican contemporaries may well be pardoned for their glorification over the Republican victory in Ohio, especially as we hold the innings and have the papers for three years yet at all events and are greatly "hoped up" to believe that we will be there long after 1888. And, by the way, they make as much fuss over this Republican State going Republican as if they had not expected it. They were a trifle doubtful.

STATE TOPICS.

The rice crop is the poorest since 1854.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Synod met yesterday in Reidsville.

From Hickory to the Asheville fair, which is this week, the fare is \$3.35.

While last week's storm was severe on the coast no serious accidents occurred.

Died on the 9th, at Iron Station, of heart disease, Mr. W. L. Bynum, aged 65.

Edward W. Faucette, editor of the Advertiser, has been appointed postmaster at Milton.

P. M. Morris, of Cabarrus, saves all the ragweed on his farm and says it makes first-class hay.

There is more blockading in Rowan and the surrounding counties than in the mountains.

Gooch and Smith, tried in Wake Superior Court for the murder of John Cheatham, were convicted.

The assessed valuation of property in Iredell is \$3,848,587 and the entire tax of the county is \$39,198.56.

The Scottish Carolina Company has lately bought 17,000,000 feet of poplar lumber from the owners on Pigeon River.

The Higgins farm on the Catawba river in McDowell was sold at auction last week and J. G. Grant became the purchaser for \$3,100.

The Landmark is not inclined to be well pleased with Senator Vance for the part he took in the removal of the revenue office from Statesville to Newton.

They tell of a Mitchell man who paid \$2,200 for a farm and was laughed at by his neighbors. He turned the tables by selling walnut timber enough from it to bring him in \$1,800.

The Western Baptist Convention met in Asheville last week, Rev. J. B. Boone being elected President. \$1,500 was subscribed for missions and \$200 towards building a church at Sparta.

There is no telegraph line along the A. T. & O. R. R., from Statesville to Charlotte, but we understand that the lessees intend to put up one soon, having received a bonus of \$700 from citizens along the line.

The Statesville Landmark says that the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad people deny that they made any promise to build the "Junebug" railroad and assert that they have no idea of taking hold of the enterprise. Meanwhile the grading is washing away and the county bonds are drawing interest.

On Monday night of last week a quarrelsome negro named Reinhardt went to the house of a Mr. Lineberger, who lives near Iron Station, Lincoln county, and began to abuse him. Lineberger went out when the negro drew a pistol on him but was not quick enough, for Lineberger also drew one and fired, killing the negro.

The State Bar Association met, last Wednesday and elected the following officers: President, Hon. E. G. Reade; vice-presidents: 1st district, C. W. Grandy; 2nd, J. M. Mullen; 3rd, Jacob Battle; 4th, T. R. Purnell; 5th, Samuel H. Webb; 6th, E. T. Boykin; 7th, W. A. Guthrie; 8th, W. J. Montgomery; 9th, Wm. W. Barber; 10th, A. C. Avery; 11th, W. M. Shipp; 12th, T. F. Davidson. Secretary, T. M. Argo; treasurer, W. J. Peele.

TOWN TALK TOPICS.

Trivial Incidents and Idle Gossip from the Outlying Hamlets.

Carolina fair at Charlotte on the 27th.

Raleigh is to be lighted by electric light.

Newton's diphtheria epidemic is abating.

Asheville has a hospital founded by the ladies of the various churches.

Gastonia wants a large warehouse big enough to hold 5,000 bales of cotton.

In September there were 35 deaths in Wilmington—10 whites and 25 colored.

Salisbury has a population of 3,408, a gain of 1,000 in 25 years and of 700 in five years.

The Morganton Star and Blade have consolidated with Mr. Cobb of the Star as editor.

Beginning with this week the Asheville Citizen becomes a morning instead of an evening paper.

One-half the proceeds of Friday, (Oct. 30) of Tarboro fair is to be devoted to the N. C. Soldiers' Home Fund.

Newton gets the revenue office and will soon be so stuck up and "bigotry" that she can scarcely be held to the ground.

The Winston Republican printed its Bird of Freedom and brought out its old rusty cannon in its paroxysm of rejoicing over Ohio.

Capt. John Carson, of Marion, says that he has lost \$40,000 this year because he has not hogs enough to eat the acorns in the woods!

Concord has at last gotten rid of its offensively parisan postmaster, Miss Mary Dusenbury and Rev. Thomas W. Smith has been appointed in her stead.

The question of publishing a new Methodist paper in the State has about been decided but it is not certain whether it will be published in Salisbury or Statesville.

At Spartanburg, on Thursday, the tight rope walker, W. J. Davis, who has been giving exhibitions in the various towns of the State, fell from his rope and broke his neck.

The inclemency of the weather last week militated against the success of all the fairs which were so unfortunate as to be billed for then. This relates to both the Hickory and Raleigh fairs.

The Raleigh Chronicle tells of a young man who was lately examined by the Supreme Court who attributes his success in obtaining his law license to the magic influence of a "rabbit foot" which he carried in his pocket.

Johnson City, Tenn., is beset with grog-shops and the drunken men on the streets have become a nuisance. On Monday morning the calaboose is nearly always full of a crop of drunk and downs who were picked upon the streets on the day before, some of whom are even females.

The prize of \$50 was awarded at the Raleigh fair to Mrs. J. B. Burwell, of the Peace Institute, for a painting, the scene of which was on Richland creek, Haywood county. Miss Julia Spencer, of Chapel Hill. Mrs. J. M. Spahnour, of Lenoir, and Mrs. E. L. Harris, of Raleigh, also had fine paintings on exhibition.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The Northern railroads are cutting rates and the price of a ticket from New York to Chicago is only \$1.

The President has appointed T. R. Jernigan, of North Carolina, consul of the United States at Osaka and Hiego, Japan.

Since the first of January \$52,386,000 have been invested in Southern industrial enterprises, \$2,543,000 of it being in North Carolina.

Cardinal McCloskey was buried in New York, last Thursday, according to the gorgeous rites of the Roman Catholic Church. The Cathedral was fairly crammed and Archbishop Gibbons preached the funeral.

Tammany and Irving Hall have brought out opposition tickets for city officers to those nominated by the County Democracy. It is thought that this will bring out a full Democratic vote and will be of advantage to Hill and the State ticket.

At a speech in Baltimore the other night, old Jack Logan waved the bloody shirt and sneered at Fitz Lee's candidacy for the Governorship of Virginia, saying that he was trying to amble into office on the "treason-stained saddle of his uncle, R. E. Lee."

When it was preached around New York last week that the Ohio election would have something to do with the result in New York week after next, the New Yorkers fired up and retorted that "New York does her own thinking." She must think loud.

Last Friday an excited mob got together at Columbus, Ohio, and came near having a riot because some person had hung out from the Democratic committee's headquarters a huge "bloody shirt." As the mob was made up principally of Republican roughs it required a good deal of forbearance on the part of the Democratic crowd to keep from having a bloody fight.

The Republicans elected Foraker Governor in Ohio, last week, by about 16,000 majority and a legislature that gives them a majority of about 30 on joint ballot. This makes sure the return to the United States Senate of the most rabid hater of the South in Ohio—the incendiary, John Sherman.

Judge Foraker, like Alexander, sighs for new worlds to conquer and will stump New York for the Republicans. John Sherman, too, it is said, will wrap his bloody shirt around him and stump Virginia for John Wise. If Johnny Wise d-sires to receive not a single white vote let him bring red-shirt John Sherman into Virginia.

In Baltimore a hot canvass is going on for the local offices. James Hodges is the Democratic candidate for Mayor and is opposed by a faction of the Democracy which charges that Hodges, a reputable merchant, is the tool of Senator Gorman. This faction, antagonistic to the Senator, has been joined by the Republicans and the coalition has nominated Judge George William Brown for Mayor.

The little principalities of Servia and Bulgaria, whose "tin" princes "play" they are great kings, have a mutual grievance—gracious only knows about what—and are about to let slip the dogs of war or, as a witty contemporary expresses it, to unloose the black and tan terrors of war. The latest dispatches said that the Servian "army" was marching on the Bulgarian capital. The other kingdoms of Europe would look on half amused at this pigmy warfare just as Gulliver did the Lilliputians if it were not possible that this may be the means of starting a battle of the giants in an European war.

PERSONAL TOPICS.

The Governor is still sick with chills and fever.

It is now "Col. John F. Morphet," of Marshall.

Bishop John C. Keener will preside over the N. C. Methodist Conference.

Married in Statesville, Oct. 15, Mr. Hall M. Caldwell and Miss Eunice Palmer.

Says the Watchman: "Congressman Henderson is doubly blessed—a boy and a girl."

Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, it is said, will be made a Cardinal by the Pope.

Walter W. Vandiver, a bright paragonist becomes local editor of the Asheville Tribune.

Mr. Joseph Dobson, Jr., is acting solicitor in the place of his father, deceased, in the seventh district.

A. W. Shaw, better known as "Josh Billings," died suddenly of apoplexy on the 14th at Monterey, California.

Married at New Berne last Thursday, Mr. John B. Broadfoot, of Fayetteville, to Miss Fanny Bryan, of New Berne.

Senator Vance has just been made a grandfather for the first time. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. David M. Vance, of New Orleans.

Rev. Robert Strange, of Wilmington, has accepted a call to the rectory of the Church of Good Shepherds, Raleigh, lately resigned by Rev. E. R. Rich.

Married in Nash county, Oct. 12, Alfred Upchurch, aged 80, to Miss Sally Ann Yarborough, of Franklin, aged 67. This is the old gentleman's third wedding. His son aged 57 and two grandsons aged 24 and 26 respectively attended the wedding.

Of all the gentlemen who married ladies belonging to the rich Richmond Thomas family, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Dr. J. L. Currows and Col. J. R. Connally are Baptist preachers and only Mr. Richmond Pearson, who married the youngest daughter, Mrs. Gabrielle, has no right to wear his cloth of a clerical cut.

Our Clay Letter.

CLAY, N. C., Oct. 12.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: The surveying has been going on since I wrote you last Monday. Capt. Lenoir has found that he laps on to others, and others lap on him. Jas. A. Aldridge was awfully astonished to find that the Captain took his dwelling house and something more. However, I opine that he will not be turned out of house and home, for Captain Lenoir is going to be very lenient, I feel sure.

J. Burton Johnson is teaching the public school in Watauga township, near the head waters of that classic stream, the Watauga, in the county of the same name.

Most is over abundant. Three names have been proposed for our new county, namely: Lee, Iron and Raleigh.

W. C. Hickey, sheriff, notifies tax payers that he will be at Bullcrops on the 23d and at Hughes' store on the 23d. We have two voting precincts in Linville township, hence the two days he remains with us to receive taxes.

I was at Cranberry Friday last. There was an unusual footing of the railroad whistle, which was remarked here, twelve miles away. The extra tooting was in consequence of an excursion in the interest of some church in Virginia. The excursionists came up to view the wonderful sights to be seen in "The Gorge," and all along the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina narrow Gauge railroad, sometimes yeop

the "stem winder." The extra train came in while I was there, and was soon unloaded of its burden. The people immediately began to view the wonders at Cranberry. As I was in a hurry to get home I had to leave before the excursionists started "homeward bound."

The increased demand and higher price of steel rails is stimulating the mining operations at Cranberry. The company cannot fill their orders and are wanting more miners.

Rumor speaks of things in connection with the manufacture in this section of country, of iron, which, if true, are very interesting to all.

It is said that the company have discovered that they can flux their ores without the use of lime, and make better and cheaper iron by omitting the lime.

More important still, it is said that the company were long in doubt whether they could properly smelt and reduce their hard magnetic ores to iron with wood charcoal; that they hesitated on that account, to engage largely in the manufacture of charcoal iron; and that they now, by repeated tests, have all doubts on this subject removed, and expect to engage more largely in the manufacture of charcoal iron.

The immense forests around Cranberry give them great facilities for so doing, and if the company should engage in manufacturing charcoal iron in large quantities, it would forward rapidly the clearing of the rich mountain lands near Cranberry, which are as fine grass lands, when cleared, and set in grass, as any in the country.

The choppers are doing a large business in felling trees and chopping cord wood, and the colliers are burning large quantities of coal. I was told that the company have invited land owners to make coal on their own lands at home and bring it to the furnace.

I was also at Elk Park the same day. This little town is a new one, and it is increasing in size and importance very fast. A new building, of moderate dimensions—not large enough for a "state" house—was being built, and some one asked one of the principal citizens what it was for. "A calaboose," was the prompt reply.

I was informed that the town was soon to sport a live newspaper, to be patterned after THE LENOIR TOPIC. I did not think to ask what its name is to be, so we will wait and see.

Bakersville is notified to be looking out for its laurels, i. e., the court house, jail and other concomitants! When they go, its glory will have departed, and added to the graces of Elk Park.

Last night, just after dark, rain commenced falling and continued all night. Since daylight there has been one continual pour up to this moment, half past ten a. m. Now, look out for a fresh!

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 14.

The rain spoken of above, continued, without the cessation of a minute, till dark, Monday night, when the sky became clear at the north, and the weather was rather cool.

As a consequence, the streams uprose at once and overflowed their banks, the water carrying away foot logs and every obstruction in its way. Our very excellent foot log was taken down stream, but not so far that it cannot be returned to its place, so soon as another pen, and a stronger one, I hope, can be constructed.

Our mail carrier did not reach us on Monday, so this letter will not come to your hands so soon by two days as it otherwise would.

The winds of Monday caused the falling of millions of acorns and chestnuts, the like of which I never saw.

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