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THE Baltimore *Sun* states that the first article that has reached Philadelphia for the Centennial next year, is a package of rum from Jamaica.

THE body of Capt. John C. Jones, a retired sea captain of New York city, who deliberately jumped into the whirlpool at Niagara Falls some weeks since, has been recovered. In his pockets were found $3,000 in cash, and his gold watch.

A PERUVIAN plug of tobacco has been found in Colorado. Of course we don't want to get into trouble with the theologians, but if this isn't proof that Noah stepped off the ark in America, then what is proof?

WE are going to have a war with Mexico. The government sent 150 recruits to Fort Union. And here's Ames howling for men and munitions of war to carry the elections in Mississippi. Hadn't we better inflate the army, or contract Ames?

ONE hundred and eight cars laden with tea, arrived at Quincy, Illinois, on the 20th inst., by the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad from California. The tea was shipped directly from China, and is destined for England. The cars were taken over the Quincy, Alton and St. Louis Railroad, which road paid as back charges for the freight over $113,000.

ONE of the most remarkable men of the Alabama Constitutional Convention, says the *Courier-Journal*, is Col. Bethea. He is a lawyer, but has had only one case in his life. It was his first and his last. The case involved a large amount of property, and his fee depended upon his success. He won: his fee was $60,000, and with this he gracefully retired from the bar. A legal career so brief and so brilliant has probably been the lot of no other man since litigation began.

THE Rev. John Chambers, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, of Philadelphia, died last Wednesday night, aged seventy-eight years. He had been pastor of his church for fifty years. During the war he favored the cause of the South, which fact caused the loyal mob of that city to stand on their hind legs and howl for his blood.

SOMEBODY says that no Sam was ever great in American politics. This is a mistake. What would American politics for the last thirty years have been without Sambo.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, in Ludlow Street Jail, sees nobody but his family, his physician and his lawyers. Mrs. Tweed visits him daily, and his counsel about as often. It is customary at the jail when, for convenience, a prisoner wishes to be out in the open air for a few hours in the company of an officer, to grant him that privilege for a fee not fixed, but assessed according to the amount of the bail, in default of which he is held—a kind of discounting of the risk involved. Mr. Tweed's bail is fixed at $3,000,000, and half a day's liberty in his case would be scheduled at about $100. He has only availed himself of this license once, however, having no money, as one of the Order of Arrest officers says, for anybody but his lawyers.

THE New York *Commercial Advertiser* says all the ocean steamship companies have sunk money on nearly every passage for two or three years past. The Bremen line has lost $1,115,000 in two years, the Hamburg $400,000 during the past year, and the White Star, Inman, National and Cunard lines not less than $400,000.

ABOUT two weeks since a Spartan Justice of the Peace in Georgia sent his wife to jail on a charge of stealing a dress, declining to go bail for her appearance. An enemy of the Justice went on her bond after she had been fed on the bread of affliction and coffee of tears for ten days. On leaving the prison she was informed that her husband had on the day of her incarceration discharged the cook, whom they had had in the family for twenty-three years, and engaged an odious creature of nineteen. Remarking simply, "He has, has he!" she bent her way homewards. * * *

THE CONVENTION—RELIEF FOR THE EAST.

We publish elsewhere a very sensible article from the Albemarle *Times* in regard to the condition of the large negro counties of the State.

Just before the election of delegates to the Convention we had occasion to refer to this subject, which we reprint herewith, hoping it will claim the attention of the delegates to the Convention who have this matter under special consideration. We ask some relief at the hands of our friends:

There are two propositions that can not be denied. The first is that no trust of so important a character as that involved in the government of a free and intelligent people ought to be confided to the hands of ignorant or corrupt men. The second proposition is that men of African birth or descent are as a race both corrupt and ignorant. Attempt to gloss it over, as the most enthusiastic admirer of the negro may, he cannot escape the palpable fact that as a race the negro is lacking not only in mental but in moral education. It is useless for our purpose this morning to enquire into its causes, it is sufficient that such is the fact.

This being so, it needed not experience to teach the folly of placing the county governments in the eastern portion of our State, where the negroes most do congregate, in their hands. There never was and never could be any doubt as to the result. Fraud and extravagance follow ignorance and corruption as surely as night follows day.

In consequence of this immutable law, the people, the intelligent taxpaying portion of the people, in other words the white people of very many of our eastern counties are laboring under an intolerable grievance. Their county governments are in the hands of men elected by the ignorant, the corrupt, the non-tax-paying portion of the population, in other words our county governments are in the hands of men put in office by the negroes.

Can this grievance be remedied and can the county governments be placed in the hands of men for whose intelligence and for whose integrity there will be ample and abundant guarantees? It can and the remedy is no less simple than efficacious. It is simply to return to the old paths, the old time-honored paths we used to follow in North Carolina before the curse of Reconstruction blighted our fair land. In the olden time when North Carolinians lived under a Constitution made by their freely chosen delegates in lawful convention duly assembled, the Legislature selected the magistrates and the magistrates conducted the affairs of the counties. And was there ever such a body of men as the magistrates of North Carolina? Who then heard of ignorance in county governments and corruption in the expenditure of their revenues? Then Thomas Ruffin, the man whose judicial opinions had been quoted with honor and with approbation in the most exalted tribunals of public justice in foreign countries, thought it no degradation to resign the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and become a magistrate in the county of Alamance. Willie P. Mangum, who occupied possibly a more prominent position in the United States Senate in its palmiest days, in the days when Clay, Calhoun and Webster, made that body so illustrious, and who held that position for a longer time than ever did before or since any man from North Carolina, hesitated not to become a magistrate in the county of Orange. George E. Badger, too, he who had adorned the bench of the Superior Court of our State, and whose gigantic intellect and whose rare acquirements placed him in the front rank wherever he appeared, no matter whether at the bar, on the bench or in the Federal Senate, or in the Federal Cabinet, felt when he was acting as a magistrate for the county of Wake that he was performing the highest duty that could devolve upon any North Carolinian. Henry T. Clark, than whom a purer patriot or better man never honored the office of Governor of North Carolina, for many years earnestly devoted himself, without reward or the hope of reward, to the performance of the duties of a magistrate of Edgecombe. Surely the system that led to the selection, as magistrates of such men as these and the hundreds of others we could name among the living and the dead, within our recollection, was a system far preferable to the one that gives us as magistrates, the negroes Jos. C. Hill, Anthony Howe and W. H. Moore.

Which is to be preferred, the system that gives us as a magistrate a negro so steeped in ignorance and superstition as to order a prisoner charged with murder to be taken from jail, carried to the dead body of the murdered man and forced to touch it in order to test his guilt, believing that if the prisoner was guilty and should touch the dead body, the accusing blood would gush from its veins, or is that system to be preferred that give us as magistrates such men as Ruffin, Mangum, Badger and Clark?

Let us then return to the old paths and as soon as the Convention shall assemble, let the Constitution be changed so that the magistrates shall once more be elected by the Legislature, and when so elected let them be entrusted with the management of county affairs. Then, and not until then shall we have relief.

It has been and ever shall be our aim to speak frankly and honestly upon matters political, as upon other matters, and we do not hesitate to say that if the Convention to assemble in September shall not give us of the East, the relief we demand in this matter of our county governments we shall regard the Convention as a failure. It was to secure to our suffering people this great blessing that we labored so long and so earnestly to secure the call of that body. We speak plainly because the time has come to speak plainly. The exile dowing from the present system of county governments do not bear so hardly upon the people of the West as they do upon our people, and for the reason that the negro population there is comparatively small. But even if our brethren of the West were wedded to the present system, and we are glad to say they are not, we cannot believe that they would be willing to sacrifice us. Unless we be wrongly informed, if the East shall demand at the hands of the West a change in the system of county governments, the demand will be granted.

Let us, then, speak out, and in plain terms. If the Democrats of the West, would save the Democrats of the East, if they would lift the load of oppression that we have been gradually sinking under these long weary years, if they would relieve us from the extravagance and corruption that is daily wasting the substance of our people, they must unite with us in restoring the old time-honored practice that came down to us from our fathers, approved by their experience and freighted with their blessings. But we, of the East, must speak out, and we must do so plainly.

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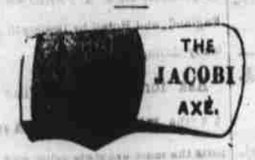

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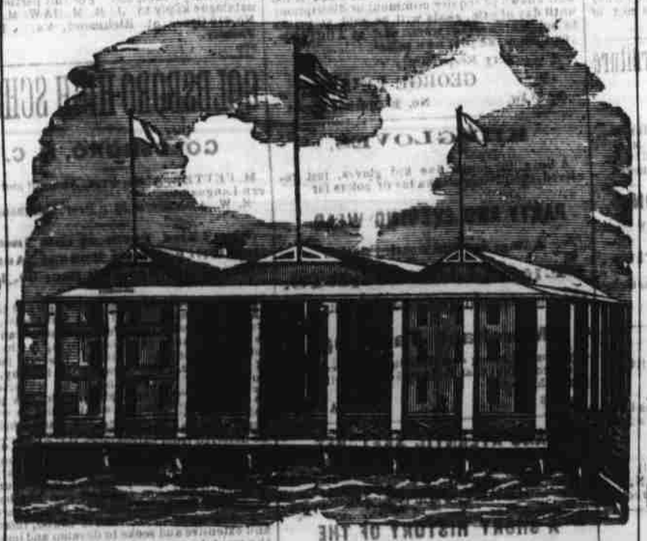

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