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GRASVILLE COURT.

The three days we spent at this Court satisfied us that the negroes of the League were as much disengaged from their white leaders, Ladd and Ragsdale, ("honest John").

We spoke to the people on Tuesday, from the porch of the old Horseshoe Hotel. That audience stood in the rain for two hours, and among them, near 300 freedmen. We began at the Township, and talked through County and State affairs, up to Federal masters and there stopped.

The Township Commissioners of Oxford have levied a tax of \$5000 on the Township, and advertised to sell the property of the citizens if the tax is not promptly paid. A tax paper of the Township informed us there was no bridge to build, or anything requiring money, except to pay Township expenses.

The county expense, under the Revised Code and old Constitution, was only \$500; under the new Constitution and the Revised Code of Civil Procedure, the county expense is now \$4,500.

We mentioned then, that Lewis H. Kittle, chairman of the Board of Commissioners charged for his services alone \$750 - just \$15 more than the whole county expenses were under the old Constitution and laws. We told them then, they paid Lewis Kittle Col. T. L. Hargrove, the county attorney, just \$100 more than the county of Mecklenburg paid for its whole county expenses.

We called to their minds the speech of "honest John" Hagland, the member from Granville, at the last Court; we told them that "honest John" spoke evil and slanderous words against a member of the Legislature. We told them that that member had made "honest John" retract and take back what he said of him, at the last Court, nor was that all; "honest John" had signed a paper writing averring that what he said was not only false but malicious as, and that he had no foundation for the truth of what he said against his brother members.

We told them what we said was not to lessen their respect or impair their faith in "honest John," their chosen representative, but notwithstanding this little apparent self contradiction on the part of John, we assured them we had as much confidence in him as we ever had, and we should still look upon their servant, John, as the honestest man of all party, and more entitled to respect than any man who would vote for him. This announcement elicited from some of "honest John's" admirers a "hooray for England!"

When we came to State matters, we talked of taxes, special taxes, Railroads, State bonds, robbery and corruption; in fact we gave them what I call our "old editorial." As evidence that the people enjoyed and heeded what we said, was the fact that hundreds stood, two hours, in the rain, wet to the skin, to hear what we had to say.

Our friends claim that Granville will go Conservative by a thousand majority, half of that will not leave a feather on the old hibiscus. After the speech we were invited by Jordan Potter, Vice President of the League, to drink with him, at a free Republican Hotel, given in the street. We declined the honor, but accompanied John to the fine bunch of bad whiskey and water across the way, to see him limbile. Dr. Pashell told Jordan his party were drinking up the people's taxes. Jordan said, no, that he and Justice Smith, (white) had paid for the taxes. When the Doctor disputed the statement, Jordan, like "honest John," took back, and said it was Sheriff Moore's fault. So the people were not drinking up their taxes but only the Sheriff's contribution to taxes.

At night, Lester and the lenguage attempted a rally; James Jones, late of the Confederacy, and its Southern bodyguards, was the organizer for the night. Judge Wilson, Col. Hargrove, Lester and others, we heard, were specially invited to be present. There was some difficulty in getting a Chairman, one after another declining the honor. Soon after the organization, a motion was made for a Committee to draft resolutions condemning Jo. Turner for denouncing Republicans.

James Jones, we are told, spoke to the audience thus wise: "Mr. Turner is not the bad man, some people say he is, you go to them and most people will tell you that he who do them a kindness as quick as any man. He has not denounced you; it is you who have denounced your representation and friends, but let them, answer Mr. Turner, if they ever do so to day, when we interrogate them. Why are they the best people? Where is Col. Hargrove? Where is Col. Hargrove? If they have right their own honor, I shall not tell them."

The audience to this was lost.

The next day the Convention of James Jones, and his friends, met at the Hotel, to deliberate upon the making of their demands.

A small man, W. C. Williams, of the city of Winston, was present, and he explained by his influence, the making of the resolutions, whose purpose is to have the

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

It may be so; there is such a rumor, that the wonderful, a large, and urgent message of the Governor, meets the eye of the North Carolina Railroad. The Governor set his head for the rails, and soon for the lake; now, it may be, he is again on the lake, as the lake failed.

The Governor says the Deaf, Dumb and Blind are about to suffer, the clothes for the insane are about exhausted. The State Treasury is not only empty, but is due to the Common School fund. "Honesty relief is not extended to the institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, the Director may be forced to suspend the operations of the institution."

Yet, "coming events" and the deepest picture you paint in your message may be trusted to your own door. Your proclamation for Littlefield and Simpson, and the signing of it "respectfully yours," shows the station you bear to the plunders of the Treasury.

Littlefield, we hear, has not despaired of selling the North Carolina Railroad, even in his exile. Come, Governor, with the wants of the Treasury and the distress of the Deaf Dumb and Blind, we tell you, you are suspected of having played into the hands of the "Ring" who have brought these things about. Your silence while the public plunder of the State has been going on, leads me to believe that the "Ring" have you under their thumb.

The Treasurer adds, with your approval, the mortgage bonds of the North Carolina Railroad Company, at fifty-five cents, due and now at par. He made the words of the treasury bill plea for the auditor in the sale of the bonds. Littlefield and the "Ring" are, this moment, at work for the sale of the North Carolina Railroad; it is said \$2000 has been offered for a member's vote for it; we believe, if necessary to accomplish this, half a million will be offered for the sale of the road.

Come, Governor, don't go off half-cocked on the rail, as you did on the issue. The large grocery establishments of the city can't afford the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, until Treasurer Davis can make a raise.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIXTH SECTION.
FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 1860.

Mr. Hodges, for Finance Committee, reported a bill to supply funds for the use of the insane and the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution. The bill provides that the Treasurer be instructed to set aside from the first funds received as dividends on the stock of the State in the N. C. R. R. Co., \$50,000 for the use of the Insane Asylum, \$15,000 for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, and \$30,000 for the Penitentiary, and enough to pay down the amount of the coupons held by the purchasers.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend the motion by instructing the Clerk of the Senate to have the printing done, which was voted down, and Mr. Hayes' motion was adopted.

THE LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SESSION OF 1860.

MONDAY, FEB. 18, 1860.

The Senate sat at 10 o'clock.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The following bills passed their third readings, etc.

Bill to incorporate the County Commissioners of Robeson to some limit.

Bill for the relief of G. M. Alfred.

Bill for the relief of Harris & Terry.

Bill to extend the corporate limits of the county of Robeson.

Bill to incorporate the town of Littleton.

Bill for the relief of G. M. Alfred, tax collector of Cleveland county.

Bill to incorporate a Bank in the city of Raleigh.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Tarboro.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Bills authorizing the County Commissioners of Chowan, Sampson, Richmond, Orange, Person, Beaufort, and Carteret, to levy a tax on the tax base.

Bill to consolidate acts incorporating the town of Lenoir.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Tarboro.

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