

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Few persons are aware of the stirring events that occurred in this county just one hundred years ago, and to which we think a reference would now be proper and opportune.

Exactly one hundred years ago two opposing armies marched through our county, the British army commanded by Lord Cornwallis and the Americans by Gen. Greene.

From Dixon's mill the British army marched to "Chatham Court House," as our county seat was then called, and encamped for the night.

From this place Cornwallis marched to Ramsey's mills (now called Lockville), where he remained two days building a bridge to cross Deep river.

Gen. Greene knew that Cornwallis was attempting to reach Wilmington and desired to overtake him before he crossed Deep river, so, while the latter had the start of him and marched through the centre of this county, General Greene marched through the western part of the county and halted at Rigdon's ford on Deep river, twelve miles above Lockville, when Cornwallis was at the latter place.

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

March 22, 1881.

ERROR RECORD: The Capitol looks like some banquet hall deserted, now that the Legislature is gone.

Oakwood Cemetery is a place of great natural beauty, and my stroll through it in one of my recent evening walks was full of pleasant interest.

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These two remarkable men were born in the same month of the same year; the one in the western part of the State, the other in the eastern, and now, after life's fitful fever is over, their ashes repose in the same cemetery at the centre.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, March 18, 1881.

The interest at this political centre will probably be kept up till far into summer. The lower house, it is now thought by many, will be convened in extra session before the middle of May.

Quite a crowd was present to witness the organization of the Senate to-day, although no election for officers of the body will take place until next Monday.

The heads of Departments are still kept very busy with an immense throng of office seekers, and in case an extra session shall be called, this throng will be increased.

A determined effort is being made to defeat the confirmation of Stanley Matthews for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by representatives of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

As a week or so will elapse before this act can reach the office of the clerk with the execution thereof, we give below, for the benefit of sheriffs and registers of deeds, the most important changes made in the act to raise revenue.

The purchases of farm products from the producers are excepted from the purchase tax. Exempt dealers are to be looked after by the sheriff to the end that the purchase tax in their cases be collected.

Retailers of spirits or malt liquors, wines or cordials or bitters, in quantities less than a gallon, must file their petitions as heretofore, and if the county commissioners direct the sheriff to grant license to retail, the retailer must pay to the sheriff a tax of sixty dollars per year in advance, and no license shall be issued for a shorter time than twelve months.

Schedule B taxes each side show \$19 in addition to the tax of \$100 on every exhibition of a circus or menagerie.

A good old subscriber in Lincoln county told us the other day that he shaved himself twice a week, always performing the work at about 1 o'clock at night.

Captions of Acts.

The Raleigh News and Observer has published a list of the captions or titles, of all the Acts of the late General Assembly, and we herewith copy the more important and such as are of special local interest in this section:

An act to provide for paying jurors summoned to act on inquest over dead bodies. This act allows these dead bodies the same compensation in per diem and mileage as jurors acting in the Superior Court.

An act to change the time for holding elections on the subject of prohibition in the county of Chatham. The election is to be held on the first Monday in May instead of June, as heretofore.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 158, laws of 1874-75, entitled "An act concerning applications for prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors, or repeal of the prohibitory laws of the State."

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State News.

Winston Sentinel: Mad dogs are causing some excitement in Yadkin County.

Moore Enquirer: Mrs. Priscilla Jordan, who resides near this place, has attained to the ripe old age of 105 years, and retains enough of vigor to convince one that she is likely to live some years longer.

Reidsville Times: The revenue law is good, by far the best since the war, nothing chaffy or cheap about it, no pitching of exemption on an ash hopper or a tin pan to the poor man in order to cover up a favor on a bigger scale to the rich, but it bleeds directly from the proper sources.

Statesville Lark: A reliable citizen of this county, who was in town a few days ago, vouches for the truth of a very remarkable story which he tells of an event of recent occurrence in his township.

Robesonian: Last Friday night, about 12 o'clock, as Mr. Baldwin, of the firm of W. D. Edman & Co., was returning from across the bridge, where he had been transacting some business, and when he had reached a point near A. M. McClean's residence, he was attacked by 15 or 20 dogs.

Senator Rumson having addressed a letter of inquiry to Commissioner Reem, received in reply an official statement of the facts, which will be interesting at this juncture, when the question of prohibition is on the carpet for discussion.

English Election Expenses. Although members of the British Parliament receive no pay, yet it costs them large sums to be elected, as will be seen from the following, copied from the New York Herald:

There is an English statute which prescribes that at the end of each Parliamentary election the successful and unsuccessful candidates shall make a return of the moneys, expended by them in their canvass.

The materials used for the production of spirits during the same period are reported in bushels as follows: Corn 156,876; rye 23,618; malt 21,928; wheat 1,227; mill feed 893; other material 19; molasses 308 cwt. Making a total of 214,071 bushels.

The total number of grain distilleries operated in North Carolina during the same period was 359. These distilleries are small and differ but little in capacity.

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