The Chatham Record

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H. A. LONDON, Editor.

THERE is no good reason why a successful politician should not be a consistent Christian, and yet many persons think no man can be both. A young man, Mr. Thomas Dixon, Jr., who attained some notoriety as a member of our last Legislature, has published a card announcing his withdrawal from politics because, as he alleges, "no man can be a successful politician and a consistent Christian." While this may be true of Mr. Dixon and of many others, yet we cannot think it true of all who engage in politics. This idea is quite popular and has originated from the fact that so many of our best citizens abstain from politics. Indeed the word "politician" has become a much abused word—one of reproach—applied only to selfish office-seekers. A man may be a politician and yet never seek an office. The proper meaning of the word is "one versed in the science of government," but its common meaning is "a man of artifice." The most consummate politician now living is Gladstone, commonly called "The Grand Old Man," and he is certainly a most consistent Christian, and a man of the purest character. He is admired the world over not only for his wonderful ability as a politician and statesman, but also for his pure Christian character.

The only trouble is that more Christians are not politicians. Our politics must be controlled by some sort of men, and if Christian men do not take part in politics, others will who are not Christians, and what will then be the result?

THE CONVENTION to nominate the democratic candidate for Congress in this district has been called to meet at Raleigh on Thursday, the 5th day of August. The contest for the nomination is quite animated, and the friends of the several aspirants are working zealously for their success. Nearly all the counties have held conventions and appointed their delegates. More interest seems to have been manifested in the result of the convention of Wake county than any other. That convention was held on last Saturday, and it is said that its delegates to the district convention stand: 45 for Cox, 28 for Cooke, and 24 for Bunn. Orange county held its convention on the same day and its delegates are said to be 25 for Graham and 8 for Strudwick.

It is a coincidence worthy of mention that the only senatorial district in this Congressional district, which has no local candidate of its own, gave the largest democratic majority at the last election, and is now largely in favor of the renomination of Gen. Cox—we refer to the 22nd senatorial district composed of Alamance and Chatham, whose majority for Senator in 1884, was 1193. The majorities of the other senatorial districts were as follows: Nash and Franklin (the 7th district) 452 majority; Johnston (the 17th district) 975; Wake (the 18th district) 494; and Durham and Orange (the 20th district) 899.

A FEW nominations have now been made. In the 12th Judicial district James H. Merrimon, Esq., of Asheville, has been nominated for Judge of the superior court, to succeed Judge Gudger. This is an excellent nomination, as Mr. Merrimon is a most estimable gentleman and learned lawyer, and will make one of the best Judges in the State. In the 9th district Judge Graves was renominated without opposition. No doubt is entertained of the renomination of Judges Connor and Clark, as neither of them has any opposition. There is quite a contest over the nomination of Supreme court Judges, and from present indications no man can foretell the result. If any change is to be made we hope that the Hon. JOHN MANNING will be nominated. No lawyer in the State is better qualified for the position, and no democrat more richly deserves such a recognition from his party. Modest as he is learned, he is not seeking the office, but that does not render him less worthy of it.

DURHAM county voted by a large majority, on last Saturday, to subscribe the sum of $100,000 for building another railroad to its county-seat. It is proposed to expend $60,000 in the construction of a road from Lynchburg to Durham, and $40,000 in the extension of a road southward in the direction of Sanford or Fayetteville. It is very probable that the former road will be built, but we fear that it will be many years before its southern extension is constructed. The latter would run through the eastern part of this (Chatham) county and develop a very productive section.

A Self-Nominated Candidate.

Col. Charles R. Jones, editor of the Charlotte Observer, having nominated himself as a candidate for Congress, the Wilmington Review publishes the following humorous account of his nomination:

"The Independent Democratic Convention of the Sixth Congressional District, convened in the editorial rooms of the Charlotte Daily Observer. Present, Col. Charles R. Jones.

On motion of Col. Charles R. Jones, Col. Charles R. Jones was called to the chair.

On motion of Col. Charles R. Jones, Col. Charles R. Jones was appointed Secretary.

A committee on credentials, consisting of Col. Charles R. Jones, was appointed by the Chair.

A recess was then taken to await the action of the committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was promptly called to order by Col. Charles R. Jones, the Chairman, fifteen minutes after drinks.

The committee on credentials reported through their chairman, Col. Charles R. Jones, that the credentials had all been examined and found correct, whereupon a permanent organization was effected with Col. Charles R. Jones as Chairman and Col. Charles R. Jones as Secretary.

A committee on nominations, consisting of Col. Charles R. Jones, was then appointed. The committee retired across the street for consultation and at the end of fifteen minutes returned ready to report.

The Committee, through their Chairman, Col. Charles R. Jones, then reported as their unanimous choice for Congress, Col. Charles R. Jones, whereupon the entire [illegible] to its feet and cheered [illegible].

On motion of Col. Charles R. Jones the nomination of Col. Charles R. Jones was then made unanimous.

Col. Charles R. Jones then addressed the Independent Democrats of the Sixth Congressional District, and thanked them most heartily for the [illegible] ... to elect their candidate, Col. Charles R. Jones, to the United States Congress. Hip! Hip! Hur[rah]!"

Immigration Items.

Mr. F. H. Putnam, of East Hampton, Mass., has visited North Carolina several times and brings with him a party ... [illegible] ... North Carolina during the last few weeks and bring with him ... [illegible] ... Western North Carolina.

E. A. Eastman, of St. Augustine, Fla., ... [illegible] ... State and wrote Commissioner ... [illegible] ... for information in regard to Western North Carolina.

Several New York State farmers contemplate a visit to North Carolina in the near future for the purpose of looking up a location on which to establish a farming and manufacturing town. They can bring down a number of Northern farmers and manufacturers if the [illegible] ... the advantages [illegible] ... are realized.

Parties having land for sale would do well to correspond with E. A. Keeler, Esq., of [illegible].

E. Barrett, of New W[illegible], informs the Commissioner [illegible] that he will move South and [illegible] North Carolina as favorable ... [illegible] ... owning a Southern home ... [illegible] ... possible. It might be well for some North Carolina gentleman who is desirous of disposing of lands to correspond with Mr. Barrett.

Cured by Hanging.

From the New York Star.

On Tuesday last Mrs. Isaac Hayes, one of the most respectable women of Sareppa, N. J., attempted suicide by hanging, but was found before life was extinct. For some time she has been acting strangely, but it was never for a moment suspected that she would attempt to take her own life. Her husband and the farm hands were drawing in their harvest, and she assisted them in putting the sheaves back from the wind[ow]. When the wagon drove out to the field Mrs. Hayes was still in the mow. As she did not return to the house her daughter felt concerned about her absence and on going out to the barn found her suspended from one of the beams from a strap.

The young woman screamed, and a young man who happened to be near ran to her assistance and cut the body down, and it was found that she was still alive. Medical aid was summoned, and when Mrs. Hayes recovered she had no recollection of the event, and since has been in a better condition mentally than at any time since her vagaries were first noticed. Her physician believes the hanging effectually cured her.

Caring for the Insane.

Raleigh Correspondence of the Charlotte Chronicle.

At the suggestion of the Board of Directors of the insane asylum at Morganton a special committee of the asylum there and that at Raleigh will meet at Morganton the 5th of August to endeavor to make arrangements to relieve the pressure of applications on the asylum at Raleigh. The dividing line may be changed or may be abolished entirely so as to afford in the Western Asylum as much accommodation to the insane white of the whole State as possible. The north wing of the asylum at Morganton is nearly completed, and when finished the authorities hope to take many cases from the western part of the State when there is any probability of affording relief or making a cure. It is hoped the next Legislature will provide for the enlargement of the asylum at Raleigh.

Our Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, July 16th, 1886.

Nothing has attracted more attention for some time probably than the President's [illegible] admonishing all Federal office-holders to take no active part in politics during the coming campaign. The principle which he desires to impress upon the heads of Departments and their subordinates is that political action should be kept free from official coercion. He does not ask them to abstain from politics, but he draws nice lines of distinction. They [are] not to misuse their offices for partisan ends.

The order created quite a surprise at the Capitol on Thursday, but our [illegible] ... so busily engaged in the pressing duties of legislation that there are but few Democrats who do not sustain the President's ideas ... [illegible] ... Democrats ... [illegible].

Many of the Republican Senators even gave the President credit for sincerity, but they express faithlessness in the power of the order to [illegible] ... They say it will be ... [illegible] ... and that it cannot be enforced ... [illegible].

The Morrison resolution for disposing of the surplus in the Treasury passed the House by the overwhelming vote of 207 ... [illegible] ... reads as follows: "Whenever the surplus in the Treasury, including the amount held for redemption of United States notes, shall exceed the sum of $100,000,000 it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury ... [illegible] ... per month ... [illegible] ... payment of ... [illegible].

[illegible]

In the Senate ... [illegible] ... Kentucky river, but I was in the ... [illegible] ... And it would be ... [illegible] ... end of [illegible].

Commissioner Sparks continues his vigorous fight against the land thieves and never stops his good work to refute the calumnies that are heaped upon him. The attention of land grabbers should be called to ... [illegible] however. The General has issued more land patents since his incumbency than any previous commissioner ... [illegible] ... in the same length of time and his have the merit of being honest.

While Republican papers are saying that this Administration is pre-eminently the enemy of the soldier, they should take a note of the fact that Commissioner Black has issued over one hundred [illegible] certificates to pensioners since he assumed the duties of his office, which is ten per cent. more than any of his predecessors ever issued in the same length of time. The amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year just ended exceeded that of the previous year by $[illegible], and President Cleveland has signed more pension bills where he has vetoed one.

Col. James B. Wheeler, brother of the historian of North Carolina, Col. John H. Wheeler, and formerly a professor at West Point Military Academy, died at Lenoir, Caldwell, N. C., last week. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and after being retired from West Point, made Lenoir his home, as it had been the home of his [illegible].

[At Fort] Keogh, Montana, on the 15th [instant], the thermometer recorded 120 degrees in the shade.

Committed Suicide.

From the Raleigh Visitor, 19th inst.

On the arrival of the train from Hamlet at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, a tall, dark haired man, apparently about 36 years of age, came up town and registered at the Central Hotel, as W. L. Kester, Norfolk, Va. He was shown to a room, and soon afterwards requested that a doctor be sent for, as he said he had been on a spree for about ten days. The Doctor soon arrived and prescribed a half pint of whiskey to be taken by the tablespoonful every three or four hours, and he also prescribed ... [illegible] ... About dark last evening, the man, accompanied by a boy who was placed in the room to watch and attend to him, went to a drug store, when the man saw another physician and obtained from him a prescription for a pint of whiskey, which he purchased and returned to his room. It is proper to state here that the last physician was not aware ... [illegible] ... Some time during the night the man got up, took the pistol ... [illegible] ... shot himself ... [illegible] ... was in the room with him. His pistol and lamp were taken from him and placed in charge of the proprietor of the hotel. About 8:00 o'clock this morning the man requested ... [illegible] ... Jacob Hecht & Co., of Norfolk, Va., wholesale ... [illegible] ... hats, caps, &c., who were immediately notified by telegraph ... [illegible] ... the body be sent to him ... [illegible].

Trading a Wife for a Sister.

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About seven years ago in the county ... [illegible] ... lived ... [illegible] ... happily ... [illegible] ... North ... [illegible] ... Mrs. Porter ... [illegible] ... Mrs. Godfrey ... [illegible] ... Everything moved on smoothly ... [illegible].

A Sensational Shooting Affair.

N[illegible], July 19.—A sensational shooting affair occurred here last [night], when two prominent men ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... Mrs. Carney ... [illegible] ... John Rice ... [illegible] ... The next shot Mrs. Carney through the arm and John Clapp, who tried to detain him was shot in the head. Stepping into the hall he then shot himself in the head. His own wound and that of Miss Carney are perhaps fatal. The affair caused the greatest excitement and there were determined threats of lynching which were only prevented by the quick arrival of the police, who carried him to jail as quickly as possible. ... [illegible] ... Leora's mother made ... [illegible] ... her opposition to his ... [illegible].

A Shocking Tragedy.

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 16.—A horrible attempt was made by Jesse J. Catlin, freight master of the Pennsylvania railroad, this morning, to rescue Annie Wyckoff, a highly respected young girl of Elizabeth, from death at the south Elizabeth railroad station. The girl was on her way to Rahway. While standing on the east-bound track waiting for her train, the through east-bound passenger train was sighted. The passengers at the depot called to Miss Wyckoff to get off the track, but she evidently did not hear them. On came the train. Catlin jumped to her side and was dragging her out of harm's way, when both were struck by the east bound passenger train. Miss Wyckoff was hurled many feet from the scene of the accident, and her body was horribly mangled. Death must have been instantaneous. Catlin was thrown a long distance, and also killed.

Murdered by his Daughters.

PETERSBURG, Va., July 17.—Sol Joyner, an aged and inoffensive citizen of Southampton, a day or two ago went to a neighbor's, Wm. Prince, to make some repairs to that gentleman's mill. After the day's work he returned home, ate his supper and after conversing a short while with his family retired. That night after Joyner had fallen asleep his two daughters, Mattie and Abbie, aged, respectively, 12 and 18 years, went to the bedside of their father armed with an axe, with which they chopped the head of the old man into a jelly. After making sure of their deadly work the girls made their escape in the night into Sussex county, where they were subsequently arrested. They have both been committed to the County Jail to await trial. The only motive for the crime of the girls is revenge for a severe whipping which they had received from their father for taking provisions and wearing apparel without permission from a neighbor named T. D. Prince.

The Civil Service Law.

From the Memphis Messenger.

Thomas C. Blakney, a coal miner at Soddy, near Chattanooga, received notice on the 4th that he had passed a successful examination before the Civil Service Commission, and had been appointed to a $1,200 clerkship in the Treasury Department. Last April, during the great flood, he learned that the commission was at Knoxville. He crossed the raging river on a raft of logs and trudged twenty miles to reach a train. He passed a perfect examination over fifty applicants as a result of his pluck. But for civil service examination this honest, intelligent coal miner would doubtless have remained in the coal pit and some special pet of a politician would have gotten that clerkship. The great merit of this law is, it gives every man a fair chance at the appointments, and each applicant must stand on his own merits.

Miss Connelly Acquitted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 14.—Yesterday the grand jury of Barnwell county found a true bill in the case of Miss Emma Connelly, who shot and killed her second cousin, John T. Sheeny, during Sunday-school on July 4, for circulating defamatory reports about her. The trial was set for to-day. Both parties were of good families and had many strong supporters in the county. Sheeny's family engaged some of the best lawyers in the State to aid the prosecution. The trial began at 11 o'clock this morning. Miss Connelly, who is a very handsome brunette 20 years of age, sat calmly through the trial, which lasted seven hours. The jury went out shortly before 8 o'clock, and in a short time brought in a verdict of not guilty. This is the first time a lady has ever been tried for murder in South Carolina.

A Remarkable Funeral Scene

A San Francisco newspaper describes a remarkable scene that took place at the funeral of a young man named Frank Beachy, in that city, a few days ago. The father of Frank, a man greatly esteemed and beloved, was ... [illegible] ... wife, the mother ... from whom he [had been] separated twenty five years. The father lived in Los Angeles and the mother at Oakland. They had married again and had families. Their sorrow over the body of their boy were sad to behold. The father [wept] ... [illegible] ... and the mother kissed the lips. Both wept bitterly, but neither recognized the other. At the grave the old mother knelt down and prayed while the earth was being thrown over her son's coffin.

An Unnatural Murderer.

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There began to-day in the town of E[illegible], Kansas, almost a remarkable murder trial. The defendant is a lad sixteen years old, who is charged with killing his father, mother, brother and sister. The prosecution has been unable to find any adequate motive for the crime or any provocation, and the defense appears to have settled down to the theory that the boy's mind was unsettled by reading dime novels of the blood and thunder order. If there is any truth in this it is the most direct and serious charge that has yet been brought against the trash literature of the day.

It is worth remembering that nobody enjoys the nicest surroundings if in bad health. There are miserable people about, today with one foot in the grave, to whom a bottle of Parker's Tonic would do more good than all the doctors and medicines they have ever used.

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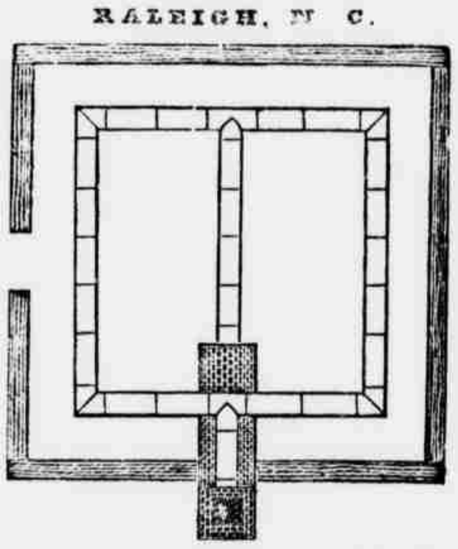

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