The Chatham Record

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Not only is the new election law unnecessarily expensive, but the expenses are not evenly or fairly divided. While little pay is given to the registrars of election and none to the poll holders--the men who hold the election and do the hardest part of the work—yet big pay is given to the sheriff, the clerk and the register for their services.

Why is this unjust discrimination?

The official figures, published in last week's Record, show the difference between the expense of holding the election under the old law and under the new law. Those figures show that the election expenses of this county under the old law were $776 68 a year on an average, and under the new law they were $348 94 a year. But, in order to excuse or justify the great difference in the election expenses, it is alleged that this great expense is necessary in order to have a fair election. Is this true?

In the first place elections have always been fairly held in this county, and the people of Chatham know this to be true. But even if this was not true, why make an election law that pays little or nothing to the men who hold the election and pays so much to the "court house ring"? For instance, in this county the expenses of holding the elections in 1896 and 1897 were $697 38, and of this the sum of $284 50 was paid to the three court house officers (the clerk, register and sheriff), while the balance was paid to the 132 men who held the elections!

In this county there are 22 voting places, and at each there were three registrars and three poll holders—making 132 in the county—and yet all these 132 men together were paid only a little more than was paid to the *three* court-house officers! Is this just? Is not the Record correct in saying that this new election law is a costly "reform" to the taxpayers, but gives much needed relief to office holders?

Don't it look like it was intended, not so much to benefit the people as to enrich the court house ring of every county?

DURRANT has at last been hanged. His case is one of the most horrible ever known in this country and has attracted most unusual attention.

The crime for which he was hanged was the murder of a young lady, Blanche Lamont, whose dead body was found in the belfry of a church in San Francisco, in April 1895. He was tried several times and was often sentenced to be hanged, but by the efforts of his lawyers his execution was delayed until finally, on last Friday, he was hanged.

Like most murderers he protested his innocence to the last, meeting his death calmly and coolly, and with his last words expressing his forgiveness for all men. It certainly seems strange how convicted murderers can meet death so calmly and fearlessly. And their brazen effrontery is indeed wonderful in attempting to pose as innocent victims, and with their dying words so magnanimously (?) forgiving all mankind!

THE farcical investigation of the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern Railway Company has about collapsed, as was predicted by all unprejudiced persons who were acquainted with the directors who made the lease. The Record did not approve of the terms of the lease, nor the manner of making it, but we never entertained any suspicion of fraud in its execution, and we have regarded Russell's ridiculous investigation as petty spite work and a demagogical attempt to arouse prejudice for political capital.

At the hearing last week Russell's special counsel (Philip Williams Aviritt) withdrew from the case. This attorney had stated some time ago that he appeared for Russell individually and not as Governor, and we were surprised then that he should have tried to get a fee of $2,000 out of the public fund instead of out of Russell's private pocket.

RUSSELL'S railroad commissioners seem determined to carry out his wishes to the best of their ability. Well, that is what he appointed them for and their proceedings surprise nobody. They have attached for contempt of their court Vice-President A. B. Andrews and some other officers of the Southern Railway Company, because they refused to answer certain questions. These recusant witnesses are ordered to appear today before Russell's commissioners and show cause why they should not be punished. And to make matters more complicated, if not more interesting, these commissioners are summoned to appear before the United States Supreme Court, on next Monday, to show cause why they should not be adjudged to be in contempt of that tribunal.

MARK HANNA has been re-elected to the U. S. Senate, just as we supposed he would be when it was announced that it was necessary for him to buy only three hold-over Republicans.

Prices Ten Years Ago.

From the Greensboro Patriot.

People talk of the good old days of long ago when times were better and prices were cheaper. How would you like to have a few of old times as they were mentioned in the prices quoted below from an old account book kept 10 years ago in Buffaloes county?

Having an opportunity recently, Bud P. Snuffy copied a few items from such a book in that section because the same page. The old books now owned by Mr. S. W. Davidson, of Spring Valley, P. O. Buffaloes county. I might have copied a few hundred items from it, but as it is only a few will suffice. Here they are:

To 14 pounds sugar	$1 40
To 2 [illegible]	[illegible]
To 1 gal [illegible]	[illegible]
To 1 [illegible]	[illegible]
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By 3 days work	[illegible]
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How Rulers Travel.

The extensive preparations which are being made in Europe for the journeyings of the Emperor and Empress of Germany and the King and Queen of Italy, as well as the royalties who will attend the Paris exhibition, are causing considerable speculation as to the manner in which these exalted personages will travel. Of course, the days of the state coach, with its postilions and outriders, are long past, even for royalty, and the ordinary mode of travel by railroad is now the favorite method of locomotion for the rulers of the world. Queen Victoria, however, has a special train, which is always in readiness for her use, and which is composed entirely of vehicles of the most luxurious description. The Emperor of Germany has a train of similar character, and the Czar of Russia has a train of his own, which is said to be the most magnificent of all. The Emperor of Austria has a train of state carriages, which are used only on the most ceremonious occasions, and the King of Italy has a train of cars which is a model of elegance and comfort. The President of the United States has a special car, which is used by him and his family when traveling, and which is provided with all the conveniences of a modern home. The President's car is attached to the regular express trains, and is run at the usual speed of the train to which it is attached. The President's car is the only private car which is allowed to run on the railroads of the United States, and it is the only car which is run at the speed of the train to which it is attached. The President's car is the only private car which is allowed to run on the railroads of the United States, and it is the only car which is run at the speed of the train to which it is attached.

A Sensation at Newborn.

Newbern has a sensation. Annie Abbott, age 12, through her father, sues Robert Hancock, who was appointed by Governor Russell, president of the North Carolina Railroad Company, for $50,000 damages, alleged that he caused her to be seduced by his wife's connivance. It was his stenographer that Hancock's wife is divorced and was unable to accompany him North, that she went and that her ruin was accomplished by his father-in-law's order in a Northern city, but afterwards at Newbern he made threats to have her means taken from a former officer of the revenue marine service, turned out of an army ham and to have her sister removed from a position in the public schools and thus forced her again to comply with his wishes. Hancock, in an interview, denies Miss Abbott's charges absolutely and demands a full investigation.

Corpse Cut to Pieces.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 7—Representatives of the Adams Express Company opened an ill smelling box at Chariton today and found the remains of a human body cut into bits. The box had stood several days in the express office and the officers becoming suspicious, prized off the lid. Detectives were at once put to work.

The Dead of 1897.

From the Wilmington Messenger.

The following is an incomplete record of deaths in North Carolina for the year 1897. Among those named some were distinguished, others had an honorable local reputation, and all were men of influence and character in their respective communities:

S. S. Ruford, Sr., Edgar R. Gay, John F. Morphew, Asa Thomas, J. M. McCleray, Lewis M. Hatch, Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Hiske, Thomas E. Cooke, James Alcock, Joseph M. Wearidee, Neezy Byrd, Elwin Barnes, Armstrong Tate, Dr. Joseph M. Davidson, J. W. B. Watson, Noah Rouse, L. M. Long, J. S. P. Caldwell, Dr. J. C. Brown, M. H. Purnell, Julius McLee, Thomas H. Brickell, John Bure, William W. McDermid, Rev. J. T. Moser, Alexander Mear, John H. Webb, Isaac Moore, E. O. Noe, Rev. Andrew M. Millan, Major W. C. Fergus, James H. Hall, Sr., Judge A. S. Seymour, Daniel P. McKinnon, B. F. Rayle, Dr. John R. McClokie, John Mallett, Dr. Matt. Worthaker, Colonel A. G. Lowry, Richard H. Hanna, Rufus J. Mebane, William G. Barkwell, James Webb, Thomas M. Kimball, Rev. Dr. J. E. Pressley, James B. Turner, Daniel E. Perry, Dr. James Speed, Calvin S. H. Cooper, S. Lockhart, Capt. W. C. Dockery, Jr., J. B. Flowers, Major W. H. Belo, H. T. Brickell, Major A. Schultz, Dr. Jas. M. Hayes, W. H. Sledge, William Cooper, Rufus L. Lassiter, Colonel S. McD. Perry, N. McPhail, Alexander Gilmore, Colonel J. M. Mayo, Captain John Dorsey, Captain W. R. Rose, Horton V. Emerson, S. R. Chamberlain, W. M. Hargrave, Captain Benjamin Swaney, Colonel Henry Lassiter, Dr. George Patterson, Dr. Charles E. Benton, John Hayes, D. McL. McCorquodale, Colonel E. Dana, Rev. T. W. S. Pitt, Rev. A. F. Purves, John C. Wrightsman, Augustus C. Lee, Jr., Major Carroll, Dr. Henry James, Barnard Rey, Thomas Kenney, Captain C. B. Denny, Thomas Sears, Thomas S. Ashe, the Exchange Cashier, Joel Arrington, Alexander Perkins, E. G. Haywood, Dr. J. Y. Thompson, Captain Peyton Peebles, Dr. Benbow Jones, Dr. Wilson M. Bruce, Wright E. Pace, Dr. R. Wright, Rev. [illegible], William H. Mc[illegible], Rev. [illegible] Hoge, Rev. [illegible] Board, D. W. Thompson, Ed. [illegible], Captain [illegible], Dr. A. R. Rose, [illegible], Dr. S. S. [illegible], Samuel L. Swepson, M. Hardy, Rev. A. R. Wetherell, Benjamin R. Smith, Colonel [illegible], Rev. [illegible], D. Wyatt Aiken, [illegible], Rev. [illegible], William D. Lamb, Dr. [illegible], Dr. [illegible], B. B. Kitchin, Dr. [illegible], Dr. Miles K. [illegible], Dr. [illegible], Dr. [illegible], Andrew Johnson, William H. Rand, Dr. Amanda J. Dickson, [illegible], Dr. Benjamin Cheatham, Captain [illegible], Robert H. Gorman, Dr. J. Henry Smith. [illegible] has been captured by the soldier with much success and is said

Wonderful Surgical Operation.

This morning at the Charlotte Medical Surgical Institute the operation of taking an illumin from the throat and tube of Miss Ruth Harris was successfully performed.

Last night Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson college, made the application of the Roentgen rays to the body. The child's clothing was not removed, as the rays easily penetrate any number of layers of cloth. The fluoroscope revealed the object plainly, and as the physicians present examined the body and agreed as to the location of the thimble. The thimble was found to be exactly to the left of the breastbone, and in the by-function the fingers about three inches below what is known as the "Adam's apple in the throat. Dr. J. P. McCaskey, R. H. Gaither and others were present when the Roentgen rays were turned on the body.

This morning when the operation came to be performed the doctors knew the exact location of the thimble as if it could be seen with the naked eye.

Dr. C. A. McAlister handed the surgeons knife and he was assisted in the operation by Dr. R. H. Gaither and Dr. Irwin. The first stroke of the knife struck the thimble, and it could almost be touched by the finger. But it had been there for eight weeks and the flesh had grown around the edges and to it it firmly in places. The surgeon worked some minutes before the thimble could be dislodged, and then it had to be turned completely around and drawn out the large end foremost.

The child rallied in a short while and asked for some water. She seemed greatly relieved and not many minutes later wanted her dinner brought to her.

She is resting easy and unless some unforeseen relapse occurs will soon completely recover.

The thimble was of brass, child's size and the shape of a tailor's thimble, open and sharp at both ends.

It was swallowed by the child eight weeks ago, and it seems strange that she has so long survived. The child has wasted away until she is almost a skeleton.

The Next Legislature.

From the Goldsboro Argus.

A year from now the Legislature will be in session, and it will be a Democratic Legislature, too. The white people of North Carolina have had enough of "fusion." Many of the best men in the State were deceived. But they see their error now, and there will be this year of 1898 a great getting together of the white men of North Carolina, and the old State will be redeemed.

Washington Letter.

From the Raleigh Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 1898.

Mr. McKinley's attempt to limit the anti-civil service remarks to the House into keeping quiet by promising that he would modify the civil service rules as soon as the agitation ceased, was a dismal failure. The fight on civil service began as soon as congress reassembled. Gen. Grosvenor even put his friend, Boss Hanna, who is fighting for his life at Columbus, in order to be in Washington to call the dogs off civil service. Senator Hoar and the entire Democratic force in the Senate will resist any attempt to make Republican offices permanent. The Democrats have pledged themselves to make a fight on every appointment sent to the Senate, which does not come up to the standard of fitness. Senator Hoar, who is chairman of the committee on civil service, has announced that he will not report favorably any nomination which does not come up to the standard of fitness. Senator Hoar, who is chairman of the committee on civil service, has announced that he will not report favorably any nomination which does not come up to the standard of fitness. Senator Hoar, who is chairman of the committee on civil service, has announced that he will not report favorably any nomination which does not come up to the standard of fitness.

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Quick Justice.

Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 7—Early this morning a burglar was discovered in the store of John P. Thomas, at Clay pool. After a desperate struggle, during which several shots were exchanged, the robber was captured and proved to be Clarence Thomas, grandson of the proprietor. The latter is a justice of the peace. At 6:30 o'clock in he gave his grandson a preliminary hearing and bound him over to the circuit court. At 8 o'clock he arrived in the city, where court is now in session. At 9 o'clock the case was called. Clarence plead guilty and at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Judge Bell sentenced him to an indeterminate term of from two to 14 years in the Jeffersonville prison. At 10:02 o'clock a. m. Sheriff Matthews started with the prisoner for Jeffersonville, thus the most rapid administration of legal justice on record in Indiana.

Burned By Lynchers.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 8—A message from Liberal, Seward county, Kansas, says: Last night a mob of thirty men overpowered Deputy Sheriff Lincoln McGee and a guard of Seward county militia, and burned Thomas Moore and Frank Richardson, negroes, to death. The negroes had confessed the murder of Mrs. Lord, Thursday night. The mob, which was composed of the best citizens of the county, acted deliberately and quietly. Moore and Richardson were taken from the jail and burned at the stake. Both negroes confessed their guilt. Moore was a desperate character. He was wanted in Texas for murder. Richardson was a cowboy. He was employed on the Bar M ranch. Both negroes were brought to Liberal from the county jail at Springfield, Colorado, on the night of Dec. 31st. They were charged with the murder of Mrs. Lord. Excitement ran high throughout the county and it was feared that the mob would storm the jail at Springfield and lynch the negroes. Governor Stanley ordered the militia to the scene, but they arrived too late to prevent the lynching. The negroes were taken from the jail by a party of 30 masked men. They were taken to the scene of the crime, where they were tied to a tree by a rope around the neck. Then the pile of wood was fired and the negroes were burned to death. Richardson died in great agony, but Moore died without a struggle. Moore and Richardson were brought to Liberal on the night of Dec. 31st. They were charged with the murder of Mrs. Lord. Excitement ran high throughout the county and it was feared that the mob would storm the jail at Springfield and lynch the negroes. Governor Stanley ordered the militia to the scene, but they arrived too late to prevent the lynching. The negroes were taken from the jail by a party of 30 masked men. They were taken to the scene of the crime, where they were tied to a tree by a rope around the neck. Then the pile of wood was fired and the negroes were burned to death. Richardson died in great agony, but Moore died without a struggle.

The Bear and the Gray.

From the New York Herald.

An order of the navy which abolished the office of paymaster general of the navy and established in its place a bureau of supplies and accounts, with a paymaster general at the head, has been declared unconstitutional by the Secretary of State. For the purpose of testing the matter a test case was brought before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the decision rendered by the Secretary of State has been confirmed. Most of the officers of the navy have been notified that they will be required to appear before the Secretary of State on the 15th of January, when the case will be heard. The Secretary of State has been notified that he will be required to appear before the Secretary of State on the 15th of January, when the case will be heard. The Secretary of State has been notified that he will be required to appear before the Secretary of State on the 15th of January, when the case will be heard. The Secretary of State has been notified that he will be required to appear before the Secretary of State on the 15th of January, when the case will be heard.

Judge C. Pinckney Bell Dead.

Judge C. Pinckney Bell, of the Superior court, died at his home in Raleigh on Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, after a long illness. He was born in Raleigh in 1843, and was the son of the late Judge Bell, who was a prominent lawyer and judge in his day. He was educated at the Raleigh Academy and at the University of North Carolina, and was admitted to the bar in 1865. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1868, and was elected to the Senate in 1870. He was a member of the Senate in 1872, and was elected to the Senate in 1874. He was a member of the Senate in 1876, and was elected to the Senate in 1878. He was a member of the Senate in 1880, and was elected to the Senate in 1882. He was a member of the Senate in 1884, and was elected to the Senate in 1886. He was a member of the Senate in 1888, and was elected to the Senate in 1890. He was a member of the Senate in 1892, and was elected to the Senate in 1894. He was a member of the Senate in 1896, and was elected to the Senate in 1898.

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