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OUR legislators always receive plenty of free advice and suggestions as to what laws they show pass or repeal or amend, and, yet unless suggestions are made to them, they may not always know what is desired by their constituents. With all due respect and deference THE RECORD would call to their attention the complicated and unsatisfactory condition of our laws and court decisions upon the rights and liabilities of married women.

Five years ago, at the fall term 1905 of our supreme court, that tribunal expressed the hope "that the subject of the powers and rights of married women in respect to their property and contracts may attract the attention of the General Assembly and be brought into harmony with the best modern thought and conditions." Although two legislatures have met since the expression of this hope and have not seen fit to fulfill it, yet we take the liberty of urging our next legislature to comply with the timely request of our highest judicial tribunal, whose opinion on such a subject should be heeded.

In the case, from which the above extract is quoted, Ball vs. Paquin, in the 140 N. C. Reports, our Supreme Court used the following language: "In so far as it is within our province to do so, we desire to express our opinion that it is desirable that the Legislature simplify the subject by giving to married women full power to enter into executory contracts, binding their property, real and personal, as if unmarried." This opinion thus expressed as to needed legislation should have great weight and induce our legislators to enact it. The need of it, and the gross injustice that may be perpetrated under our existing laws, was forcibly illustrated in the case of Bank vs. Benbow, reported in the 150 N. C. Reports, decided at Spring term, 1909, of the Supreme Court. In that case a married woman who was worth $13,000 in personal property, besides real estate, conducted a store and in the course of her business bought a certain lot of goods, for which she executed her notes which she refused to pay. When suit was brought to enforce payment the court held that she was not liable because (under our laws) the notes did not expressly create a specific charge on her property, although she had the written consent of her husband to contract the debt. Ought not our legislators enact some amendment to our existing laws to prevent any such injustice?

Our legislators in the past have not seemed to realize the great change contemplated by the constitution of 1868 as to the rights and liability of married women. We copy what that instrument has to say on this subject, being section 6, of Article X, as follows:

"The real and personal property of any female in this State acquired before marriage, and all property, real and personal, to which she may, after marriage, become in any manner entitled, shall be and remain the sole and separate estate and property of such female, and shall not be liable for any debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be devised and bequeathed, and, with the written consent of her husband, conveyed by her as if she were UNMARRIED."

Nothing whatever is said in the above section as to limiting her rights or liability in making contracts, and yet the Legislatures have enacted laws that have greatly restricted the evident intent of that section, and we join in the hope expressed by the Supreme Court (above quoted) that our next legislature will correct this. For instance, the requirement of the wife's privy examination is not contemplated in this section and it is a useless formality that is not required by any State adjacent to this State.

In this connection we would also urge legislators to repeal the law that makes a husband jointly liable with his wife for all torts committed by her and for all fines and costs in criminal proceedings against her. See section 2105 of the Revisal. It does not seem to be common justice or common sense to make the husband liable for his wife's torts committed by her without his knowledge or consent. While this was the old common law of England, yet there was more reason for it then than now, because in "those good old days" a wife was regarded as the property, or a chattel, of the husband and he could whip her if she misbehaved or did not please him!

THE benefits of having orphan asylums was strikingly illustrated in the successful career and recent promotion of a former inmate of one. We refer to the promotion, announced last week, of Mr. H. C. Worthen to the responsible position of General Superintendent of the Southern Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Mr. Worthen received his early training at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, an institution that has trained and sent out to the world many useful men and women who otherwise might have been criminals and outcasts. After leaving the asylum young Worthen began to make his living as an operator in a telgraph office at a very small salary, and by steady application to his work gradually worked himself up to his present high position. We commend his career as worthy of emulation to other poor boys and to encourage them to persevere in their efforts to become useful men.

THE State Board of Canvassers met at Raleigh last week and made the official canvass of the vote cast in this State, on the 8th of last month, for the State officers and Congressmen. The vote as officially announced shows a greater Democratic victory than was at first estimated.

The Democrats elected 43 out of the 50 Senators and 99 out of the 120 Representatives, and fifteen out of the sixteen Solicitors. The average majority for our State officers (judges, &c.,) was between 46,500 and 47,000, an increase of nearly 10,000 over our majority two years ago.

The majority for Congressmen in the several districts was as follows:

First district, John H. Small	7,755
Second district, Claude Kitchin	8,870
Third district, J. M. Faison	2,912
Fourth district, E. W. Pou	6,607
Fifth district, C. M. Stedman	3,145
Sixth district, H. L. Godwin	6,549
Seventh district, R. N. Page	3,325
Eighth district, R. L. Doughton	707
Ninth district, E. Y. Webb	5,206
Tenth district, J. M. Gudger	1,130
Total congressional majority	46,206

THE population of North Carolina was announced by the Census Bureau Monday to be 2,206,287 as compared with 1,893,810 in 1900. This is an increase of 312,477 or 16.5 per cent during the last ten years. North Carolina's population is exceeded by that of only two Southern States, Texas and Georgia. Mecklenburg county is the most populous county in the State, having 67,031 while Clay is the smallest in population with only 3.909. Chatham county has 22,635 as against 23,912 in 1900, a loss of 1,277. It is estimated that nearly 2,000 people were cut off by the formtion of Lee county which county has a population of 11,376 or about one-half that of Chatham. Moore county has 17,010 as against 23,622 in 1900.

One of the results of the new census figures will be that the following counties will each gain a member of the Legislature: Guilford, Durham, Nash, New Hanover and Lee. The following counties will lose a member each in the Legislature: Edgecombe, Beaufort, Sampson, Randolph and Wilkes.

Letter from France.

We copy the following extracts from a letter written from Brest, in France, by Lieutenant J. J. London, U. S. navy:

"My letter written on the passage across did not include an account of the very rough weather we experienced the last two days. On those two days the sea was as rough, some officers say rougher, than the sea we encountered in the typhoon en route Manila to Yokohama, in 1908, when several sailors were washed overboard from different ships. In the storm of 1908 we had the wind and sea ahead, but this year the wind and sea were astern, so that we were moving before it and did not take so much water aboard. But the seas were tremendous, and moved faster than we were steaming. I had a night watch when the storm was at its height, and the picture, as seen from the bridge, 45 feet above the water, of a huge battleship running before waves which threatened to sweep completely over it, will never be forgotten by me. On three occasions during the wacth I thought that the seas must have broken over our quarter deck. As we were nearing land the sounding machine was kept going, operated by four men from the stern of the ship. A large wave could be seen overtaking us, and instead of sweeping completely over our quarter deck, it would lift our stern up into the air and pass under the ship. In the following watch it did happen that a sea broke over our stern and washed the sounding machine overboard, and the four men barely saved themselves by catching onto the life lines. As it was one man had his collar bone broken.

"This storm followed us into port and we have had rain and mist since our arrival.

"This is our eighth day in "sunny France," but we have not seen the sun. I believe that at this time of the year they have much rain in Brest. As this is a high latitude the sun rises very late now and sets early, about 7:40 and 4:20. When we reach Gravesend, England, we will have only 7½ hours of sunlight.

"Brest is a city of some 80,000 inhabitants and is one of the most important French naval bases. It is strongly fortified, and an artificial breakwater makes it a good harbor. Our division of four ships, this ship the flagship, arrived in port about 9:30 a. m., Nov. 15th, and were given the customary national salutes. As soon as we were moored French admirals, generals and diplomatic officials called and each was given salutes according to their rank, from 15 guns down to 7 guns. As flagship we received all of these visits, so that we had a busy time of it for a day or two. For instance, when an admiral comes aboard the guard of 50 men is paraded, the band plays the national air (of the foreign officer) the bugler sounds three flourishes, and side boys and officers make hand salute. Thirteen guns are fired when he leaves the ship.

"Being off duty, I went ashore the first afternoon to see the city. It was raining and the streets, though macadamized, were muddy, and the mud was tracked onto the pavements. As few tourists stop in Brest the hotels are not very good, certainly not as good as you would expect to find in an American city of the same size. We didn't trust our French, but asked an English waiter the information we desired, viz., a bank to change American gold in French money, and what there was to do and see in the city. As you know, a franc is worth 20 cents (present exchange) and 100 centimes make a franc. They have a five franc silver piece about the size and value of our dollar. They also have a 10 franc and 20 franc gold coin, corresponding to $2 and $4 of our money.

"We excited quite a good deal of interest in moving about the streets. Everyone knew we were Americans from the fleet, and stared at us. The French men wear cloth capes with hoods over their heads when it is raining, so that we were quite noticeable with our cravenette overcoats, canes and derby hats.

They have the rooller skating craze here just now, and we soon found ourselves in one of the rinks and, those of us who knew how, skated. We gave up seeing anything of the city that afternoon.

"Since then I have seen little of the city. It has rained every day so that when I have been ashore I have either skated or gone to a reception indoors. Took a short ride upon the little street cars, which charge a fare of 2 cents.

"But to return to the skating. We skated with and became acquainted with some very pretty French girls, who introduced us to their mothers. The little French we could speak was just enough to make it interesting. Another day I had some of these people out to tea aboard ship.

"The first reception we attended was in the nature of a bazaar. Wilcox and I went from booth to booth buying ice cream at one, tea at another, cake at another and flowers at another. Each booth had four or five pretty girls, all of whom we insisted must eat with us or accept some flowers. They thought we were millionaires, because $4 or $5 of our money seems twice as much to them. Everything over here is about half our American price."

Pipe Exloded in His Mouth.

From the Fayetteville Observer, 2d.

Mr. Marcus Marsh, of Gray's Creek, was in town today, and told of a strange incident that happened at his home last night. His uncle, Mr. Daniel Butler, of Parkton, arrived early in the evening to spend the night with him. After supper, he and Mr. Butler drew themselves up close to the fire, filled up their pipes and settled down for a quiet chat. Suddenly, with a loud explosion, Mr. Butler's pipe was shattered to fragments, and at the same time a bullet struck Mr. Marsh on the head. A 22 calibre cartridge had in some way been imbedded in the plug of tobacco, from which Mr. Butler filled his pipe; hence the explosion. Neither of the men suffered more than a few scratches, but before they learned the cause, they thought they had been shot. Mr. Marsh could not refrain from laughter, as he described the astonished look of Mr. Butler, just after the explosion, with a fragment of the pipe's stem still in his mouth.

November was a highly favorable month for the finances of the United States Treasury. It produced a surplus on all accounts of nearly $1,000,000, where October had produced a deficit of more than $5,000,000.

Banks on Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schingeck, 647 Elm street, Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed." Unequaled for biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, headache, chills, malaria and debility. 25c at all druggists.

The growth in the population of New York State from 1900 to 1910 was 1,844,385. More than one-half of the States have fewer people than the New York increase.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

A Proclamation by the Governor.

$50 REWARD.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Executive Department.

WHEREAS, official information has been received at this department that Will Norwood, late of the county of Chatham, stands charged with the murder of Charlie Davis in said county on Aug. 3, 1910; and whereas, it appears that the said Will Norwood has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

Now, therefore, I, W. W. Kitchin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my proclamation, offering a reward of fifty dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Will Norwood to the sheriff of Chatham county at the court-house in Pittsboro, N. C., and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminal to justice.

Done at our city of Raleigh, the 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the 135th year of our American Independence.

(Seal) W. W. KITCHIN.

By the Governor:
ALEX. J. FIELD,
Private Secretary.

Description:

Color, black; black eyes, with large white; oval face, 6 feet high; weight 180 pounds; holds head forward when walking; age 25 years; has a mean, don't care expression on his face.

Chatham Boy's Corn Crop.

From the Siler City Grit.

Bascom Moore, a sixteen-year-old son of Mr. J. E. Moore, of Kimbolton, raised 95 bushels of corn on one acre this year. This acre was measured by three responsible men. The ground cultivated was ordinary red hill land that had been in cotton ever since it was cleared eight years ago. The cost of raising this 95 bushels was 36 cents per bushel. The success of this boy is commended to the young men of this county.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Sanford Express: In a card to The Express, Mr. W. D. Bright, of Osgood, states that from about one acre he raised 2,300 pounds of seed cotton this year. After having it ginned he had 850 pounds of lint. He sold it in Sanford at 14 cents, the receipts amounting to $119.00. The 50 bushels of seed at 40 cents per bushel brought $20, making in all $139. The fertilizer that went on this acre of land, eight loads of compost, the labor of making and gathering the cotton all cost $49.50. This deducted from the $139 leaves a clear profit of $89.50.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, eczema and sprains. Only 25c at all druggists.

Sheriff R. M. Nowell, of Johnston county, had the honor of being the first sheriff to settle with the State Treasurer for this year.

Saved from Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, $1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Mr. Charles Moore, of Edgecombe county, raised a sweet potato this year that weighed twelve pounds. Who can beat that?

Wants to Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for liver trouble, dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and malaria. Try them. 50c at all druggists.

Mr. J. N. Fike, of Colby county, Kansas, harvested last summer a wheat crop of 14,000 acres, which is the largest crop raised by any one man in the United States.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

During 1910 Mississippi planters raised 9,200,000 bushels more of corn than during any previous year, according to reports compiled by Commissioner Blakeslee, of the State Department of Agriculture.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot wateo before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

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TAXES--THE LAST CALL

My term of office as sheriff of Chatham county expires on the first Monday in December, 1910, and I hereby notify all persons who have not paid their taxes to meet me and settle the same. The law requires me to settle State taxes by January 1st, 1911. The law requires me to settle with the County Commissioners by May 1st, 1911.

You see the law requires me to settle, and you must settle with me. I do not propose to be two or three years in settling, and if you do not pay promptly I shall send a deputy to see you and you will have to pay costs. I intend to do what I say, so it is up to you.

I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of giving you ONE MORE CHANCE:

James A. Knight's Shop	December 8
Kimbolton	December 9
Silk Hope	December 10
Gulf, (Morning)	December 13
Causey, (Afternoon)	December 13
Goldston, (Morning)	December 14
Bear Creek, (Afternoon)	December 14
Harper's X Roads	December 15
Taylor M. Teague's Store	December 16
Siler City	December 17

I thank the people of Chatham county for promptly settling their taxes heretofore, and hope they will do so this time and thus save trouble and cost.

J. J. JENKINS,
Pittsboro, N. C., Nov. 11, 1910. Sheriff of Chatham County.

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