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THE ELECTION CASES

After the plaintiffs had practically closed the evidence in their cases, only one more day, Saturday, being necessary to take the records and point out how each voter voted in certain townships as announced by Mr. Holton, all three of the contested election cases were settled last Saturday morning, and the matter finally compromised. The terms are that Sheriff Birkhead is entitled to the place of the Sheriff and not J. F. Hughes and that Sheriff Birkhead serve out his term and receive the emoluments of the office. There was really no grounds for contesting the office of Sheriff and by the terms of the judgment it is stated and a matter of record that he is entitled to the office. Attorney Holton opposed this but finally agreed that the entry be made that Sheriff Birkhead was entitled to the office.

The agreement recites that J. M. Caviness is to hold the office of Clerk of Superior Court until December 1, 1915, and receive the emoluments of the office until that time, after which date he is to turn the office over to Frank M. Wright, and he is to receive the emoluments after that date.

The terms of the compromise provide that W. J. Scarborough hold the office of member of the Board of Commissioners until December 1 next, and receive the emoluments of the office until that date, after which date Wiley L. Ward is to be installed in office and receive the emoluments for the remaining half of the term.

So it will be seen it is conceded that the Sheriff is entitled to his office, and as to the other two offices it is what might sometimes be called a "dog fall."

The terms of the compromise further provide that in all three cases each side pay its own costs. During the five days that the Republicans were examining witnesses before the referee, their costs were probably \$500 per day, and the lawyers' fees are said to amount to several hundred dollars. One Republican stated that the costs and lawyers' fees would amount to between \$3,500 and \$4,000. Under the terms of the compromise the contestants are liable for the costs and each witness can get his pay.

The costs were very little for the defendants, because they had few witnesses present last week outside of Democratic leaders, but it would have amounted to probably \$200 to \$400 a day or more had the case gone on for another week, and the costs would probably have amounted to \$1,000 or more.

The compromise was brought about by an overture on the part of a leading Republican, who was anxious to settle the trouble which has provoked more or less bitterness, and augmented strife and discord among neighbors and friends. Several conferences were held, and finally, on Thursday night at a late hour, Democratic leaders saw the lawyers and outlined what had occurred, and advised that an adjustment of difficulties be made if it could be done along the lines suggested. After a day's delay, and further conferences, an agreement was reached, and while it is not satisfactory to all Democrats nor to the Republicans in many particulars, yet upon reflection and consideration the attorneys on both sides agreed to it and virtually advised that this course be taken as an end to the whole matter.

The Richmond matter proved to be a fiasco, as well as the Back Creek affair, the Democrats profiting in both instances by the issue that was raised.

In New Market, a condition of affairs was testified to that was unreasonable, and that nobody believes, unless it be the blind partisan who maintained a position supported by facts which were grossly exaggerated, to say the least, based upon statements that could not be true, for no one would have done what it was sworn one Democratic judge of election did unless he was crazy. All of the witnesses except one testified that he had his hand in the box, and after putting it in let tickets drop out of his hand and that Mr. A. B. Coltrane caught his wrist by one arm and caught the tickets, letting them drop in his hand with the other. Mr. Coltrane himself practically testified to this state of facts. There was one witness who stated that Mr. Coltrane took the tickets out of White's hand, forced his hand open and took them out. This is what Mr. Coltrane should have done had the facts been as sworn to by some of the witnesses, who said that the Democratic judge of election hid his hand on top of the box for several minutes while awaiting for the preparation of the blanks for the election returns, and that they saw tickets sticking out in front and at the rear of his closed hand, and that Mr. Coltrane was standing there looking at it. If Mr. Coltrane saw such tickets then was the time he should have taken hold of his hand and taken them out. The fact that he waited until Mr. White's hand was put in the box before he (Mr. Coltrane) put his hand down in the box under White's to catch them as they fell from his hand discredits the whole matter. If the attention of the Republicans is true, Coltrane is either crazy or very foolish for not having caught him, and White was crazy or foolish because he put his hand up there and advertised the fact that he was going to commit a crime in the presence of persons whom he knew were his personal as well as his political enemies.

A statement has been partially pre-

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Willie Bell, the negro who confessed to having murdered Mr. H. B. Mann, of Durham, on March 8, died in the electric chair Thursday of last week, the first to be electrocuted on Thursday in the history of the state.

The Italian navy suffered its first serious loss the latter part of last week when an Austrian submarine torpedoed the cruiser *Amalfi*, in the Adriatic. Most of the crew were saved.

The British ambassador has applied to the United States as to whether she will consider it a violation of neutrality laws if English patriotic societies or other unofficial agencies send British subjects from the United States as recruits in the British army.

Major General George W. Goethals, who has been in supreme command of the Panama Canal for the last eight years, will leave the Isthmus about the last of August. He intends to take a year's vacation and then engage in private engineering in New York City.

American naval officers last Thursday took charge of the powerful wireless plant of the Atlantic Communication Company, at Sayville, L. I., which will be operated by the government until the close of the European war to insure against violations of neutrality. This is one of the two stations in the United States maintaining direct communication with Germany. The other, at Tuckertown, N. J., has been under the control of the Navy Department since last fall.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham says that a very great injustice is being done to North Carolina by many leaders among her own people in the persistent spreading abroad of what he insists are excessive figures as to illiteracy in North Carolina. He insists that the characteristics of the people are such that even those who cannot actually read and write have capabilities and degrees of progress and personal worth that give them rank far above great numbers of those people who have more "schooling."

We quote the following from the *Denton Herald*: "Mr. Chisholm Bescher was in our office Tuesday. He and his family have just returned from a visit to Mr. J. R. Peace, of Bennett, N. C. Mr. Peace now runs a hardware store in Bennett and is doing well. His baby received first prize in the baby contest in that town July 3. Mr. Peace is kindly remembered here, having done much for the present development of Denton."

pared by the Democrats in which the New Market matter is shown in a most ugly light for the Republicans. This statement contains a letter written by a brother of Chester Farlow, the Republican judge in Back Creek, who testified at such length about slight irregularities in Back Creek, which the Democrats declare never occurred, and had facts which were not only truthful but most plausible in refutation of his statement. The letter of Farlow was addressed to the Sheriff of a nearby county, where Farlow lived in 1913, and was written in the spring of this year, asking the sheriff to date his tax receipt for 1913 back before May 1, 1914. The letter is said to be in young Farlow's handwriting, and is a request of the sheriff to violate the law of the State. The letter will be preserved and photographed and presented to Mr. Farlow to hang up in his parlor where it can be seen by himself and by his children.

The prepared statement also contains the names of persons who forged tax receipts in this county, and forged tax receipts by changing the dates on them in other counties, and also contains names and statements of facts of the purchase of votes by Republican leaders, especially in Asheboro, in Union township, Tabernacle township, and in other townships, and contains also facts showing a conspiracy to defeat an honest election on the part of certain individuals in Asheboro and elsewhere, the names of whom are given, and a part of the proof of which is attached.

Upon the whole, it is an ugly state of affairs, and the proof against the Republicans is conclusive, whereas it was only by inference, as brought out on the trials last week, against the Democrats. This statement is not published now for the reason that *The Courier* has not had the space to do, and for the further reason that its publication will be calculated to open the breach wider and further encourage strife and bitterness.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

As a result of the examinations held last Thursday and Friday, the following applicants received first grade certificates:

Mittie Russell, Farmer; Neal Sheffield, Randleman; Olive Johnson, Trinity; Mary Pickett, Liberty; Mary Horney, Farmer; Lola E. Shelly, High Point; Dorothy Hubbard, Farmer; B. L. Richardson, Randleman; J. R. Johnson, Riley's Store; Wade Russey, Asheboro Route 3; Sarah Wood, Millboro; Bryan Parks, Ramseur; T. F. Vestal, Jordan; William Hurley, Worthville.

It is a very noticeable fact, that with the exception of one or two applicants, all of the above have either spent two years in the State high school, or have finished the tenth grade. The high schools should be commended for the splendid work which they are doing in equipping boys and girls of Randolph for greater service. The teachers in our high schools last year should feel proud of the splendid work which they did, and as a result, a greater per cent than ever before of the applicants for certificates to teach, will receive first grade certificates. This should be an incentive to every one who expects to make teaching a profession, to spend some time at least in equipping himself. A teacher cannot only command a better salary who is able to hold a first grade certificate, but they are able to give greater service to those whom they expect to teach.

A considerable per cent of those who stood the examination will receive high second grade certificates, and with a little more effort and preparation, can make first another year. It is a source of pleasure to know that we have a better lot of teachers to select from this year, than any time in recent years. While they may not have had the experience, they have every indication of being better qualified.

SOCIAL AFFAIR AT MT. GILEAD

Early on the morning of June 15th, we assembled at the home of our pleasure giving benefactors, for was it not a pleasure to be thus remembered by tried and true friends who annually solicit our presence in their cozy and well-directed home. Under the ample porch roof, with Confederate flags waving above our heads we discussed many subjects. The following were present: Mesdames Sallie Poole, Martha Crater, Betsy Thompson, Lizzie Steele, Sallie Robinson, Ellen Andrews, Sallie Ledbetter, John A. Liah, Augusta Skeen, Laura Scarborough, Martha Smith and W. S. Ingram; Misses Mitt Lilly and Bettie Scarbors. The average age of those present was 74 years.

Promptly at the appointed hour Misses Jennie and Eleanor Bruton and the hostess escorted us to the dining room where a most elaborate and tempting dinner awaited us. We talked for six or seven hours of subjects of interest to all of us. The Confederate flag under which we talked was presented by our old soldier friend, "Old Cy." We, as a body, appreciated his thoughtfulness and will ever remember to be true to our colors. With kind wishes for every one present and our profound appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown us by our host and hostess we departed, wishing for them many happy years of joy and sweet contentment.

—One of the guests.

FIFTY LIVES LOST IN WESTERN STORM

More than fifty persons were killed and several score injured by the violent wind and rain storm which extended from Nebraska to Ohio Wednesday night of last week. The property damage is estimated at several million dollars. The greatest loss of life was in Cincinnati and its vicinity. In eastern Missouri the storm assumed the proportions of a tornado.

MISER MURDERED FOR MONEY

Charles B. Aht, a miser believed to have been worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000, but with less than \$3,000 found in the local banks, was found dead in his Raleigh home with a bullet hole through his body, last Friday. The odor from the badly decomposed body guided the policemen to the scene of the tragedy.

It is thought the man was murdered for his money. He was last seen July 3, when he withdrew a ten-dollar bill from one bank and put it in another. Aht lived alone. In the room, where his body was found were two trunks, evidently broken open and the contents scattered on the floor; two empty money bags, labeled \$50; a leather pocket book, containing 52 cents; and a revolver with three blank cartridges in the chamber, one empty chamber, and one unexploded shell. A pistol was found under the body.

"THE SABBATH"

DR. WHITAKER PREACHED STRONG SERMON LAST SUNDAY AT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Dr. Whitaker preached last Sunday morning on the "Sabbath." His text was Isaiah 58: 13, 14. "If you turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the day of the Lord, honorable, and shall honor it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and I will feed thee with the heritage of the father Jacob; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

He first called attention to the fact that Sabbath and Sunday were two distinct things; that Sabbath was a Scriptural term, and Sunday was of heathen origin as are the names of all the days of the week, being the names of the heathen gods to whom the several days of the week were dedicated, and indicating our descent from Pagan ancestors. Another Scriptural term for the Christian Sabbath is the Lord's Day, and that Christians would better use either Sabbath or Lord's Day in speaking of that holy day.

The Sabbath was first instituted by God to commemorate the completion of the work of creation. "God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it because in it he had rested from all the work which God created and made."

That, therefore, the Sabbath and the law of the Sabbath antedated the law as given to Moses on Sinai. However, none of the Old Testament has been done away, as you sometimes hear; but the types have been fulfilled in the great Antetype. Jesus said that "One lot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled," that is, filled full.

The law is remembered the Sabbath day to keep it—to keep it, is not to please—to keep it holy. I is not a holiday, but a holy day. Numbers: A man was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath, presumably to cook with. He was carried to Moses who commanded that he be put in ward till God's will in the matter could be ascertained. On the next day, not on the Sabbath, God commanded that he be taken by the whole congregation of the children of Israel and stoned with stones that he die.

As to the matter of the manner when God fed the people with "bread from heaven," he showed his regard for the sanctity of the Sabbath by sending no man on the Sabbath, though on other days, if more than enough for the day was gathered, it would breed worms and stink.

He told a story of a man in England walking through a wood and meeting a couple of needy men. He had seven pounds sterling and gave them six, keeping but one for his own needs; whereupon the two men knocked him down and took from him one pound which he kept, though he had given them six.

So God has given us six days to use for ourselves and asks that but one be used for him, and many of us would rob him of that. Some rob him of the Sabbath by working so late on Saturday night that they are unfitted for his service on the Sabbath. Have many times heard the plea, "I cannot go to Sunday school or to church Sunday morning because I have to be up so late and work so hard Saturday night." Is that any less robbing God? To the Jews the day before Sabbath was the day of preparation, would it not be well for Christians to make it the same?

Christians go to the postoffice on Sabbath. The demand for Sunday mail causes many to have to work on the Sabbath.

Two kinds of work permissible on the Sabbath, works of necessity and works of mercy, and the mail service is neither of these.

Besides, getting the mail on the Sabbath secularizes the Sabbath, which should be kept holy, by bringing into the Sabbath things that are foreign to its proper observance; especially the Sunday newspaper.

The Sunday newspapers do extra work to secularize the Sabbath, making a larger paper for Sunday and bringing into it extra features, and features that do more to secularize the Sabbath than would the regular publication. Notable among these are so-called funny pictures.

He then went after the funny pictures in women's language, declaring that he did not know why they were ever named "funny pictures"; that he would admit that his sense of humor was not acute enough to discover anything funny about them; that they miscreated the young in art, rendering them incapable of enjoying real art; that these same pictures were in a school and had language and in repugnance, and that therefore they should not be admitted into any Christian home.

Then he alluded to those who made of God's holy day a holiday. Blessing is promised to those who do not do their own ways, or find their own pleasure, or speak their own words. The Christian Sabbath commemorates the completion of the work of redemption, which is greater than the work of creation.

"Twas greater to speak a word from naught."

"Twas greater to redeem." If God regarded the Sabbath to commemorate the completion of creation as so sacred, what must he think

SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

The following is a complete list of the committeemen appointed at the meeting of the Board of Education last Monday. In a few districts there were no appointments made, as no recommendations were sent in. These will be open until the first Monday in August. The following were appointed for a term of three years. The other two committeemen having been appointed one and two years ago. In a few instances, two committeemen were appointed, and in this case the first named man appointed for two years, and the last for three:

Trinity township, district No. 1, J. D. Brame, J. P. Collett; No. 2, Lee Andrews; No. 3, W. M. Steed; No. 4, Clay Dorsett; No. 5, A. E. Hepler; No. 6, J. E. Johnson.

Level Cross township, district No. 1, V. U. Siler.

New Market township, district No. 1, R. L. White; No. 2, J. A. Steed; No. 3, C. M. Spencer; No. 4, J. E. Swain; No. 5, M. E. Brown.

Providence township, district No. 1, A. K. Pugh, W. R. Neace; No. 2, J. G. Berry; No. 3, W. G. Linberry; No. 4, P. A. Routh; No. 5, W. M. Hockett.

Liberty township, district No. 1, No appointment; No. 2, E. E. Jordan; No. 3, W. A. Brown, Hurley Staley; No. 4, A. C. Whitaker; No. 5, J. B. Williams; No. 6, V. G. Pickett.

Randleman township, district No. 1, No appointment; No. 2, J. W. Prevost; No. 3, Jesse Lamb; No. 4, No appointment.

Columbia township, district No. 1, No appointment; No. 2, L. S. Kivett, W. L. Kivett, A. T. Coble; No. 3, Geo. W. Brower; No. 4, Samuel Wright, No. 5, D. H. Frazier; No. 6, E. M. Teague; No. 7, E. C. Ferguson, W. D. Frazier, E. A. McMasters; No. 8, W. H. Coble; No. 9, C. B. Cox.

Franklinville township, district No. 1, W. C. York; No. 2, J. M. Aldridge; No. 3, No appointment; No. 4, J. H. Walker; No. 5, S. E. Lowdermilk; No. 6, S. E. Free.

Asheboro township, district No. 1, No appointment; No. 2, Isaac Brown; No. 3, Scottie Smoke; No. 4, G. W. Hendrix.

Back Creek, district No. 1, No appointment; No. 2, S. W. Kearns; No. 3, Grover Farlow; No. 4, T. W. Millikan; No. 5, Robert L. Richardson; No. 6, C. L. Hutcherson; No. 7, W. O. Bulla.

Tabernacle township, district No. 1, L. C. Smith; No. 2, A. E. Richardson; No. 3, Sam Dalk; No. 4, Frank Gallimore; No. 5, J. M. Robbins; No. 6, J. O. Routh; No. 7, June Johnson; No. 8, Judson Evans; No. 9, Roby Summey.

Concord township, district No. 1, J. C. Ridge; No. 2, M. Skeen; No. 3, J. B. Deik; No. 4, H. L. Kearns; No. 5, Huston Elliott; J. W. Parrish; No. 6, Hudson Hammond.

Cedar Grove township, district No. 1, L. V. Wright; No. 2, J. M. Vancannon; No. 3, J. W. Rush; No. 4, Shubert Smith.

Grant township, district No. 1, Jno. M. Allred; No. 2, E. L. Brown; No. 3, J. M. King; No. 4, C. C. Brown.

Colebridge township, district No. 1, A. S. Hinshaw; No. 2, J. C. Cox; No. 3, No appointment; No. 4, A. E. Brady; No. 5, No appointment; No. 6, W. O. Cox; No. 7, S. S. Allen.

Pleasant Grove township, district No. 1, E. A. Brady; No. 2, E. Seawell.

Brower township, district No. 1, G. F. Gutlin; No. 2, Charles Tysor; No. 3, L. Q. Ashill; L. J. Hicks, Amos Macdon; No. 4, W. W. Ritter.

Richland township, district No. 1, Noah King; No. 2, J. S. Lucas; No. 3, William Graves; No. 4, No appointment; No. 5, R. Cole; No. 6, E. F. Cagle; No. 7, No appointment.

Union township, district No. 1, C. H. Lucas; No. 2, W. L. Vancannon; No. 3, Enos Sykes; No. 4, J. B. Prensell; No. 5, Thomas Slack; No. 6, Wister Williams.

New Hope township, district No. 1, Joe Thornburg; No. 2, Elsie Luther; No. 3, H. G. Lassiter; No. 4, A. G. Cranford; No. 5, H. C. Riley; No. 6, J. M. Shaw; No. 7, R. J. Hopkins.

HOLT ENDS HIS LIFE

Frank Holt, the Cornell professor, who shot J. P. Morgan July 3, committed suicide in the jail at Mineola, New York, last week. While several of the jail authorities declare that Holt killed himself by climbing through the opening at the top of the door and then plunging into the narrow canal below. Holt's keeper said he was positive that the prisoner was killed in his own cell, where the body was found.

DEATH OF MR. STOUT

Mr. J. Preston Stout died at his home near Parks Cross Roads in Colebridge township, Friday night, July 9, and was buried at Parks Cross Roads. Old age was the cause of his death. He was a deacon in the Parks Cross Roads Christian church. He is survived by a widow but no children.

of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's day.

To show that the first day of the week was kept in apostolic times he then reads Acts 20: 7 and 1. Corinthians 16: 2 and also referred to Rev. 1: 10.

At the close he repeated the following couplet:

"A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content;
A Sabbath profaned,
What'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."

HEARD IN THE COUNTY

WHAT OUR TOWN CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

If you want to sell your goods advertise in *The Courier*.

When the present war is over, writers on international law will have to throw their text books away and start all over again.

Messrs. M. F. Vancannon and R. B. Reynolds, of Star, were in town Saturday.

Mr. O. D. Bean, of Steeds, was in the city last Friday.

Some matrimonial bonds are very good dividend payers.

Messrs. L. M. Russell, C. J. Pool and A. D. Blake, of Troy, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. G. H. Cornillon has opened up a store at Seagrave. He has built a handsome building and has an up-to-date line of general merchandise.

The man tries to earn an honest living for his family and then the man who minds his own business are both classed as undesirable citizens by Old Man Satan.

Messrs. H. D. Phillips and J. T. Jenkins, of Star, spent a short while here last Friday.

Mr. J. C. Smith, of Ether, was here one day last week.

Mr. J. T. Sexton, of Denton, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. T. W. Mitchell, a prosperous farmer and saw mill man of Concord township, has just threshed his grain crop and made 1135 bushels.

Mr. J. R. Royals, a good farmer on Trinity Route 1, made 524 bushels of wheat.

Mr. W. A. Wood, a good farmer, of Millboro Route 1, was in town one day last week. He reports good crops in his section.

If anyone ever doubted the ability of Randolph county to raise her own corn should visit the farm of Mr. Ben Morgan. Mr. Morgan is a hustling young man of Tabernacle township, and has scores of friends.

Mr. J. A. Redding, a prominent merchant and citizen of Millboro, was here one day last week.

Mr. Harmon Bundy continues very feeble at his home near Trinity. He condition has somewhat improved within the last few weeks.

Several of our people are attending court at Troy this week.

Mr. John Davis and family, of High Point, have moved to Asheboro.

Mr. Clay Dorsett, a hustling young farmer, of Trinity Route 1, made over 800 bushels of wheat.

Mr. L. E. Hoover, of Trinity Route 1, made 335 bushels of oats on eight acres.

Messrs. J. A. Varner and C. T. Younts, of Fullers, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. Ed Tucker, of Seagrave Route 2, was here a few days ago. He has been a subscriber to *The Courier* for a long time.

Say, there, you bone-headed knocker. If you don't like this town get out of it.

A playground for children would remove them from the danger of crossing the crowded streets.

And the blackberry wine is about here. Take a swallow drink, and see if it is good.

In many places the growing corn is now high enough to hide a man walking in the fields. The stalks are large and the blades have a rich dark color which foretells a good yield at gathering time.

MR. W. F. TROGDON DEAD

William Franklin Trogdon died at his home five miles east of Asheboro, Thursday evening, July 8, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at old Mt. Taber, in the afternoon of the following day.

The deceased was in the 84th year of his age, and had been confined to his home by illness and the infirmities of age for several months, though his condition had not been considered alarming for more than a few days.

Mr. Trogdon is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mabel Robins before marriage, now more than ninety years of age, and very feeble; also by two daughters and one son. The son and daughters are as follows: Mr. Wm. M. Trogdon and Miss Emma Trogdon, of Asheboro Route 1; and Mrs. Thos. Lambert, of this town.

PLATINUM IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. John Lord and Mr. Gilbert Hamby, of Salisbury, N. C., were in Asheboro Monday on their way to the McMasters mine near Caxdor. Mr. Lord being a mining expert who was on his way to examine the McMasters mine. Mr. Lord has been near Ruffin for several years engaged in an effort to discover a process of separating and mining the vast deposits of platinum ore near Ruffin, which is combined with other minerals and could not be mined. Mr. Lord has practically completed a method of separating the platinum from the other mineral combined with it.

The platinum supply of the world has heretofore been obtained in Russia where it was mined easily, not being mixed with any other metal.

OLIVER YORK DEAD

Mr. Oliver York, aged 76, died at his home at Ramseur Sunday, July 11. He is survived by the following children: Messrs. Pet, Tom and John York, of Ramseur, and Mrs. J. E. York, also of Ramseur.