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FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 1887.

Mr. B. F. Goodridge has written the News & Observer, giving his reasons for emigrating from the North to North Carolina. The letter is an interesting one. We wish to call the attention of our people to one or two things in it. He said he saw a quotation from the News & Observer and "sent for a sample copy, knowing that a newspaper is generally the surest index of the character of the community in which it is published."

Now everybody knows this, and we want to know if our business men and citizens generally are satisfied to have either of our papers called an index to the town? Is any one such a paper as Elizabeth City ought to have? We think not, but we know the reason. THE FALCON would be a larger and better paper if it was decently supported. If our people would pay their subscriptions promptly, and our business men give us their patronage, we don't mean all of it, but they, for the most part, don't do what they could and should for any of our papers. We don't want any charity patronage. We know that it pays to advertise in THE FALCON and it would pay our people to advertise more liberally. We can be assisted in the way of doing your job work. One of our merchants sent to Norfolk recently and had a job done that we could do just as well and we offered to do at the same price, but for some reason which we don't understand he preferred paying express charges extra to giving us the job.

This is the way to kill a town. People who send away for things they can get at home and think nothing having that is not imported are about as useful to a town as a dog is to a sheepfold. Mr. Goodridge said he read the paper through and through, advertisements and all. Of course he did. When a man thinks of migrating, the first thing he does is to get the newspaper published at his objective point, and read advertisements and all. Country people read the advertisements as much as they do the locals, for they tell what is being done by the merchants and manufacturers. The local columns of a paper don't begin to give all the news. People want to know what can be had and the prices. A woman wants a bill of dry goods. She lives at a distance from two or three trading points and wants to know which one to go to. The advertising columns of her paper tell her—or ought to. Our dealers can make our advertising columns the most interesting part of the paper if they would, and it would pay them. But we can't show them just exactly when each dollar is to be returned to them, so they neglect the best means of building up their trade. No town ever boomed unless its newspapers were boomed first. Boom the papers and the papers will boom the town. Have your printing done at home. Take some interest in home institutions. Don't be a clam.

Mr. J. Q. A. Ward has received the commission for the statue of Henry Ward Beecher to be erected in Brooklyn. The contract is for a life size figure in bronze, the consideration being \$25,000. The fund raised for the work is somewhat more than the above sum, and considerable additions have accrued from the eulogy delivered by Dr. Joseph Parker at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. This surplus will be appropriated to a granite pedestal which will be paneled with bas-reliefs representing characteristic scenes in Mr. Beecher's career.

The State Democratic Executive Committee has declared for "free smokes and free chaws" as follows:

"Resolved: That it is the sense of the Democratic State Executive Committee that the Internal Revenue Laws should be immediately repealed, and our Democratic members of Congress are requested to use their influence, as they have heretofore done, to have said laws repealed, and to secure such modifications of the tariff as will reduce the duties upon imports to such extent as will be possible, consistent with the economical administration of the Government."

The Right Hon. Alexander Jones Beresford Hope, member of Parliament from Cambridge University, who was an active outspoken friend of the South during the civil war, and who in 1876 gave Virginia a statue of Stonewall Jackson, died recently.

The Raleigh News and Observer has been enlarged to 32 columns. We congratulate the owners on its success. It is an excellent newspaper and does good service for the State and the Democratic party.

The Presidential party found Asheville and its people so attractive that the fifteen minutes stop was lengthened into an hour. Their reception was a royal one, given in true North Carolina style.

The President's trip is finished. He rests in his labors in that direction, but he plunged into executive work almost immediately upon his arrival in Washington.

## That Illegal Cotton Tax.

The highest judicial court in the land has declared that the cotton tax levied and collected during and immediately after the war, was illegal. There are therefore in the United States treasury, seventy-five millions of dollars, more or less, that do not belong there. The nation no longer owns that great treasure. It can only hold it in custody as trustee for those from whom it was taken and to whom it by right belongs. It will be the duty of Congress to provide for its restitution. But to whom does it belong? That is a question that may have as many answers as the ancient one, "who struck Billy Patterson?" We see that some of our exchanges are beginning to canvass this matter, and we are pleased to note that they favor its being handed over to the cotton States to be used for educational purposes. Such an application of these millions would be in the highest sense wise and timely. The South needs and must have financial assistance from without to overcome the ever rising tide of illiteracy within its borders. The several States of that section are doing all in their power, but (as said the Louisiana Educational Society in its memorial to Congress in March, 1884) "the illiterate are such a large proportion of the population, and poverty is so widespread, that the taxable property cannot bear such a burden as must necessarily be imposed to provide for and sustain public schools." Granting therefore the need, the questions arise: first, can Congress give this money to the States from some of whose people it was taken, and Congress legislate as to the disposition that those several States shall make of the money they receive.

To these queries there can be but one reply. The money must go to those States from whose people it was collected, but must go to them untrammelled by any conditions. It belongs by right to many of their citizens, but as it is absolutely impossible to determine who those citizens are, it must be paid in bulk to the cotton States, and its final disposition left to their respective legislatures. To refuse to do the first would be a stigma upon the good name of the nation. To attempt to dictate how the money should be paid over to the States should be expended by them would be quite as unconstitutional as was the act of Congress under the powers of which the tax was collected.

The Manufacturers' Record has recently obtained from some of the most prominent cotton commission merchants of the country their opinions on this subject, and rejoices to know that it has their cordial and unanimous concurrence with the views herein expressed. They, and every prominent Southern man to whom the subject has been presented, agree that among the people of the cotton States there would be but one opinion as to the use to which these millions should be applied. "No legislature would dare," said one gentleman, whose extensive business covers every cotton State, "to apply this money to any other than educational purposes. Coming at this time, and in the way it does, it would be esteemed a providential gift to help us solve the most difficult problem we have to encounter."

The question, how to get rid of the dangers of our great and increasing surplus in the treasury? is one occasioning profound anxiety among statesmen and financiers. The decision of the Supreme Court throws open a door of relief that Congress may use without question or hesitation. By voting to return to the States from whose citizens it was collected this vast sum of money, it will relieve itself an embarrassing question, and the country from what many believe to be a grave dilemma. All sorts of schemes have been promulgated for reducing the treasury surplus, too many of them barely concealing the jobs they enable. But to this proposition there can be no valid objection. Justice demands that the cotton tax should be returned. The Southern people, from whom it was taken unconstitutionally, need it for their educational systems. The treasury needs to be relieved of the burden. The business of the entire country will be benefited to that extent by the distribution of that vast sum in the South. Let Congress be just, and immediately after it convenes pass a simple bill to enable the United States treasurer to pay over this money to the cotton States.—Mfg. Record.

## Supreme Court Decision.

State on the relation of *Gutting vs. Boone*. The relator alleges that he received a majority of the votes cast for Clerk of the Supreme Court of Hertford county and was elected to that office, that nevertheless the board of county canvassers rejected and refused to count the votes cast for the relator at two voting places and pretended to ascertain the defendant received a majority of the votes, and pursuant thereto the county commissioners allowed defendant to qualify and take possession of the office and he demands judgment that the defendant was not elected, but relator was, and is entitled to the office. The defendant denied the allegations of the complaint and pleads that the board of canvassers are invested with judicial powers, and that they counted all the votes purporting to be cast at St. John's and Winston precincts and excluded these because the election at these two precincts was null and void and the questions presented in the complaint have already been tried and determined by the board of county canvassers and are *res adjudicata* and the Superior Court has no jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court held that the question had already been received by the board of canvassers, and that the same cannot be re-heard and dismissed the action.

On appeal the Supreme Court held there was error. The statute gives to the board the power to open, canvass and judicially determine the returns and make abstracts stating the number of legal votes cast in each precinct for each office, the name of each person voted for and the number of votes given to each person, &c. Power is given to canvass and judicially determine the returns—that is, to examine, scrutinize and inquire about them, and to ascertain and declare that what purports to be such—wherein they are defective, if at all—and what their meaning is, and from such as are accepted as the true and proper returns; what number of votes were cast, for whom they were cast and the result of the election in the county. Power, however, is not conferred to make alter or amend returns. The court must accept and act upon them, if they are sufficient, as they come from the judges of election at the voting precincts. It is the province of this board to ascertain the result of the election from the returns and only from them, and to declare and proclaim that result.

They are not simply to add the number of votes returned, but they have authority to examine the returns and decide upon their regularity correctness

and sufficiency, and to accept or reject them as above indicated. This power, however, only extends to the returns. It does not give authority to inquire, ascertain and determine whether or not votes cast at an election were legal or illegal—whether unlawful votes were cast—whether lawful votes were rejected—and such like questions arising at the polls. No such jurisdiction is conferred. Nor is the action of the board, in respect to returns, conclusive upon individuals or the public as to elections. The result of the election as determined by the Board settles *prima facie* the right of the person so ascertained to be elected, to have and to exercise the office and to receive the emoluments, but this determination has only this limited effect. It is not final and conclusive upon any one interested, nor does it effect jurisdiction of the proper court to examine and pass upon the correctness and sufficiency of the returns and to settle and determine the true and lawful result of the election.

So the court erred in holding that the decision of the board was final and conclusive. In this case no issues of fact were submitted to the jury. The facts admitted in the answer and found do not settle the question as to who received a majority of the lawful votes cast. There must then be a new trial. And it is so ordered.—News and Observer.

## NEWS SUMMARY OF THE STATE.

Stokes county will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year.

A narrow gauge railroad from Raleigh to Rocky Mount is talked of.

Roky Mount is to have a grand tournament and ball November 17.

Cotton in Western North Carolina has been injured by cold weather.

Hon. Richmond Pearson will build a \$80,000 residence in Asheville.

An attempt to deliver the Charlotte Jail was discovered in time to frustrate it.

Twenty thousand cans of tomatoes will be put up at the Lexington factory.

The Gold Leaf says that Wm. Chestnut of Vance county raised 100 bushels of onions on one half acre of ground.

The consolidated Land, Lumber and Transportation Co., with a capital of \$500,000 has been chartered at Smithville.

Durham has a negro boy 6ft 5 1/2 high, very slender; hands 9 1/2 inches, feet 12 1/2 inches. A No. 6 hat is too large for him.

Mr. J. E. Payne had 15 kunds of tobacco on exhibition at the State Fair, also a miniature horse, buggy and harness made of tobacco.

There is on record in Mecklenburg county a deed for 500 acres of land, dated in 1770, the title to which was guaranteed "forever and a day or two longer."

We have heard many of our old friends say that Salvation Oil cured them rheumatism. Those who have not tried it should do so. Our druggists sell it for twenty-five cents a bottle.

Dr. C. J. O'Hagan, of Greenville, was in town last week. Dr. O'Hagan is one of the finest physicians in the State and one of the best educated men in North Carolina.—Wilson Advance.

"Let dogs delight to bark" &c., but when a culture is Englished, and well dressed dude takes it, it is then he needs a friend to lend him a quarter to buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Rev. A. D. Hunter, of Opex, wishes to see Rev. Dr. J. D. Huffman president of the Baptist State convention. We heartily second Rev. Hunter's motion, as the brother (Rev. C. T. Bailey, D. D.) who now holds the high and responsible position has declined a re-election.—Biblical Recorder.

The Fayetteville Observer says that Mr. J. B. Underwood of Fayetteville has invented a machine which holds about 50 packages of cigars, about 25 of each kind, which are delivered to the customer who places a nickel in the opening. You may put a cent or a dime in the box, but it will not respond; the crank will only revolve the machine with a rick—nothing more or nothing less. It is to be used in hotels, drug stores, &c. No clerk is needed to sell cigarettes.

A company consisting in part of Northern capitalists has been formed for developing the Man Arrington coal mine in Nash county. The capital is \$70,000, and Mr. D. W. Lyon of Raleigh secretary and treasurer and Mr. W. A. Campbell of N. C. Gen. Supt. The Co. hold in fee simple 15,500 acres of land in the place of the district of Nash co. They have expended \$10,000 in exploiting the mine. A twenty stamp mill will be erected at once. The ore yields \$20 to \$30 a ton of pure metal.

The people of North Carolina read too little. They forget—many of them—that it is necessary to feed the intellect as it is the body to be developed well rounded man. No family can afford to be without a healthy, live newspaper for the improvement and entertainment of their children. The man who saves (?) the price of subscription to a newspaper to add to the money he will leave his child at his death, robs that child of material by means of which his intellectual status may be lifted. The father who shows his love for his children in such a niggardly way may be honest—he often is—but he certainly is not a father. Development of the best part of the child.—Wilson Advance.

Yet another and perhaps the most important and interesting of all is the exhibit of the Acme Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington. This is a lot of pine wood carpeting of elegant design, manufactured wholly from pine straw gathered from under the pines of North Carolina. There are possibly more good points and qualities in this article than in any other manufactured in the United States. First the factory in Wilmington is the only one in the world. The product is handsome as any carpet matting manufactured in creation and is far cheaper. There is no danger from it by fire. It will not burn from the dropping of a match, cigar or pipe ashes or the popping of a coal from the grate of fire place. It is impervious to insects of every kind. These house pests positively cannot live where it is used.—News & Observer's account of the State Fair.

## Masonic Resolutions.

Wilson Son Lodge No. 75, Free and Accepted Masons.

Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of sympathy and respect for the memory of our brother, James Berry, who died on the 2d day of October, 1887, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Great Architect of the Universe in His inscrutable Providence has called from our midst our highly esteemed brother, James Berry, of this city, and that in this dispensation of Providence, our Lodge has lost one of its most esteemed members and the community one of its best citizens.

Resolved: That we hereby express our deepest sympathy for the wife and children who have lost such a devoted husband and father, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to THE FALCON for publication.

P. G. Morrisett, H. J. Lane, T. S. Berry, Committee

## THE BARRETT'S HOUR.

For a period of four years I've been a victim of a very severe and agonizing case of Salt Rheum which affected my hands to such an extent that they almost became a burden.

My hand became raw and horrid, compelling me to keep it covered all the time.

I've spent hundreds of dollars for various preparations, but instead of benefiting my condition, they all seemed to stimulate and encourage the progress of the miserable disease, until I had about given up all hope.

But thank heaven, "the darkest hour is just before day," and I am rejoiced to know that a positive cure has been found, which is known as B. B. B.—Botanic Blood Balm.

My family all rejoice at its magical curative powers in giving me relief. My hand has been cured and resembles a burnt surface after being healed over, more than anything else. It has also cured my two children of a loathsome form of Itch which had resisted all previous treatment. I refer to any business house in Moody and to Thomas Payne, Druggist, of whom I purchased the goods.

Signed, W. A. BRYANT, Moody, Texas, April 27, 1886.

## FRESH SLOUGHING OFF IN PIECES.

For two years I have been confined to bed with a loathsome form of Blood Poison, which had about eaten me up, and I and others had no hope of a recovery. For a while I could neither walk, sit down nor lie down, only in misery as my flesh seemed to be falling off my bones in pieces as big as a hen egg. My appetite was lost, my bones ached and pained me, and friends even shunned me. I used various blood purifiers with out benefit, and several physicians treated me until large sums of money had been expended, but not one particle of good did any one give me.

On the 19th of February, 1886, Mr. F. R. Jackson called to see if I was not dead, as it was thought I could not endure my suffering much longer. He concluded to try B. B. B. on me and got a bottle from Mr. Brookington, at Beaufort S. C., and before one bottle had been used I commenced gaining strength, my appetite improved, sores commenced healing and two bottles had been used I was on my feet and walking around to the astonishment of everybody.

Witness: Mrs. LAURA HART, Fred R. Jackson, Beaufort, S. C., May 10, 1886.

All who desire full information about the cause and cure of Blood Poisons, Scrofula and Scrofulous Swellings, Ulcers, Sores, Rheumatism, Kidney Complaints, Catarrh, etc., can secure by mail, free, a copy of our 32 page Illustrated Book of Wonders, filled with the most wonderful and startling proof ever before known. Address BLOOD BALM CO., Atlanta, Ga., for sale by Wood & Wodsworth.

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