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It is funny to see a man like Dr. Lewis criticising the highest Court in the State because Judge Clark happened to write the opinion in the Biggs case. It is as ridiculous as it would be to see Judge Clark diagnosing a case of small pox or typhoid fever. If they would exchange positions a few days perhaps the world would gain some valuable information from Judge Lewis and Dr. Clark.

This is a prohibition county and yet it is said that eighty five gallons of whiskey were shipped here Christmas Eve. If it is true that it is going to be bought and drunk here anyway then why not have a dispensary and let this county get the advantage of thousands of dollars that go to other places. For our part we believe that the dispensary is the best solution of the liquor problem yet discovered and would be glad to hear from the people on the subject.

Claud Bernard, who was District Attorney under McKinley, sums up the Republican party in this way. "We are a party riding to death with Revenue-ring domination." Then he intimates that Roosevelt's nomination will be against the interest of the party and asks that his party be freed from "the narrow ruts of selfishness and placed upon a plane of integrity and principle." He ought to know whether there is any principle in his party in this state for he has been one of its leaders.

Men who hold office ought to put their own folks in positions either directly or indirectly. People do not vote parties, but for individuals. And of the first things every man is put in office by the votes of other people ought to determine is, never to put anybody in position who is any kin to him. There are others" -aleigh. Some people ought to follow the above advice.

The following copied from the Chatham Tribune (Rep.) If true states that the Ohio republicans are very much like the average radical politician in Chatham and reason just about as follows.

In a review of the Ohio campaign, the Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent remarks: Senator Hanna's popularity is so great and the meet he addressed so pronounced republican, that he would have applauded if he had advocated a scheme for the propagation and spread of typhoid fever as an eulogy of the republican party or of Hanna or both?

The love of people of the South poured out in the recollections of the gallant Gordon who has passed over the to join the hosts of the who preceded him to the own

was a leader whom the loved, for nobly he did serve those trying days from 61 leading the men under him bravely and bravely as did lights of old, the people of Georgia loved Gordon not alone for his ring the war but for that he has done since the war their respect, but more his, he had their love. Georgia is sad because of his so is the whole South and

whenever on this earth there is a survivor of the thousands who once wore the gray, or one whose heart beats in accord with their ideals there is sorrow because Gordon is no more. Tomorrow the last sad rites will be observed and all that is mortal of a brave soldier and a gallant gentleman will be laid to rest. Till the sound of the trumpet shall usher in the resurrection day—News and Observer

congratulations to Wake Forest college. It now has more students in attendance than have ever before been on its books. It is a matter upon which the Baptist of the State are to be congratulated as well as the college authorities. N. & O

The next National Democratic convention will be held at St. Louis July 6th.

Our State Exchanges should begin now and keep the statement standing at the top of the column with other pure reading matter, teaching the people that under the laws of this State no voter liable for poll tax who fails to pay his poll tax for 1903 prior to or on the first day of May of this year will be allowed to vote next November.

This is the law—and a good one it is—but let every such voter be fully reminded of his duty in time to comply with it.—Morning Post.

Washington Letter

Jan. 11, 1904.

Time was when greybeards ruled the United States Senate. They are still there but the sceptre of influence has largely passed to the youngest members. The wisdom which often comes of years and experience is always potent, and for thirty years the men whose word was law in the Senate were mostly graduates in the Federal and Confederate armies during the Civil War. They were scars and crutches. But the men who draw great audiences to the galleries when it is announced that they will speak are not men who were young babies in arms during that period—fellows in the roaring forties. Democratic side Carnack, 45 and Bailey 40 on the Republican side Doliver 45 and Beveridge 41. Nothing finer or more spirited can be heard in congress than a discussion in which these are pitted against each other. An apparent exception of young vigorous minds in aged tenements are Hear and Morgan, who though old enough to be the grandfathers of those just mentioned are ready to meet all comers at any moment

They are knocking at the door again—Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma—and the tattoo is likely to become very loud during the present session. The last named has shown such amazing quick development that she is liable to creep in if the Congressional latch is left out at all. By the way what a shockingly clumsy and meaningless name New Mexico is. Is it not high time that American states and cities should be christened without being named after other countries as if they were only weak imitations. To call the new state Franklin or even Albuquerque awkward as the name is would be vastly better

Senator Morgan began his much heralded speech on the Panama canal Thursday and did not seem at all disconcerted by the fact that there was a very thin attendance of the Senate. It was the first studied attack of the conduct of the administration that has been made, and the review of the situation was comprehensive and somewhat caustic. He made one revelation which attracted thoughtful atten-

tion of the Republicans, the fact that the republic of Columbia did her utmost to meet the wishes of the United States concerning the Panama canal. It is true that her Congress adjourned without ratifying the treaty that was being negotiated; but the abundant reason was given that under the existing constitution she was prevented from alienating any part of her fundamental law that would allow her to surrender to us the permanent sovereignty over the canal zone. This was characterized by Secretary Hays as dilatory and insulting and refusing to wait the President gave orders to send ships and soldiers to prevent Columbia from asserting her sovereignty. The Senator asserted that if the United States would withhold its hand in obedience to international law Columbia would immediately suppress and drive out the eight filibusters and adventures and their train of Indians and Negroes who now constitute the republic of Panama.

Columbia has applied to the French government and courts for an injunction to prevent the transfer to the United States of the canal properties and franchises of the French citizens under concessions from the Columbian government. The news made an obvious sensation yesterday around the capital.

The French ambassador to this country has tendered to our government from the ladies of France a replica of the bust of Washington which was formerly destroyed by fire in the capitol. It was by the famous David

Gen. John B. Gordon, in recent years the most noted of all living confederates, died at Miami, Fla. at 10 o'clock Saturday night, ninth. He was 72 years old and had served as Governor and United States Senator from Georgia.

From the close of the war General Gordon put forth every effort to bring about harmonious relations between the North and South. He never spoke a bitter word against the North. He was commander in chief of the Confederate Veterans organization for many years and whenever he presided at meetings of the organization he was greeted with great enthusiasm.—Progressive farmer

The work of getting ready to dig the Isthmian canal proceeds as well as could be expected. It is going to be dug. Let all doubt of it be dispelled. The halting effected by men of ability and conservatism and by men who have conscientious scruples and by men who are leading the minority in Congress and are scrutinizing the doing of the dominant party is rather wholesome than otherwise. We are always glad to see great projects ventilated in legitimate and prudent ways. The watching of one party by another prevents many a shameful transaction. Nothing will be unearthed by investigation that will stop the building of the canal, the Panama canal. There may have been steps in the history that led to the present state of affairs which are deserving of criticism. We think it is probable that some such steps will be found upon thorough inquiry. Let the blame fall upon the guilty. Let the canal be dug, and it will be—Robesonian.

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Chatham's Confederate Monument

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The Winnie Davis chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have decided to erect a monument at Pittsboro—the county seat—to commemorate the services of Chatham's Confederate soldiers, to emphasize their zeal, their faith and their courage. Inspired by the war records of Chatham's brave soldiers and the fact that there is nowhere in Chatham a monument to the departed Confederate heroes, and that there is nowhere in Chatham a place so fitting to erect it as the court-house square, the Winnie Davis Chapter decided at its last meeting to proceed at once to raise funds for the monument.

The fund has been begun by Chatham's "bravest of the brave"—Col. John K. Lane—with a contribution of \$100. We have adopted a plan to assist in the most effective way possible that is—by penny contributions from the school children of Chatham. It is desired that every child of school age in Chatham should be given an opportunity to contribute his penny or more.

To bring this matter properly before the children of the county the chapter deem it wise to set aside one day of the present school term as "Chatham's Confederate Day". On that day have appropriate exercises bearing upon the record of Chatham soldiers in the Civil war, and have a speaker or speakers to make short talks upon the part taken by Chatham's sons.

It is requested that the collections for this monument be made on this day and that they be sent through the teachers of the several districts to the Winnie Davis Chapter at Pittsboro.

Ought not the people of Chatham honor the memory of their brave soldiers? Ought not the school children assist in erecting a fitting memorial to them, that they may show to the world that they honor and revere the defenders of our homes in 1861—3? Gratitude demands that at our county seat we erect a monument that shall endure as long as the soil upon which it stands; forever bearing testimony of the honor in which we hold our Confederate soldiers, living and dead. Friday, 26 day of February, has been suggested as an appropriate day for exercises.

The Chapter is open for suggestions about the program for the day through the county papers.

All are requested to cooperate with us in this grand work and aid in raising the necessary funds. Let us hear from our teachers or any interested in the cause. Teachers school officers school children patrons and friends sound the bugle call work, and have our monument.

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