

State Library

The Courier.

NOELL BROS., Proprietors.

HOME FIRST; ABROAD NEXT.

\$1.00 Per Year in Advance.

VOL. XV.

ROXBORO, NORTH CAROLINA WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 14, 1898.

No. 37.

From FACTORY to CONSUMER.



\$1.39
buys this (exact) Rattan Rocker, the largest size ever made. Per dozen, \$14.00. Our new 112-page catalogue containing Furniture, Draperies, Crockery, Baby Carriages, Refrigerators, Stoves, Lamps, Pictures, Mirrors, Bedding, etc., is yours for the asking. Special supplements just issued are also free. Write to-day.

CARPET CATALOGUE in lithographed colors is also mailed free. Write for it. If you wish samples, send 2c. stamp. Matting samples also mailed for 2c. All Carpets sewed free this month and freight paid on \$9 purchases and over.

\$7.45
buys a made-to-your-measure All-Wool Cheviot Suit, express prepaid to your station. Write for free catalogue and samples. Address (exactly as below),

JULIUS HINES & SON,
Dept. 909. BALTIMORE, MD.

City Directory.

N. LUNSFORD,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Roxboro, N. C.

Dr. E. J. Tucker,
SURGEON-DENTIST,
Upstairs in W. J. Johnson & Co. building.
Roxboro, N. C.

W. H. B. Newell,
Watchmaker and Jeweler,
Roxboro, N. C.

R. J. TEAGUE, M. D.,
Having located in Roxboro, offers his professional services in the practice of medicine in all its branches, to the people of Roxboro and surrounding country. Special attention given the treatment of diseases of nose and throat. Office over Louis Goodfriend's store.

C. T. WILLSON & CO.
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS,
Roxboro, N. C.

Life, Fire, Accident and Surety Bonds. Safest and most reliable Companies represented. Give us your business and we will give you real protection.

J. S. MERRITT, WM. D. MERRITT
Merritt & Merritt,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law,
Roxboro, N. C.

Practice in all the State and Federal Courts. Special attention given to cases in Caswell, Durham, Granville, and Orange counties.

Office over Peoples' Bank,

W. W. KITCHIN, A. P. KITCHIN,
KITCHIN & KITCHIN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Roxboro, N. C.

Practice wherever services are required.

C. S. WINSTEAD, W. T. BRADSHAW
Winstead & Bradsher,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Roxboro, N. C.

Special attention given to Federal practice, both in the State and at Washington. Attend regularly the Courts of Person and Caswell. All business intrusted to our care will receive prompt attention.

BOONE & BRYANT,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Durham, N. C.

Always attend the Superior Court of Person county, and will go there at such other times as the business of the firm demands.

HOTEL DOWDY,
Roxboro, N. C.
R. H. DOWDY, Proprietor.

The best Hotel on the border of N. C. or Va. Table supplied with the best. Your every want supplied if in his power "The Old Man."

NEGRO RULE IN THIS STATE. SHALL IT LAST LONGER IN NORTH CAROLINA?

Craven's Black Officers. A Vile White Man Running for Clerk of the Court—The County Court House Looks Like Colored Writing Schools, So Thick are the Negro Clerks—A White Lady of Newberne Slapped in the Face by a Negro Who had Crowded Her Into the Street—The Negro Ticket For County Officers Will be Undoubtedly Elected in Craven.

Correspondent of The Charlotte Observer.
Newberne, Sept. 6.—The lands of the county of Craven are among the most fertile in the country. For the last decade thousands of dollars worth of truck have been sold on the Newberne market. Lands that were once considered worthless have been converted from swamps to productive fields. However, in the last year or two, this trucking business has not progressed as rapidly as it bade fair to do five years ago. There has been an obstacle placed before the wheel.

The people that compose the population, amount to about 4,800, 2,000 white and 2,800 colored people. There are no better people than the white people of Craven county. They are of the best class of men and women. They are intelligent and kind-hearted. But within the last two years they have been thrown from power and a low class of white men and negro politicians put in their stead. That is why the county is not what it once bade to be. The class of white men that belong to the Republican party in this part of the State are not as good as the average negro. Some of the negro officers here are well meaning men, but they are not competent. Hence, upon the whole, the government of the county affairs is in the hands of a bad crowd. Unless there is something done within a year or two property will fall low in value. Good white citizens were not made to be ruled by a few incompetent white men and negro politicians. But at present the case seems a hopeless one here. The Republicans have put out a ticket that is sure to be elected. There is no way to prevent it now, unless the earth cracks open and swallows about 1,600 negroes.

LOOKS LIKE A NEGRO WRITING-SCHOOL.

Come and go with me to the county court house of Craven and see what is there to be seen any day in the week. To glance at the place as a whole you would at first take it to be a negro writing school. The first office to the right belongs to the sheriff and his crew of deputies. Joseph L. Hahn, a white man with a black heart, is the sheriff. By his side are four negro deputy sheriffs, Northern A. Cobb, who is also the jailer; J. H. Fisher, Wallis Pettipher J. E. Payne and C. E. Rhyne. There are other negro deputies throughout the county. Not a white man is on the list.

THE NEGRO "PRESSING THE BUTTON."

Two doors below the sheriff's office, and to the left, is the register of deeds—John B. Willis, colored. He has for his clerks two negroes—A. W. Witherington and one of his own

brothers. Witherington is the negro that made a bombastic speech in the Republican convention here the other day. Being elated over the progress the negro has made in Craven county within the last few years, he pictured in glowing terms what the negro was now able to do. Among other things, he said:

"In 1896, we pressed the button and behold John B. Willis, register of deeds, came forth! Again we pressed the button and Robt. Moseley, county commissioner came forth! We pressed the button and deputy sheriffs came forth! We pressed the button and magistrates came forth!

"And now, in this convention, we have again pressed the button, and behold, C. C. Roach, for county treasurer, is before you, and with the past and present before us, what shall the future give to us?"

This was meant for a cut at the white Republicans. They negroes want all. They should have all the Republican can get here, for there are but about 63 white Republicans in the county.

As a special force to list the taxes for the register are three negro bucks on the second floor of the court house, preparing the tax list.

Hahn and Willis are candidates for sheriff and register, respectively, in this campaign.

THE CANDIDATE FOR CLERK.

In the Republican convention, held here a few weeks ago, the following ticket was nominated:

For clerk of the Superior Court, E. W. Carpenter, a white man. I would rather be any negro in Craven county, than to be Mr. Carpenter. He is an old seasoned carpet-bagger. Of all the candidates in the field he is the most degraded. For years he has lived with a negro woman and today she has a house full of children that every good man in the county who knows him and his career would say are his. It is a notorious fact. In former days Carpenter was a pension agent. But he has been disbarred from the practice before the Pension Department on account of fraudulent practices. He now acts as agent through a negro named E. D. Cox. This is the character of the man who is going to be elected to the office of clerk of the court in this county.

Dr. W. L. Lassiter, a negro, is the present coroner of Craven county, and he was nominated the other day for re-election.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ROACH.

The man Christopher Columbus Roach, referred to in the speech of Witherington as being nominated for treasurer of the county, is a saloon keeper. He is a thoroughbred negro.

The white lady school teachers that teach in Craven county next year will have to draw their pay from Roach. He is going to be elected.

The standard keeper of the county is James Dudley, colored. And for county surveyor nobody was nominated. There is not a Republican in the county that is capable of being surveyor. R. P. Williamson, John Bittle and Bob Moseley, colored, are the commissioners of the county.

This town has ten councilmen, seven of who are white and three colored. Five of the white men

were appointed by Governor Russell and the other two were elected by the Democrats of the town. The three negroes was elected. They are: James E. Shepherd, a drayman; William H. Johnson, a bartender, who has been indicted in court for selling whiskey on Sunday, and Elias Hayes, a carpenter. R. W. Williamson, colored, now a candidate for solicitor of the second judicial district for the Criminal and Superior Courts, is the city attorney. Judge P. Stanley, colored, is constable of the township. He has arrested a number of white ladies and taken them to negro magistrates for trial since coming into office.

A PLAGUE OF NEGRO OFFICIALS.

In the township there are three negro road overseers—George Cooper, A. B. Koonce and C. H. Smith. Each has white men to work the roads with him.

Craven county has twelve negro school committeemen.

The colored police force of Newberne are: Isaac Richardson, R. C. Baker, Henry Pasteur, A. A. Bryant and Robert Moseley.

Craven county has her share of negro justices of the peace. There 27 of them.

"PROF." ISAAC H. SMITH.

Prof. Isaac H. Smith, Republican candidate for the Legislature from this county, is the greatest freak of nature that this campaign has brought out. He is a negro, a politician, a money-lender and a swell 'society' man. Truly, he is the Mark Hanna of this section; the shylock of Newberne, and the Beau Brummel of the negro population of North Carolina. In the "society" world he has measured swords with George H. White, the negro Congressman of the second district. And next year he claims that he will be on the turf for Congress. He has skinned the toughest of dead beats, and he has outwitted the shrewdest of politicians. Prof. Smith wields a facile pen and uses an oily tongue. Truly, he is a very smart negro. He is unique in looks and in character. In business he can fleece the pertest of men. Many are the men he has skinned alive. True, he has done deeds of kindness. He was one of the first men to contribute to the Vance monument fund. He did it because Vance had worked for the educational interest of the negro.

I saw Professor Smith at his office. The first time I called I asked: "Is Smith, Isaac Smith, in?" A big burly-looking fellow, answering to the description of Smith, told me that he was not in. I then asked when he would be, and was told that it would be the next day at 10 o'clock. I left at once and returned at the time named. I found the same man in the chair behind the desk, but this time I asked if "Professor" Smith was in. He said: "Yes, he is in. I am 'Professor' Isaac Smith. The trouble before was that I had not called him 'Professor'."


I said to him: "I have heard that you were coming down from the ticket here in Craven county. Is there any truth in it?" His reply was:

"Who are you?"

I told him. He then offered me a chair and began to talk. He said:

"No I am not coming down unless

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

the people want me to. They nominated me and they can take me down if they wish to do so. But I am going to run and I am going to be elected."

In conversation Smith is a very entertaining talker. He is smart, shrewd and mean. Many of his own people cursed him for his method of doing business. He lends money and charges outrageous interest for it. For instance, he loaned a negro man \$10 and made him pay \$1 a week for it till the principal was paid back; and in this case the time was over six months. He has let out \$10 and collect as much as \$100 for it. These are his methods. Indeed, he is the boss usurer of the State. He looks at everything from a business standpoint. He was heard say the other day that this Republican business was like a stock company. The white Republicans were talking of taking him down. He said: "This is a stock company. The negro has 95 per cent., and the white man 5 per cent. Who shall say what I am going to do?"

THE PEN CHEATED OUT OF SMITH.

Smith has been convicted before juries twice for forgery, but on account of technicalities he was let off by the Supreme Court. The first time he got off because the solicitor in prosecuting the case had abused his privilege in using the following language in addressing the jury.

"The defendant was such a scoundrel that he was compelled to move his trial from Jones county, where he was known." And again: "The bold brazen-faced rascal had the impudence to write me a note yesterday, begging me not to prosecute and threatening me that if I did he would get the Legislature to impeach me." Seventy-fifth North Carolina Reports, 306.

He was again convicted and appealed to the Supreme Court and was allowed a new trial on the ground of the variance between the bill of indictment and the evidence—expressed by the Supreme Court as follows:

"On the trial of an indictment for forgery charging the defendant for having forged an order for \$60.07. Evidence that the defendant had forged an order for any other amount (the two orders in evidence in this case being for \$60 and \$60.27, re-

Continued on page 5.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cut, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per bottle For sale by J. De Morris.