

Editorial.

"Slavery was responsible for the course and brutal strain which ran through the Southern character."

R. L. Gray, correspondent of the News and Observer, writing of the funeral of General Ransom last week, says that his first name was "Matt" and not "Mathew" as error has widely had it. His name was Matt Whitaker Ransom.

The Durham Sun estimates the estate of Gen. M. W. Ransom at one million dollars. He was the largest land owner in Eastern North Carolina and his fine cotton farms were most productive, but it is hardly possible that his estate is worth a million dollars.

"The moral difference between Benedict Arnold on the one hand, and Jefferson Davis on the other, is precisely the difference that obtains a politician who sells his vote for money, and one who supports a bad measure in consideration of being given some high political position."—Theodore Roosevelt.

The Crawford-Benbow Speaking.

Hon. W. T. Crawford and Hon. F. B. Benbow addressed the citizens of Macon county in the court house last Thursday. The court house was about half filled with hearers, about equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. The speakers took up their full time of 14 hours each with ten-minute rejoinders. Crawford spoke first. As usual he made a good speech. Mr. Benbow followed and while he presents a good appearance and speaks with a clear voice and quite fluently, it soon became apparent that he could not cope with Crawford in debate. Crawford is a man well posted in political matters, a forcible speaker, and has had much experience in public debate, and readily showed his superiority over his opponent.

Mr. Benbow did quite well, however, considering he had a bad case and a dummy case to represent. No one knows better than Mr. Benbow that the electoral vote of North Carolina will be cast for Parker and Davis, and no one knows better than that W. T. Crawford will cast the vote of the Tenth district for Parker and Davis. So there is not much to be hoped or encouraged animation or hope on the part of Mr. Benbow, and it is difficult to make a good speech in a hopeless case.

Mr. Benbow made one bad break in his speech here which will cause him to forfeit the respect of his friends to a great extent and do him an injury. He charged that Democratic speakers and Democratic newspapers were responsible for the assassination of President McKinley. Such an assertion everybody of every political belief knows to be wholly untrue, and THE PRESS entertaining a high degree of respect for Mr. Benbow as a citizen and gentleman, regrets that he so far forgot himself as to make such an unfounded and unnecessary charge. It is useless here to take up space or time to use argument to refute such a charge. So far as THE PRESS is aware no Republican at any time or under any circumstances has heretofore made such a charge. Mr. Crawford, in his rejoinder, flayed him for the assertion, and made him feel like the proverbial "thirty-cents."

An Increase in Pensions.

In an interview with State Auditor Dixon, who has charge of pension matters, he was asked about the number of pensions on the new list and replied that there were of the first-class 94, who will receive \$40 a year; of the second-class, 293, who will receive \$35; of the third-class, 551, who get \$30; fourth-class, 7,428, whose annual allowance is \$14. There are 4,950 widows, who receive \$14. The total number of pensions is 13,316, an increase of 1,348 over last year. The largest increase in any one year was in 1902, when the new law went into effect, and it was over 2,500. Last year the increase was only 745. Special Raleigh Correspondence in Charlotte Observer.

Sentiment Favorable to Parker.

There are evidences that the trend of sentiment in this campaign is strongly toward the Democratic candidates. With respect to the national ticket the wide difference between Parker and Roosevelt has been impressed upon the country. The Democratic candidate is known to be safe, while the Republican candidate is known to be uncertain. It is known that Judge Parker will observe the constitution and the laws enacted under its authority, while it is known that the Republican candidate has little consideration for either. It is known that Judge Parker is the kind of man who thinks before he acts while on the other hand his opponent acts first and thinks afterward. Every day it is becoming more and more apparent that the people of the United States are determined to get back to the paths of safety. The "big stick" and "chip on the shoulder" policies of the government as carried out by Roosevelt, Hay and others are a constant menace to national peace.

The world knows the tremendous power of the American republic. No King or Emperor or Potentate will interfere with us so long as we mind our own business. Judge Parker, when elected, will be content to conduct the government along constitutional lines and according to American ideals—the ideals which have made the republic the great and strong power that it is. A certainty of peace abroad and peace at home will stimulate industrial activity and add to the happiness and welfare of the people. On the other hand the feeling that Mr. Roosevelt will continue his international meddling will cause a feeling of uneasiness which will result in a disturbance of business.

But it is not for that reason alone that the American people look with alarm upon the Republican candidate for the presidency. If he should be elected the shadow of empire will be upon us. This fact is not to be disputed or disguised. He disregards the constitution himself and it is flouted and scorned by his chief spokesmen. What does it all mean if not a radical departure from the sober policies, the law regarding policies and principles of government for which the patriots of the Revolution and the patriots who followed them hazarded their lives and their fortunes? There should be serious thought between now and Nov. 8. The question is, shall we have constitutionalism or imperialism? Everything indicates a determination on the part of the people to preserve their rights.

Two Republican candidates for Congress have publicly approved the action of President Roosevelt in inviting the negro Booker Washington to dine at the White House. They are Spears, the nominee in the Sixth district, and Pearson, the nominee in the Fourth district. This is honest goods and more consistent than other Republicans can boast, who meet in convention and endorsed Roosevelt in resolutions, and then deny on the stump being in favor of social equality.

The news from Raleigh is that our C. J. Harris, nominee on the Republican ticket for Governor, was in that city a few days ago and visited the executive office, and Gov. Aycock being absent, he was entertained by Mr. Pearsall, the Governor's private secretary. When asked how he liked the look of things, he answered that he didn't think he would like it very much, and rather thought he wouldn't occupy the office.

Postmaster General.

Washington Oct. 19.—President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of Robert J. Wynne, acting Postmaster General as Postmaster General. The appointment is temporary and George B. Cortelyou will succeed to the office about January. Mr. Wynne resuming the position of first assistant.

Democratic Ticket for Clay County.

The Clay county Democrats have nominated the following ticket: For Representative, M. M. Burch. For Sheriff, J. W. Alexander. For Register of Deeds, G. H. Haigler. For Treasurer, J. M. Galloway. For Surveyor, E. C. Mease. For Coroner, J. M. Sullivan. For Commissioners, E. S. Curtis, W. H. Hugues and J. M. Coleman. L. L. Scroggs was elected chairman of the County Executive Committee for the next two years.

HON. M. W. RANSOM.

Brief Sketch of His Life and Services.

After a sharp and sudden attack of illness, Hon. Matthew W. Ransom died at his home in Northampton county, near Garysburg, four miles from Jackson, Northampton county, N. C., about 1 o'clock, a. m., October 8, 1904. Hon. Matt Whitaker Ransom was born in Warren county, October 7, 1826, and was just seventy-eight years old on Friday. He graduated from Chapel Hill in 1847, and in 1854 was elected Attorney General of North Carolina, being twenty-eight years of age. In 1856, 1859 and 1860 he was a member of the Legislature. In 1861 he was a member of the Peace Commission from the Southern States, which met at Montgomery.

On the breaking out of the Civil War he entered the Confederate army in June, 1861, being appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the First North Carolina State Troops. In April, 1862, he was elected Colonel of the 35th North Carolina Regiment. On the 13th of June 1865, he was appointed a Brigadier General. His brigade was composed of the 24th, 25th, 49th and 56th North Carolina Regiments.

He served as a Brigadier General till the surrender at Appomattox, at which he was present and signed the parole list. He was wounded in the arm at Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862. He was in the Maryland campaign, was at Sharpsburg and served in Eastern North Carolina, also around Richmond and Petersburg, being wounded at the latter place in May, 1864. He returned to his command in October and then served continuously till the close of the war. Among his staff officers were the late Dr. Charles J. O'Hagan, Dr. C. J. Gee, Lieutenant Thomas W. Mason, Chief Justice Walter Clark was his first adjutant, having the rank of Lieutenant, being appointed before he was sixteen years old. On his resignation he was succeeded by Capt. Robert B. Peebles. The Adjutant General of his brigade was Captain Sterling Gee, who was killed on April 1, 1865, and who was succeeded by Capt. R. B. Peebles.

General Ransom was a brave and gallant soldier. After the war he returned to the practice of law and in 1872 he was selected to the United States Senate March 4, 1875. Soon after his retirement he was appointed Minister to Mexico by President Cleveland. After his term ended he returned to his farm in Northampton county and became a great Southern planter, raising large cotton crops and amassing a large fortune.

In — he was married, his bride being Miss Pattie Exum, of Northampton, who with six children, five sons and one daughter, survive the distinguished lawyer, soldier, patriot and statesman.

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By Thomas Moore
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My only books Were woman's looks, And folly's all they've taught me.
Her smile when Beauty granted, I hung with gaze enchanted, Like 'Elin, the sprite, Whom maids by night Oft meet in glen that's haunted, Like him, too, Beauty won me. But while her eyes were on me— If once their ray Was turned away, Oh! winds could not outrun me.
And are those follies going? And is my proud heart growing Too cold or wise For brilliant eyes Again to set it glowing? No—vain, alas! the endeavor From bonds so sweet to sever; Poor Wisdom's chance Against a glance Is now as weak as ever.

The Mightiest Force.

Honest and independent journalism is the mightiest force evolved by modern civilization. With all its faults—and what human institution is faultless?—it is indispensable to the life of a free people. The frontiers of the constitutional privilege of the press are as wide as human thought, and it is one of the glories of our country that its journalism as a whole is incorrupt, fearless and patriotic. It is the never-sleeping enemy of bigotry, sectionalism, ignorance and crime. It deserves the freedom which our fathers gave it. It has justified itself.—Judge Alton B. Parker.

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND JAPS.

London, Oct. 12.—A Mukden correspondent to the Central News writes that the Japanese hold strong positions with a powerful force of artillery and numerous reserves. The battle which began Monday was continued yesterday and was fiercely fought. The Japanese not only maintained their positions but advanced taking with heavy firing the Russian positions.

Mukden, Oct. 12.—2:40, p.m.—Striborn fighting is still in progress, this being the third day of the engagement. It is impossible at this time to say what has been accomplished. Hospital trains are continually arriving from the south. The wounded are being sent further north. A dressing station has been established on a railroad platform here were nurses and surgeons give prompt attention to the most urgent cases before the trains proceed.

The Tide of Battle Rolls On.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—Desperate fighting and heavy losses on both sides, with varying success, is the summing up of General Kurapatkin in the telegram dated October 13. There is no cessation of the battle on the contrary General Kurapatkin states that he had ordered the army to resume the fight with unabated vigor today. The conflict has been most desperate in the centre and on the west flank. The advance guards at those points had to be repeatedly reinforced, owing to the great pressure of the Japanese attacks. At nightfall on October 12 the Russian right was withdrawn from its main position; but one of the abandoned positions was retaken at the point of the bayonet during the night.

Silver Tongued Orator Urges Support of Parker and Davis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 12.—Every available inch of floor space in Tomlinson Hall was crowded tonight during the political meeting which marked the close of the first day of William J. Bryan's tour of Indiana. Throughout his speech, in which he insisted that it was not for the sake of appearances of "being in line," but through sincerity; that he championed the cause of Parker and Davis and a united Democracy, Mr. Bryan was interrupted by repeated cheering.

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Loans and Discounts	\$3712.23	Capital stock paid in	\$10000.00
Overdrafts	5.44	Surplus & Undivided profits, net	1811.00
N. C. State Bonds, 4 per cent.	1000.00	Individual depts. subject to check	69068.17
Premium on Bonds	25.00	Cashier's checks outstanding	786.72
Furniture and Fixtures	1431.82		
Cash on hand and in Banks	2426.79		
Total	\$72700.89	Total	\$72700.89

Commenced Business July 1, 1903. I, J. G. Siler, Cashier of The Bank of Franklin, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. G. SILER, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Sept 1904. LEE CRAWFORD, C. S. C. Correct—Attest: GEO. A. JONES, JOHN C. WRIGHT, F. S. JOHNETOX, Directors.

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