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COUNTIES.	Voting Population as per Census of 1870	Governor. Aug. 1872. Merrimon.	Caldwell.	President. Nov. 1872. Greeley.	Grant.
Alamance	2592	1270	1015	508	925
Alexander	1218	545	389	370	124
Alleghany	691	339	184	----	----
Anson	2339	1191	1019	----	----
Ashe	1758	752	701	----	----
Beaufort	2942	1331	1565	1019	1450
Bertie	2605	949	1514	----	----
Bladen	2610	1208	1448	758	1409
Brunswick	1700	711	708	----	----
Buncombe	3009	1538	1114	----	----
Burke	1757	852	683	544	565
Cabarrus	2387	1107	811	946	796
Caldwell	1500	825	332	----	----
Camden	1255	562	554	434	936
Carteret	2082	106[illegible]	739	----	----
Caswell	3357	1415	1459	----	----
Catawba	1971	1261	422	1252	41
Chatham	3955	1774	1683	1300	1586
Cherokee	1440	486	433	----	----
Chowan	1467	576	742	----	——
Clay	499	25[illegible]	142	----	----
Cleaveland	2231	1099	547	451	533
Columbus	1674	1047	693	730	777
Craven	4816	1146	2780	954	2759
Cumberland	3452	1830	188[illegible]	----	----
Currituck	1119	763	349	----	----
Dare	647	232	276	144	217
Davidson	3470	1384	1516	----	----
Davien	1879	826	662	510	637
Duplin	2957	1750	1035	----	----
Edgecombe	5212	1474	3452	1221	3435
Forsyth	2562	1033	1115	758	1100
Franklin	2770	1475	1560	1196	1543
Gaston	2170	927	688	----	----
Gates	1436	751	512	618	470
Granville	4852	1976	2655	1690	2655
Greene	1721	783	947	----	----
Guilford	4407	1849	18[illegible]1	1380	1736
Halifax	4455	1673	3640	----	----
Harnett	17[illegible]7	795	695	----	----
Haywood	1434	748	420	----	----
Henderson	1432	505	716	----	----
Hertford	1413	874	983	----	----
Hyde	1417	816	610	----	----
Iredell	3334	1728	994	1121	891
Jackson	1269	554	166	----	----
Johnston	3414	1481	1374	809	1368
Jones	1152	559	639	374	651
Lenoir	2081	944	1270	737	624
Lincoln	1795	9[illegible]3	706	624	737
Macon	1269	6[illegible]5	130	----	----
Madison	1398	6[illegible]5	641	444	503
Martin	2081	1085	1048	----	----
McDowell	1613	706	519	----	----
Mecklenburg	5267	2511	2261	2202	2181
Mitchell	1827	195	628	----	----
Montgomery	1363	475	653	241	620
Moore	2338	1055	881	----	----
Nash	2181	1284	12[illegible]3	----	----
New Hanover	6342	2261	3614	1870	3443
Northampton	2901	1[illegible]95	19[illegible]0	752	1997
Onslow	1591	8[illegible]2	492	----	----
Orange	3300	1945	1321	1483	1265
Pasquotank	1807	4[illegible]7	1033	----	----
Perquimmons	1996	642	919	----	----
Pamlico		446	358	291	3[illegible]8
Person	2193	1101	819	934	800
Pitt	3599	1782	1775	----	----
Polk	812	224	342	99	265
Randolph	3518	1364	1789	983	1291
Richmond	2611	1616	1304	----	----
Robeson	3043	1634	1583	1051	1509
Rockingham	3038	1653	1301	----	----
Rowan	3361	1655	1118	962	966
Rutherford	2386	727	1013	40[illegible]	928
Sampson	2986	1687	1464	----	----
Stanley	1471	646	366	----	----
Stokes	2172	904	830	839	825
Surry	2258	989	8[illegible]8	----	----
Swain		332	29	----	----
Transylvania	696	379	204	----	----
Tyrell	899	391	347	----	----
Union	2201	1[illegible]22	631	----	----
Wake	7672	2[illegible]29	3843	----	----
Warren	3572	1707	2380	1008	2455
Washington	1482	492	917	----	----
Watauga	998	4[illegible]5	353	----	----
Wayne	3[illegible]65	1749	1949	1311	1931
Wilkes	2668	1034	1294	----	----
Wilson	2299	1319	1152	----	----
Yadkin	1980	759	866	518	818
Yancey	1056	503	382	344	307
Total	214142	96,731	38,630		
			36,731		
Majority		.....	[illegible]99		

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Taursday, - - October 5, 1872.

Anecdotes of Chief-Justice Marshall.

Judge Marshall's simplicity of character and absent-mindedness have been the theme of a number of anecdotes. The one best known is about his puzzle over the buggy and the sapling. Turning aside one day to avoid one of those awful mud holes which abound in Virginia country-roads, the axle of his buggy encountered a stout sapling. The sapling was between the hub of the wheel and the body of the buggy. Too big to bend down and too supple to break, this sapling seemed to the Judge to be wholly unconquerable. What to do he knew not. He got down out of the buggy, the better to apply his great intellect to the knotty subject and to study it thoroughly up. While pondering vainly, a negro man came along.

"Uncle," said the Chief Justice, "I wish you would tell me about this sapling. I can't get over it, and I can't get around it, and I don't want to stay here all day and miss court. What do you think I had better do?"

The negro could not repress a broad but silent grin. "Why, ole marster," said he, "I 'spec de bes' thing you kin do is to back yo' buggy till you git clar of de saplin', d n turn de hade (head) of yo' hoss, and den you kin 'void de saplin' and go to cote slick as goose-greese."

"Thank you—thank you kindly, uncle; I should never have thought of that in the world. You are a man of superior mind. There's half a dollar for you." And the Judge drove joyfully off.

Another anecdote, illustrating the same simple mindedness and easy good-nature, has, so far as I am aware, never been in print. It is this; When Judge Marshall lived in Richmond his opposite neighbor was Colonel Pickett, father of the Confederate General George E. Pickett, of Gettysburg fame. Colonel Pickert was a man of wealth, lived well, and was not content unless everything about his household bore the marks of good living. His horses were his pride, and were conspicuous everywhere for their splendid appearance, being as sleek, fat and high-spirited as abundant food and excellent grooming could make them. Judge Marshall's horses, on the other hand, were notoriously lean and unkept. Everybody but the Judge had long remarked this. At last it was brought to his notice, with the suggestion that his carriage-driver neglected the horses, sold much of their food, and appropriated the money to his own use, a good deal of it going, no doubt, for liquor.

The Judge called him up without delay.

"Dick, what is the reason Colonel Pickett's horses are in such splendid condition while mine are almost skeletons? I am afraid you neglect them—don't half curry them, and don't half feed them."

Dick, not expecting the attack, was fairly posed. He hemmed and hawed a while till he could get his negro wits about him, and then said: "Mars John, look at you—is you fat?"

"No," said the Judge—"decidedly not."

"Well, look at old miss" (Mrs. Marshall) "is she fat?"

"No."

"Den look at me—is I fat?"

"No."

"Den look at yo' horses—is dey fat?"

"No."

"Now, den, you jes' look at Kunnle Pickett. He fat, his cardidge driver fat, his horses fat, his dogs fat—all fat. De troof is Mars John, fat run in de Pickett fam'ly, and it don't run in our'n. Dat's all."

"Well," said the Judge, after a little reflection, "there is a good deal in that. It never occurred to me before."

He turned back into his study, and Dick was never troubled any more.—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

Cut This Out.

HOW TO MEASURE AN ACRE AND PARTS OF AN ACRE.—Land can be measured with satisfactory accuracy for many purposes, by pacing. Five paces are equal to one lineal rod. A man with long legs will usually measure more than a rod at five paces, while short-legged men will be obliged to step unusually long to measure a rod at five paces. The correct way is to measure 16½ feet on level ground, then practice gauging the steps, until one can measure one rod at every five steps. Then one hundred steps or paces will be equal to twenty rods. If a plot of land be two hundred paces long and fifty paces wide, call every five paces a rod, multiply the rods in length by the number of rods in width, and divide the product by 160, the square rods in one acre. Thus—100 paces, 20 rods and 50 paces, 10 rods or 10 by 20, 200 square rods, which divided by 160, 1¼ acres. A square acre is about 208 feet 8½ inches on every side.

In order to lay out one acre of land twice as long as the width, the length must be 417 feet and five inches, and the width 104 feet 4 inches. Twenty feet front 2,178 feet deep, one acre. Thirty feet front and 1,452 feet deep, one acre. Forty feet front and 1,089 feet deep, one acre. In one square acre there are 43,560 superficial feet, 640 acres make one square mile—160 acres equal to a quarter section. If a plow turns a furrow slice one foot wide, a team must travel about eight and one third miles to plow one acre.—*N. W. Farmer.*

COUSIN SALLY DILLARD.

A Story that Must Not Die.

"Cousin Sally Dilliard" was written by Hamilton C. Jones, of North Carolina, nearly half a century ago, and the public can enjoy a hearty laugh over its exquisite ridiculousness at least once a year. It purports to be a report of the testimony of a witness in a case before one of the courts of that State, and is as follows:

A bardless disciple of Themis rises and thus addresses the court: "May it please your worship and you gentlemen of the jury, since it has been my fortune (good or bad, I will not say,) to exercise in legal disquisition, it has never befallan me to be obliged to prosecute so direfully marked an assault. A more wilful, violent, and dangerous battery, and finally a more diabolical breach of the peace, has seldom ever happened in a civilized country, and I dare say it seldom has been your duty to pass upon one so shocking to benevolent feelings as this which took place over at Capt. Rice's, in this county; but you will hear from the witnesses."

The witnesses being sworn, two or three were examined and d posed. One said that he heard the noise, but did not see the fight; another that he saw the row, but did not know who struck first; another that he was very drunk and could n't say anything about the skrimmage.

Lawyer Chops.—I am sorry, gentlemen, to have occupied your time with the stupidity of the witnesses examined. It arises, gentlemen, altogether from a misapprehension on my part. Had I known as I do, that I had a witness who was acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, and who was able to make himself understood to the court and jury, I should not have trespassed so long on your patience. Come forward, Mr. Harris, and be sworn.

So forward comes the witness, a fat chuffy old man, a "leetle" corned, and took his oath with an air.

Chops—Harriss, we wish you to tell us about the riot that happened the other day at Captain Rice's, and a good deal of time has already been wasted in circumlocution, we wish you to be compendious, at the same time as explicit as possible.

Harris—Adzactly, (giving the lawyer a knowing wink, at the same time clearing his throat). Cpt. Rice he gin a treat, and cousin Sally Dillard she comes over to my house and axed me if my wife she moutn't go? I told cousin Sally Dilliard my wife was poorly being as how she had a touch of rheumatism in the hip, and the big swamp was up in the road, there having been a great deal of rain lately, but howsoever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, my wife she mout go. Well cousin Sally Dillard then axed me if Mose he mouth't go? I told cousin Sally Dillard that he was the foreman of the crap, and the crap was smartly in the grass, but howsoever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, Mose he mout go.

Chops—In the name of common sense, Mr. Harris, what do you mean by this rigamarole?

Witness.—Captain Rice he gin a treat, and cousin Sally Dillard, she came over to my house and axed me if my wife she mouth't go? and I told cousin Sally Dillard—

Chops—Stop, if you please; we don't want to hear about your cousin Sally Dillard or your wife; tell us about the fight at Rice's.

Witness.—Well, I will sir, if you'll let me.

Chops—Well, sir, go on.

Witness.—Well, sir, Captain Rice he gin a treat and cousin Sally Dillard she came over to my house and axed me if my wife she mouth't go—

Chops.—Here it is again. Witness please to stop.

Witness—Well, sir, what do you want.

Chops—We want to know about the fight; and you must not proceed in this impertinent story. Do you know anything about the matter before the court?

Witness—To be sure I do.

Chops.—Well, go on then, and tell it, and nothing else.

Witness—Well, Captain Rice, he gin a treat.

Chops—This is intolerable. May it please the court, I move that the prisoner be committed for contempt. He seems to be trifling with the court

Court—Witness, you are before a court of justice, and unless you behave yourself in a more becoming manner you will be sent to jail; so begin and tell me what you know about the fight at Rice's.

Witness—Well, gentlemen, Captain Rice he gin a treat, and Cousin Sally Dillard—

Court—(After deliberating.) Mr. Attorney, the court is of the opinion that we may save time by letting the witness go on in his way. Proceed, Mr. Harris, with your story, but stick to the point.

Witness—Yes, gentlemen. Well, Capt. Rice, he gin a treat, and cousin Sally Dillard come over to our house and axed me if my wife she mouth't go? I told cousin Sally Dillard that my wife she was poorly, being as how she had the rheumatics in her hip; and the big swamp was up; howsoever as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, my wife she mout go. Well, cousin Sally Dillard then axed me if Mose he mouth't go. I told cousin Sally Dillard as how Mose was the foreman of the crap, and the crap was smartly in the grass, but however, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, Mose he mout go. So they goes on together, Mose, my wife and cousin Sally Dillard, and they come to the big swamp, and it was up as I was telling you; but being as how there was a big log across the big swamp, cousin Sally Dillard and Mose, like genteel folks, they walked the log, but my wife, like a durned foo', hoisted her coats and waded through.

Chops—Heavens and earth, this is bad; but go on.

Witness—Well, that's all I know about the fight.

Mark Twain and the Cats.

So much, already, has been written and told concerning the life and history of this genius that we propose here merely to record an extract from one of his bright and sparkling speeches recently delivered before a social meeting of literary:

"When I was fourteen, I was living with my parents, who were very poor and correspondingly honest. We had a youth living with us by the name of Jim Wolfe. He was an excellent fellow, seventeen years old, and very diffident. He and I slept together—virtuously—and one very bitter winter's night a cousin Mary—she's married now and gone—gave what they called a candy pulling in those day in the West, and they took the saucers of hot candy outside of the house into snow, under a sort of old bower that came out from the eaves—it was a sort of an ell then, all covered with snow, and they were all sitting around there; and in the meantime we were gone to bed—we were not invited to attend this party, we were too young. The young ladies and gentlemen were assembled there, and Jim and I were in bed. There was about four inches of snow on the roof of this ell, and our window looked out onto it, and it was frozen hard. A couple of tom cats—it is possible one might have been of the opposite sex—were assembled on the chimney in the middle of this ell, and they were growling at a fearful rate, and switching their tails about and going on, and we couldn't sleep at all. Finally Jim said, 'For two cents I'd go out and shake them cats off that chimney;' so I said, 'of course you would;' he said, 'well, I would; I have a mighty good notion to do it;' says I, 'of course you have, certainly you have, you have a great notion to do it.' I hoped he might try it, but I was afraid he wouldn't. Finally I did get his ambition up, and he raise I the window and climbed out on that icey roof with nothing on but his socks and a very short shirt. He went climbing along on all fours on the roof towards this chimney where the cat were. In the meantime these ladies and gentlemen were enjoying themselves down under the eaves, and when Jim got almost to that chimney made a pass at the cats, and his heels flew up, and he shot down and crashed through those vines, and lit in the midst of the ladies and gentlemen and sat down in those hot saucers of candy. There was a general stampede, of course, and he came up stairs dropping pieces of chinaware and candy all the way up, and when he got up there—now everybody in the world would have gone into profanity or something calculated to relieve the mind, but he didn't; he scraped the candy off his legs, nursed his blisters a little, and said, 'I could have ketched them cats if I had had on a good read.'"

Melting of Gold at the Mint.

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Saturday morning the United States Mint commenced melting the first instalment ($1,000,000) of twenty million gold pieces, which during the ensuing month are to be recoined into larger denominations. These pieces were of inconvenient size, and the Government experienced trouble in issuing them in larger quantities. This induced the Government to take them from the sub-Treasury in New York, where they have been idle the past few years, and place the metal in a more desirable shape.

From 1849, when the first one dollar gold-pieces were coined at the Mint in this city, to 1867, when the coinage was stopped, there has been $17,709,442 made in the Philadelphia Mint alone. It is presumed that the whole issue of one dollar gold-pieces will amount to over thirty millions.

One million of gold dollars, when first issued by the Mint, will weigh 3,680 pounds avoirdupois, or a fraction over one ton (twenty cwt.) and four fifths. In twenty millions of dollars we have nearly thirty three tons. The loss by abrasion in one million of dollars is $4,408 37. In other words $20,000,000, used ten years, loses $88,167 40. If the twenty million pieces to be melted were piled in a perpendicular line they would reach eleven and five-sixths miles. Were the pieces laid flat on a level plain they would extend one hundred and fifty-eight miles.

"The voice of woman, gentlemens," said a romantic individual, in a late argument in a beer saloon—"he voice of woman, no matter how much some of you may sneer at the sentiment, exercises a soothing, an inspiring, a hallowing influence upon the ear of man; comforts him in affliction, and—" "Tom, you rascal!" exclaimed his wife, at this moment showing herself at the door, "come home, you loafing scamp, and leave these worthless fellows to themselves. Oh! when I get you home, won't you catch it? that you will!"

As four or five darkies were passing an agricultural store down South, one of them pointing to a cultivator said, "A man can just sit on dat thing an' ride while he is plowin'."

"Golly," replied the other, "de rascals was too sharpe to think of dat 'fore de nigger was free."