

THE TRICK MULE.

Did you ever see the smart trick mule,
And watch its little heels,
As in the air so high they flew
That caused your head to reel!

And while the fun was going on,
To you did it occur,
That little men, on fame bent on,
Their heels to show prefer!

The trick mule rather "gets" that man,
In point of good hard sense,
The pop whip falls—mule stops and stands,
Nor moves, "worth a cent!"

The little man, deep in the mire,
Struggles and deeper "gets"—
He fumes and sweats—sometimes perspire—
"Till all his linen 'welts."

He beats the air, and grins and storms,
But raises no applause—
His arguments are all forlorn,
They fall as rotten straw.

I know'd a mule could play a flute,
True, 'twas by "accident"—
But little minds, when once let loose,
Ne'er "shine by accident."

I know'd a mule could "shoot" a gun,
That is the trigger pull—
The powder made the welkin ring—
The mule he still look'd mule!

The Hancock men, of Southern make,
Burn "hated Yankee powder,"
They curse old Han both soon and late—
Ours doors, they "hollow louder."

They bend their neck and "take the yoke,"
Now, that's the English of it—
The boom they make will end in smoke,
November next will prove it.

THE ELECTION LAW.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1880. There will be nine ballot boxes at each place for

1. Ten electors of President and Vice-President.
2. Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Attorney General.
3. Members of Congress.
4. Judges Superior Court, Fourth and Fifth Judicial Districts.
5. Members of the General Assembly.
6. County Treasurer, in counties having this office; Register of Deeds, Surveyor, Coroner and Sheriff.
7. Township Constable.
8. Amendment to the Constitution concerning the public debt.
9. Amendment to the Constitution in relation to the support of the deaf mutes, the blind and the insane of the State.

Ballots shall be on white paper and without device.

The County Commissioners shall provide the ballot boxes for each class of officers to be voted for.

The Board of Commissioners may alter the polling places.

The Commissioners are to make requisition on the Secretary of State for suitable registration books.

The Board of Commissioners on or before the first Monday of the month preceding each election (first Monday in October) shall appoint registrars for each precinct. Registrars shall be furnished with registration books and it shall be their duty to revise the existing books of registration, and for thirty days keep open their books for new registration.

If the Board of Commissioners for any county so direct, there may be an entirely new registration, but this requires a notice of thirty days in each township.

REGISTERING AND VOTING.

No one is to register or vote except in that precinct where he is an actual and bona fide resident on the day of election. This means, a voter who has removed to a precinct in good faith, and who produces a certificate that his name has been erased from the books of his former precinct. This certificate can be had up to the time of closing the registration books. Certificates of registration are not allowed. The following persons are not to register or vote: Minors, idiots and lunatics; persons who, after conviction, or confession in open court, have been adjudged guilty of felony or other infamous crime, committed after January 1, 1877, unless restored to rights of citizenship by law.

Subject to the following exceptions: all males, born in the United States, or naturalized, who have resided in the State twelve months next preceding the election and ninety days in the county, are qualified to register and vote in the precincts where they reside. The residence of a married man is where his family resides; that of a single man is where he sleeps.

No one is to register in any precinct to which he has removed for the mere purpose of voting therein; nor unless his residence is actual and bona fide.

It shall be the duty of the registrar, or the judge of election, when so requested by any bystander, to swear any person offering to register or to vote, as to his residence.

Every person offering to register shall state, under oath, his qualifications. And upon request, the Registrar shall require the applicant to prove his identity, his age or residence by the oath of one elector.

Inasmuch as the election is held on the first Tuesday in November, being November 2nd, and the Registrars are to keep open the registration books for thirty days, it is necessary for the registrars to be appointed earlier than the first Monday in October. So the meeting of the board of commissioners for election purposes ought not to be later than the middle of September.

If any applicant for registration has previously registered elsewhere in the same county, he shall not be registered unless he produces a certificate that his name has been erased from the books of his former township.

No registration shall be allowed on election day unless the voter has become entitled to register on that day.

The Board of Commissioners on or before the 1st Monday of the month next preceding the month in which each election is held (1st Monday in October) shall appoint four Judges or Inspectors of election (two of which shall be of a different political party from the registrars,) at each polling place.

It shall be the duty of the Registrars and Judges of Election to attend at the polling place of their precinct on the Saturday before election (October 30) from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m., and hear and determine challenges.

The Judges and Registrars shall attend at the polls on the day of election (Tuesday, November 2,) and conduct the election. They shall enter the name of every person who votes in the poll book, certify to the same and deposit them with the Register of Deeds.

On election day any person may, and the Judges shall, challenge the vote of any person suspected of not being qualified.

Any one so challenged shall be sworn and examined as to his qualifications; and other witnesses may be examined on oath, and the Judges may reject the vote if they are satisfied that such person is not a legal voter.

The polls shall be open from 7 a. m. till sunset. Voters shall hand in their ballots to the Judges who shall carefully deposit them in the boxes.

Immediately after the election the Judges shall deposit the registration books with the Register of Deeds.

ELECTION.

When the election is over, the registrar and judges of election, in the presence of such persons as may attend, shall open the boxes, count the ballots, reading aloud the names on the tickets.

If there be two or more tickets rolled up together, if any ticket has more names on it than the voter has a right to vote for, or has a device on it, they shall be void.

The counting of the votes shall be continued without adjournment until completed, and the result thereof declared.

The Judges of election at each polling place shall appoint one of their number to attend the meeting of the board of county canvassers as a member of the board, and they shall deliver to him the original return statement of the result of the election at their polling place.

The county canvassers so chosen, shall constitute the board of county canvassers; the Register of Deeds shall be their clerk, unless the board elect another.

The board of county canvassers shall meet on the second day after the election, (Thursday, November 4th,) at 12 o'clock, at the courthouse, and at that hour, without delay, such of them as are present shall elect a chairman, who shall swear in the members of the board.

The board of canvassers shall at that meeting, in the presence of the Sheriff and of such persons as may choose to attend, open and canvass the returns and make abstracts, stating the number of ballots cast in each precinct for each office, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person for each different office, and shall sign the same.

ABSTRACT OF VOTES.

The abstract of the votes for each of the following classes shall be on a different sheet:

1. Presidential electors.
2. State officers.
3. Members of Congress.
4. Judges of Fourth and Fifth Judicial Districts.
5. Members of Assembly.
6. County officers.
7. Public debt amendment.
8. Insane amendment.

Three abstracts of votes, except for county officers, shall be made and signed by the board of county canvassers; one of which shall be delivered to the sheriff, one filed with the Register of Deeds, to be registered in his office, and the third forwarded by registered letter to the Secretary of State at Raleigh.

Two separate abstracts of the votes cast for Senators shall be made, whenever the Senatorial District is composed of more than one county; one of which shall be filed with the Register of Deeds, and the other furnished to the Sheriff.

When the canvass is concluded, the board of canvassers shall deliver the original returns to the Clerk of the Superior Court to be filed in his office; they shall also cause the abstracts to be recorded in a book to be called "The Election Book," to be kept in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

The Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit to the Secretary of State duplicates of the abstracts of the votes for all but county officers.

RESULT.

The person having the greatest number of votes for any office is to be declared elected.

When the Board of Canvassers have completed comparing the polls, they shall proclaim the result at the court house door stating the number of votes cast in their county for each person voted for at that election.

The Sheriffs in the various Senatorial Districts, composed of more than one county, shall meet at the places designated by law, in their respective Districts, one week after the election, and compare the polls for Senators, and give their certificate to the Senators duly elected.

The Sheriff of each county shall furnish the members elected to the House of Representatives and the Senator (where the Senatorial District is composed of only that county) with a certificate of election.

The Sheriff shall also notify county officers to meet at the Court House on the first Monday of the next month (December) to be qualified.

BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS.

The Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney

General, and two members of the State Senate, one of each political party, shall constitute the Board of State Canvassers.

The Board of State Canvassers shall open the abstracts transmitted to the Secretary of State on Thursday following the third Monday after the day of election (November 24) and examine the returns, if they have been received from all the counties, and if all have not been received, the Board may adjourn for twenty days for the purpose of obtaining copies. The Board shall then proceed with the canvass, conducting the same publicly in the hall of the House of Representatives. The Board shall make an abstract stating the number of ballots cast for each candidate, the names of all persons voted for, the office, and the number of votes received by each. They shall state whom they ascertain by the count to be elected.

The abstract shall be signed and have the seal of the State affixed.

THE PROPOSED DEBT AMENDMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact (three-fifths of each House concurring.)

SECTION 1. That section six of article one of the constitution shall be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Nor shall the General Assembly assume or pay, or authorize the collection of any tax to pay, either directly or indirectly, expressed or implied, any debt or bond incurred, or issued, by authority of the constitution of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, nor shall any debt or bond incurred or issued by the Legislature of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, either at its special session of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, or at its regular sessions of the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, except the bonds issued to fund the interest on the old debts of the State, unless the proposition to pay the same shall have first been submitted to the people, and by them ratified by the vote of a majority of all the qualified voters of the State, at a regular election held for that purpose."

SEC. 2. This amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the whole State, those voting in favor of the amendment to vote a written or printed ticket with the words "for amendment concerning public debt" on it, and those voting against it to vote the same kind of a ticket with the words "against amendment concerning public debt" on it.

SEC. 3. The election shall be held and the votes returned, compared and counted, and the result announced, under the same rules and regulations as were in force when the amendments proposed by the constitutional convention of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five were submitted to the people in November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

DEAF MUTES, BLIND AND INSANE.

Section 10, article 2, of the constitution reads thus:

"The General Assembly shall provide that all the deaf mutes, the blind and the insane of the State shall be cared for at the charge of the State."

It is proposed to amend this so as to read:

"The General Assembly may provide that the indigent deaf mutes, blind and insane of the State shall be cared for at the charge of the State."

The election will be held under the same provisions as in the debt amendment act. Ballots must read thus:

"For amendment in relation to the support of the deaf mutes, the blind and the insane of the State;" or, "against amendment in relation to the support of the deaf mutes, the blind and the insane of the State."

In the far West, what may be termed the religious traveler is occasionally met with—the perambulating parson or the migratory missionary. "Where are you going?" said a young gentleman to an elderly one in a white cravat, whom he overtook a few miles from Little Rock. "I am going to Heaven, my son. I have been on my way for eighteen years." "Well, good bye, old fellow! If you have been traveling towards Heaven for eighteen years and got no nearer than Arkansas, I will take another route."

"I have little about me, but that little will I share," said a Dublin Queen's Counsel to an ugly customer who, with a menacing air, asked for alms at night in a lonely suburb. "This revolver," said the Q. C., as he drew it from his pocket, "has six chambers. I will give you three." Just then the Q. C. found himself alone.

Josh Billings says: "I never argy agin a noccus. When I see a rattlesnake's head sticking out of a hole, I bear off to the left and say to myself that hole belongs to that snake."

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Friday, June 4, 1879, mail trains on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

No. 1 Leave	No. 2 Leave
Raleigh..... 8:40 a. m.	Weldon..... 3:30 p. m.
Norfolk..... 9:05 "	Gaston..... 3:51 "
Forestville..... 9:32 "	Littleton..... 4:14 "
Wake..... 9:58 "	Macon..... 4:37 "
Youngville..... 10:25 "	Warrenton..... 5:02 "
Franklin..... 10:52 "	Ridgeway..... 5:25 "
Hillsboro..... 11:20 "	Junction..... 5:48 "
Henderson..... 11:47 "	Middleburg..... 6:21 "
Middleburg..... 12:14 "	Henderson..... 6:44 "
Ridgeway..... 12:41 "	Rittens..... 7:17 "
Warrenton..... 1:08 "	Franklin..... 7:50 "
Macon..... 1:35 "	Youngville..... 8:23 "
Littleton..... 2:02 "	Forestville..... 8:56 "
Norfolk..... 2:29 "	Norfolk..... 9:29 "
Gaston..... 2:56 "	Forestville..... 10:02 "
Arrive at	Arrive at
Weldon..... 1:10 "	Raleigh..... 7:50 "

Mail train connects at Weldon with the train of the Seaboard and Roanoke and Petersburg Rail roads for all points North.

Train No. 3 leaves Raleigh at 8 p. m. Arrives at Weldon at 6:45 p. m.

Train No. 4 leaves Weldon at 10 a. m. Arrives at Raleigh at 6:45 p. m.

Train No. 5 connects at Weldon with the Petersburg Railroad for all points North, and with the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday passengers for the Blackwater for all points in Eastern North Carolina.

Train No. 6 will not run on Saturdays, but will leave Raleigh on Sundays at sundown.

JNO. C. WINDER, Superintendent.

WILMINGTON & WELDON
Railroad Company.

Office General Superintendent, WILMINGTON, N. C. JUNE 12, 1880.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Monday, June 14, 1880, Passenger Trains on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad will run as follows:

Day Mail and Express Train Daily.

Leave Wilmington, Front Street

Depot, at 6:50 a. m.

Arrive at Weldon at 12:50 p. m.

Leave Weldon at 3:40 p. m.

Arrive at Wilmington, Front Street Depot at 9:53 p. m.

Passenger and Freight Train, Daily Except Sundays.

Leave Wilmington, Front Street

Depot, at 8:30 p. m.

Arrive at Weldon at 8:40 a. m.

Leave Weldon daily at 1:00 a. m.

Arrive at Wilmington, Front St. Depot, at 1:30 p. m.

Trains on Tarboro Branch Road leave Rocky Mount for Tarboro at 5:10 p. m. daily, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5:05 a. m. Returning leave Tarboro at 10:00 a. m. daily, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 p. m.

The Day Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Bay Line, daily except Sunday, and daily via Richmond and all rail routes.

Night Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Richmond.

JOHN F. DIVINE,
General Superintendent.

RALEIGH & AUGUSTA
Air-Line Railroad Company.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Friday, June 6, 1879, train on the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line Railroad will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

No. 1 Leave	No. 2 Leave
Raleigh..... 8:00 p. m.	Hamlet..... 2:30 a. m.
Apex..... 8:31 "	Hamlet..... 3:14 "
New Hill..... 9:02 "	Blue's..... 3:54 "
Merry Oaks..... 9:33 "	Manly..... 4:34 "
Monroe..... 10:04 "	Camden..... 5:14 "
Osgood..... 10:35 "	Spartanburg..... 5:54 "
Sanford..... 11:06 "	Osgood..... 6:34 "
Camden..... 11:37 "	Monroe..... 7:14 "
Manly..... 12:08 "	Merry Oaks..... 7:54 "
Blue's..... 12:39 "	New Hill..... 8:34 "
Apex..... 1:10 "	Apex..... 9:14 "
Hamlet..... 1:41 "	Camden..... 9:54 "
Arrive at	Arrive at
Raleigh..... 2:00 "	Raleigh..... 8:30 "

Train No. 1 connects at Hamlet with the C. C. R. Railway for Wilmington, Charlotte and all points South.

Train No. 2 connects at Raleigh with the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad for all points North.

JOHN C. WINDER, Superintendent.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.
CONDENSED TIME.
N. C. RAILROAD.
TRAINS GOING EAST.

Date, June 1, 1879.	No. 47, Daily.	No. 45, Daily.	No. 43, Daily.
Leave Charlotte..... 3:50 a. m.	410 p. m.	.....	.....
" Salisbury..... 4:03 "	5:54 "	.....	.....
" High Point..... 4:16 "	7:07 "	.....	.....
Arrive Greensboro..... 5:30 "	.....	.....	.....
Leave Greensboro..... 5:43 "	5:00 p. m.	.....	.....
Arrive Hillsboro..... 6:56 "	10:22 "	.....	.....
Leave Hillsboro..... 7:10 "	11:57 a. m.	.....	.....
Arrive Raleigh..... 8:23 "	3:08 "	.....	.....
Leave Raleigh..... 8:36 "	6:56 a. m.	.....	.....
Arrive Goldsboro..... 9:49 "	10:00 "	.....	.....
Leave Goldsboro..... 10:02 "	11:17 a. m.	.....	.....

No. 47—Connects at Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. for all points in Western North Carolina. Daily except Sundays. At Greensboro with the R. & D. Railroad for all points North, East and West. At Goldsboro with W. & W. Railroad for Wilmington.

No. 45—Connects at Greensboro with the R. & D. Railroad for all points North, East and West.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.
CONDENSED TIME.
N. C. RAILROAD.
TRAINS GOING WEST.

Date, June 1, 1879.	No. 46, Daily.	No. 44, Daily.	No. 42, Daily.
Leave Greensboro..... 10:10 a. m.	6:24 p. m.	.....	.....
Arrive Raleigh..... 12:25 p. m.	10:45 p. m.	.....	.....
Leave Raleigh..... 1:38 "	7:00 a. m.	.....	.....
Arrive Durham..... 2:51 "	8:13 "	.....	.....
Leave Durham..... 3:04 "	9:26 "	.....	.....
Arrive Hillsboro..... 4:17 "	10:39 "	.....	.....
Leave Hillsboro..... 4:30 "	11:52 "	.....	.....
Arrive High Point..... 5:43 "	7:50 a. m.	.....	.....
Leave High Point..... 5:56 "	9:03 "	.....	.....
Arrive Salisbury..... 7:09 "	10:16 "	.....	.....
Leave Salisbury..... 7:22 "	11:29 "	.....	.....

No. 46—Connects at Greensboro with Salem Branch. At Air-Line Junction with A. & C. A. L. Railroad to all points South and Southwest. At Charlotte with the C. C. & A. Railroad for all points South and Southeast. At Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. daily, except Sundays, for all points in Western North Carolina.

No. 42—Connects at Air-Line Junction with A. & C. A. L. for all points South and Southwest.

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Charlottesville, 12:10 p. m.	3:10 "
Greenwood, 1:07 "	4:17 "
Waynesboro, 1:33 "	4:43 "
Staunton, 2:10 "	5:20 "
Goshen, 4:10 "	6:45 "
Millboro, 4:22 "	7:02 "
Covington, 6:08 "	8:30 "
Alleghany, 7:10 "	9:30 "
White Sulphur, 7:55 "	9:45 "
Roncey's, 9:00 "	10:10 "
Fort Spring, 9:57 "	11:22 "
Alderson's, 9:55 "	10:40 "
Lowell, 10:35 "	11:02 "
Hinton, 11:30 "	11:30 "
Hawk's Nest, 3:03 a. m.	1:30 p. m.
Kanawha Falls, 3:31 "	2:20 "
Charleston, 5:46 "	4:00 "
Huntington, 9:15 "	6:30 "
Portsmouth, 10:00 "	6:00 a. m.
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