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An Example and a Warning.

The rise and downfall of politicians often furnishes an instructive example and a warning to ambitious aspirants after similar honors. In no instance has come under our observation, has the uncertainty of retaining official position through the use of questionable means, been more forcibly and awfully exemplified, than in the case of the late Senator and Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Windom of Minnesota.

He has been in public life in one capacity or another for over thirty years, during which time he has used "the spoils system" for all it was worth, and now finds in his old official days, that it was a delusion and a snare. Ever since 1860 he has been in one or the other House of Congress and in the Cabinets. During all this time he has been assiduous in the usually denominated "looking after his friends," in putting friends into places and enemies out, regardless of the want of fitness of the former, or the merit of the latter. He has filled post offices with his adherents and made the rounds of the Bureaus and Departments to secure clerkships with which to pay off his political obligations.

He has proved himself to be a man of more than average ability, an active representative, an intelligent Senator and a respectable Secretary of the Treasury. In 1880 he was voted for at Chicago for President, and was in every respect entitled to consider himself one of the coming men in politics.

In 1881 when he thought it desirable to resign his position as Senator he was strong enough to secure the appointment of his successor. When he wished to return to the Senate to serve out his term, like Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania, he practically dictated who should take his place. Such was the career of Mr. Windom up to 1881.

In 1883 when his experience and ability are greatest and his intellectual powers at their best he finds himself cast off, and rewarded with a bitter and humiliating defeat. The moral is brief and pointed. He trusted to offices and rewards, to the friendship of place-seekers, and he raised up enemies who used his own weapons upon him to his utter undoing. It should teach every aspirant for political honors, that he must rely on ability and character for an honorable position in public. And then he will not be likely to become like him whose career we have been tracing a hanger on for some kind of place, and a seeker for the crumbs, as he has doled them out to others for years. An example and a warning to all, and furnishing a most powerful argument in favor of the downfall of a vicious system.

Our Representatives.

Although it was their first experience in legislation, our members, Messrs. W. W. Farmer Senator, and J. L. Bailey Representative, have not only acquitted themselves creditably, but deserve the hearty commendation of their constituents. Quiet and unassuming in their conduct, they were ever at their post of duty, and watchful over the interests of their people.

Senator David Davis on Independents.

When Senator Davis retired from the office of President of the U. S. Senate last week he uttered among other things the following sentiments, worthy of the attention of all thoughtful men. He said "a public man who steps outside of regular party lines, is exposed to misrepresentation of his motives, and to the charge of weakness in his conduct. He gains little credit for the moral courage of self-assertion and none for casting aside ambition in defense of his principles." Whether the words quoted may be tinged with disappointment and regret we know not, but they add the sanction of one of the purest statesmen of the country to the utter futility of the so-called independent idea in politics.

Death of an Honest Journalist.

We record with regret the death of C. N. B. Evans, Editor of the Milton Chronicle and State Senator, which event occurred at his home in Milton at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning. He had passed his three score years and ten, and had been connected with the press over fifty years. During a long career he enjoyed the reputation of being an "honest journalist," a distinction not won by every editor who has lived in the State. He cared little for fame, or popularity, or money. He was content to ply his daily avocation in obscurity and hardships, if the right to express his honest

Peace. Considerable dissatisfaction had heretofore existed in reference to the method of their appointment. His pledges have been carried out and there is no longer any complaint. In all other matters of legislation we believe their constituents are prepared to accord to them the credit of a faithful and conscientious discharge of duty. Next to the approbation of his own conscience, this is the highest and most gratifying reward a representative can receive.

The Last Legislature.

The Legislature of 1883 expired last Monday at 12 o'clock. It outlived its constitutional limitation just one week. There were introduced into the House of Representatives during the session, eleven hundred and fifty-seven bills, and in the Senate one thousand and eighty. Of these about five hundred passed and have become laws. The other seventeen hundred, some of them freighted with many hopes, "have gone glimmering as a dream of things that were."

The reorganizing of the State the reorganizing of the Board of Agriculture, the allowing local assessments in aid of public schools, the adoption of the code, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad and the Western N. C. Railroad bills were among the most important bills that were passed. Several bills in which it was said the people felt a deep interest were defeated, among them, the most important perhaps, was the bill creating a Railroad Commission. Their acts of commission and omission are before the public, have passed into history, and will survive many of the actors for good or evil. It is to be hoped that the general result has been to the advantage of the State and to the good of the people.

Wilson and Florence Railroad.

There seems to be no doubt now that in the near future this road will be built. The importance of shortening the Atlantic Coast line by a new road connecting these two points has long been felt, and the wide-awake, energetic President of the Wilmington & Weldon, Wilmington & Augusta Road sometime since directed a survey to be made. President Bridgers has since made a personal inspection of the country through which it is proposed to build the road, and now we learn from the Fayetteville Observer that Col. Gardner with his corps of engineers has reached that place, and that the line between Fayetteville and Wilson has been definitely located. This will be good news to the people along the proposed route, as they have long felt the need of railroad facilities. With a rich soil and a heavily timbered country, they have been unable to make either available for want of transportation and inaccessibility to market. This road will pass through one of the best farming portions of Wilson and Johnston counties and with two depots between this place and Smithfield will afford much needed shipping facilities and greatly enhance the value of real estate in proximity to the road in both counties. The same no doubt may be said of the other counties, all along the line.

Cotton and Commission Merchants.

We publish on the fourth page of this issue a well written article by our talented friend, W. R. Henry Esq., of Raleigh, on "Cotton and Commission Merchants." It is an old and a trite subject, yet Mr. Henry has written of it in such a manner as to make it interesting. The great need of the South, and of North Carolina especially, is practical farmers—farmers who raise their own supplies and do not keep their smoke-houses in the West. In this article Mr. Henry has given "precept upon precept," to show how the system of planting all cotton is ruinous to the South and we hope the farmer readers of the ADVANCE will give it a careful perusal and resolve in the future to first raise their supplies and then give their attention to cotton.

Words of Wisdom.

We were much impressed this week with a conversation we had with one of the most successful and intelligent farmers in Wilson county on the sheep and dog question. He is a resident of Saratoga township, where there is abundant range of the best pasture land and where the raising of sheep might be made profitable if it were not for the ravages of the dogs. He has since the war tried to make it profitable but so many of his sheep were killed by the dogs that he is almost ready to abandon his effort to raise them. On one occasion after twenty five head of his sheep had been killed in one night by the dogs, he determined to get up a petition requesting the representative from this county to use his influence to have a dog law passed, and after keeping the petition several days he could obtain but a few signatures because, as he said, nearly all whom he asked to sign said, "Well I've got a dog but I don't own any sheep and I don't see how it can benefit me." And for this selfish motive they refused to sign and lent their influence to killing an industry that might be made one of the most profitable in this State. This clear-headed farmer friend further said, and we commend his remark to every farmer in North Carolina: "The reason that farmers can never accomplish any object is because you can never get more than two or three of them to agree on any one thing. They do not feel the need of any concerted action and each one pulls a different way, and the consequence is they never accomplish anything. Men who follow their occupations have some concerted action; they know they have a "community of interest" and they work together. When farmers wake up and realize that without this "pulling together" they cannot accomplish anything they will make some impress on the world until then they will be "chewers of wood and drawers of water" for others."

Our Reason.

"Why don't you make the ADVANCE a daily newspaper?" has been asked us more than once of late. Our reply is that we stand ready to publish a daily paper when the business interests of Wilson demand it and when the business men of the place are willing to give us a sufficient support for us to issue a first class daily with the telegrams. We are unwilling to publish any other kind of a paper, and one that did not contain the telegrams would reflect no credit on the town. It costs money to issue a daily newspaper and even in Raleigh it has taken years, and the expenditure of thousands of dollars to put a daily on a permanent basis. In Wilson it would be a losing business.

Contemptible.

The Radicals have shown their appreciation of the wishes and interests of the people of Wilson and the surrounding country. Mrs. Daniels, a most estimable lady who has been twelve years in Wilson for the past year, and who gave the completest satisfaction to the people of all parties and colors, discharging the duties with the utmost fidelity and punctuality has been displaced, and because her young son, Mr. Joseph Daniels, is the editor of a Democratic paper. A faithful official is to be turned out because her son belongs to a party opposed to the Administration. The North Carolina Radicals make war upon a lady and apply to her a political test, when under the law she cannot exercise the elective franchise. This warring upon women is a noble work for men. But what else can you expect of the Radical party in North Carolina?

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Cox Cotton Planter advertisement with image of the planter and text describing its features and benefits for farmers.

Talbot & Sons' Shockoe Machine Works advertisement, including details about their machinery and contact information.

Advertisement for G.M. Ferry & Co.'s Seed Annual, featuring a list of agricultural products and prices.

Advertisement for S.A. Stevens & Co.'s gravestones, highlighting their quality and variety.

Advertisement for W. W. Allen & Co., a wholesale grocer, listing various food items and their prices.

Advertisement for J. J. Battle & Son, a furniture dealer, showcasing their new store and products.

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Advertisement for J. L. Weaver & Co., a fertilizer dealer, highlighting their products and services.

Advertisement for Wilson Advance Job Office, offering printing and job services.

Advertisement for "BOS" Ammon. Superphosphat, a commercial fertilizer, with detailed product information.

Advertisement for Jones, Lee & Co., a commission merchant, listing various goods and services.

Advertisement for J. H. Cutchin & Co., a commission merchant, highlighting their products and services.

Advertisement for Savage, Son & Co., a commission merchant, showcasing their products and services.

Advertisement for New Stand! New Store! New Furniture, featuring a variety of furniture items.

Advertisement for Wooten & Stevens, a furniture dealer, showcasing their products and services.

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