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THE U. S. SENATE.

We find in *Belford's Magazine* for August an article devoted to the U. S. Senate—an article which we cannot but class as unwise and mischievous. It was a surprise to us to find such a thing in so level-headed a publication as *Belford's*, one in which the best and most critical political thought of the country finds a vent. It is unwise in that it is unsound in theory and inconscient in expression and mischievous because its opinions will be adopted by so many newspaper writers who never formulate an opinion for themselves on any matter of importance but wait to pick up that of some one else.

We look upon the Senate as really the palladium of our liberties. We cannot see how a Republican form of government can be successfully conducted with but one legislative house. Examples to this effect are numerous and one need not go far to find them. But for the present Senate the infamous Lodge Force bill, with its bayonets at the polls and its arbitrary dionicyllary votes, would ere this have been signed by the President and would now be a law. In the Senate alone lies the hope of the country to defeat this bill. It is the only barrier that now stands between the rights and liberties of the people of the South, between their social, financial and material prosperity on the one hand and anarchy, distress and bloodshed on the other. It may fail us, it is true, and if it does, then all hope is gone. But it did not fail us years ago when the attempt was made to enact another force bill. It was the Senate then that saved us from an evil no less threatening in its aspects than is that which now hangs suspended over our heads.

The U. S. Senate is, or ought to be, a grave, dignified and deliberative body, able to hold in check the mad fanaticism and reckless extravagance of the lower house. It is the balance wheel of our political institutions. That it does not always come up to our expectations is not the fault of the Senate itself, as a deliberative house, but of its members: It is not so much a forum for the delivery of pretty, pertinent and eloquent speeches as it is for calm and deliberate consideration of public questions. There is neither a Clay, nor a Webster, nor a Calhoun in it to-day, it is true, but there are men there equally as wise if not as eloquent. Morgan, of Alabama; Gray, of Delaware; Voorhees, of Indiana; Carlisle, of Kentucky; George, of Mississippi; Vest, of Missouri; McPherson, of New Jersey, and our own Ransom and Vance are perhaps in no ways the inferiors in statecraft of any of their long line of illustrious predecessors. Neither Calhoun, Clay or Webster had ever to fight against such great odds and to contend with such opposition as has fallen to the lot of those upon whom their robes have fallen in these latter days, and when the history of these troublous times is recorded in future ages the palm of true, patriotic statesmanship will not alone be accorded to the giants of the ante-bellum days.

But the Senate is safe and we think it will stand, unless, indeed, such abuses shall creep therein as will cause a popular demand for a change. And even then there must necessarily be two legislative houses. There was a right lively little split in the Republican party at Raleigh on Tuesday. The participants were J. C. L. Harris, familiarly known as "Loge", and John B. Eaves, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, and the recently kicked-out revenue collector in the West. It was all about Eaves calling a meeting of the committee without consulting Harris. The latter got in a big lick on Eaves' hard head and Eaves, in turn, ribbonized some of the articles on Harris' face. They were parted at this point but the rupture is thought to be a permanent one. They were both taken before a magistrate and discharged on payment of costs.

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The New York *Herald's* Washington correspondent repeats most emphatically that the Force bill is dead, for this session at least. At the caucus on Monday night the old Hoary-headed sinner from Massachusetts, who is paternizing the bill in the Senate, was as mad as a wet hen because of the indifference displayed towards it by the Senators. It was made to take a back seat while the Tariff bill and the River and Harbor bill were pushed ahead. It will take six weeks to get rid of these and this will carry the session along until the middle of September. At that time the old fellows will be tired out and want to go home and see their grandchildren and they will go, caucus or no caucus, force bill or no force bill.

After diphtheria, scarlet fever, pneumonia, or any other severe illness, there is no better tonic than Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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We'll all take a half-holiday tomorrow.
 Our prediction as to the weather proved very promptly correct.
 Full moon to-night and not a moonlight excursion anywhere.
 Fifty first-class hands wanted to make Pante, by the day or piece. Apply at 122 Market street.

Don't forget the excursion of the Ladies' Aid Society to Carolina Beach to-morrow on the Grove.
 Prof. M. C. S. Noble will preside at the Teachers' Institute in Elizabethtown City for the week beginning on August 18th.

I am Manufacturer's Agent for Barbed and all kinds of Wire, Combination Wire and Iron Fences. Orders solicited. James I. Metts.

Nearly everybody will want to get out of town to-morrow afternoon. The last half holiday was in some respects a dismal failure because of the rain.

The engine of the Ocean View R. R., which has been in the W. & W. R. R. shops for a week past, where it was thoroughly overhauled and repaired, is again at work on the road.

The nearly full moon rose in an unclouded sky last night. The temperature was good and the atmosphere clear and it was one of the prettiest and pleasantest nights we have had this summer.

The street car tracks are to be extended to the new stables on Market and Thirteenth streets as soon as the company are allowed to break ground. The city ordinance prohibiting this between May and October.

Farmers, we can supply you with Peasant Sweeps and Diggers, Scraper and Cocker Points. Seven different size wings and two size points for the "Boy Clipper," the most improved plow on the market. N. Jacobi Hdw. Co., factory agents.

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There was a large and happy crowd on the Passport this morning as she left her dock and steamed down the river for Carolina Beach, the occasion being the excursion given by St. Matthew's Lutheran Sunday School. It looked like old times to see the beautiful boat filled with happy faces.

Goldsboro Argus: A special train passed through this city yesterday on the Atlantic Coast Line bearing Capt. Jno. F. Divine, General Superintendent, and Mr. B. R. Dunn, Engineer of Roadway, en route for Bell's Ferry, on the Kinston extension, to inspect their new bridge across the river there. It is thought that the road will reach Kinston and be in operation about the first week in September.

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Mr. W. J. Brown has been appointed sawyer and superintendent of the saw mill of the W., D. & E. C. R. R., located 22 miles from the city, at Sloop Point.

Nor. barque *Hesperia*, Neilsen, cleared to day for Belfast with 4,159 barrels rosin, 100 casks spirits, valued at \$7,719.57, shipped by Messrs. Williams & Murchison.

Forecasts.
 For North Carolina, fair weather and stationary temperature. Local forecasts, from 8 a. m. to-day, for Wilmington and vicinity, fair weather and slight changes in temperature.

The Ladies Delighted.
 The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

Music at Atlantic View.
 There will be some very fine vocal and instrumental music in the parlors at Atlantic View to-morrow night. The vocalists will be Mr. Geo. P. Welsh, Mr. W. P. Toomer, Mr. Brooke French, Mr. D. B. Mitchell and Mr. M. F. Manning. The instrumentalists will be Mr. E. P. Boatwright and Prof. Greenwald.

The Officers Liked It.
 The *Goldsboro Dispatch* says: The officers who visited the encampment this year seem to think it was more successful from a military point of view than it has been in past years. The men learned more and worked harder, and there was not so much rowdyish "fun." But the fellows who went for the fun of it seem to find fault and "don't want any more in theirs." Lieutenant J. R. Griffin, of the *Goldsboro Rifles*, an enthusiastic military man, expresses himself as highly pleased—liked it better than ever.

All Right Now.
 The steamer *Sylvan Grove* will resume her trips on the river to-morrow. The injury sustained by her recently has been repaired and her machinery is now as good and staunch as ever. The work on the steam pipe was done by Mr. Adolph Nelson, at Messrs. Burr & Bailey's machine works, and Capt. Harper says that it is as good a piece of work as could be turned out from any shops in the United States. The boat will resume her regular schedule to-morrow, leaving here at 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. The Passport will leave at 5:30 p. m. and the fare on her will be 25 cents. There will be music and dancing and the last boat will leave on the return at 10 o'clock

The Onslow Road.
 Track-laying on the W., O. & E. C. R. R. has been temporarily suspended for the want of iron. Two cargoes are on the way here now and one of these was looked for to-day. As soon as it can be handled the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. As stated by us yesterday the track is now laid for about 24 miles from the city. The expectation now is to get into Jacksonville in about sixty days, say by the first of October, and shortly thereafter it is probable that work will be begun on the extension to Newbern.

Trains are run every day on this road between the city and Sloop Point and thus far the traffic in both passengers and freight has been gratifying. The two trains spoken of by us yesterday will probably be put on next week or at the latest early in the following week. A new and powerful engine and two passenger cars have been ordered and these are expected here next week. As soon as they arrive a regular schedule will be announced.

During the Fall the company's warehouse in this city, on the wharf near the lower end of Front street, is to be replaced by a large and handsome structure and warehouses will be erected at the various depots.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OLD MATTRESSES MADE OVER IN-ONE DAY.

W. M. CUMMING.

Link by Link.
 The plot thickens and the coils are being tightened around Bryant Gaston or Ed. Phifer, implicating him in the murder of Mr. Nathan Falls. Mayor Fowler is forging link by link, the chain. He examined some other witnesses to-day and evidence was found strengthening that already adduced. On his own confession Gaston can be hung as he admitted that he is the man who shot at Mr. Capps, the mail carrier; he says, however, that this was done because Mr. Capps first shot at him, which is not true. It is also proven that Gaston was seen loitering near the second toll house on the evening of the murder and that he was also seen near the Mineral Spring.

Oh, Horrors!
 She was a daisy as she tripped by the hotel with a sailor's hat on her head, a standing collar and a long necktie, a shirt front (only a front—we presume), sparkling with studs, a cutaway coat and high-heeled shoes. It only needed the well, the divided skirt to make her a beautiful little dudefet of the masculine persuasion. A look of utter dismay swept over the faces of the crowd in front of the house and Joe, remembering a recent experience, completely collapsed. There was an adjournment to the rear and a consultation held over a long, high, black walnut counter. There was a national protest at this phase of a new force bill. The boys swore they they wouldn't stand it, because—well, because, if the girls took their clothes away from them they might be compelled to retaliate, and then "how in thunder are we going to manage the blamed things?" And then, low necks and short sleeves, and hair pins and dress pins and safety pins, and flowers in the hair and sunflowers in the corsage and at the belt, and powders for the face, and lace handkerchiefs wherewith to relieve overcharged nasal appendages, and bracelets for the arms, and ear rings, and—and—well, and some other things! The meeting broke up in a dead faint all around.

The New Federal Building.
 Through the courtesy of the Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, we were shown to day through the new public building. There is more room in the interior than one would imagine from the appearance of the building from the outside, although there is really not enough as it is. There are three floors above the basement. The first floor is devoted entirely to the use of the Postoffice department. The lobby, it strikes us, is rather small but the postal people have ample facilities, for the present, for the transaction of their business, although we believe that more room will be needed in a few years. The second floor is devoted entirely to the Federal courts. The court room itself is an elegant room, amply large for all ordinary uses, and the balance of the floor is divided up into offices for the use of the officers of the court. The third floor is for the use of the U. S. Engineer officer, and the Signal Observer, Mr. Chaffee, is already established there, in neat and cozy quarters, convenient to his instruments on the roof of the building. Above all is the tower, reached by a winding staircase, enclosed in sheet iron, reminding one forcibly of the turret of a monitor. From the turret at the top of this tower a magnificent view of the Western part of the city, the river and the country beyond is obtained. The *Navassa* Guano Works are in full view, houses and farms beyond the Brunswick river may be plainly distinguished and there is a fine view of the river beyond the drum tree. In the turret a large clock is to be placed. It will have three dials, North, East and West, but none on the South as the enclosure from the stairway shuts off that quarter. These dials will be five feet in diameter and will be illuminated at night by electricity.

We do not know how many rooms

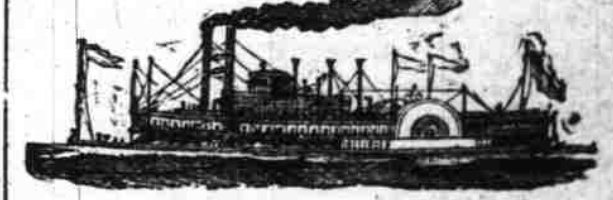
PLEASE NOTICE.
 We will be glad to receive communications from our friends on any and all subjects general interest, but
 The name of the writer must always be furnished to the Editor.
 Communications must be written on only one side of the paper.
 Personalities must be avoided.
 And it is especially and particularly understood that the Editor does not always endorse the views of correspondents unless so stated in the editorial columns.

there are in the building but we were told that there were 75 doors. The floors are paved with white and blue tiles, the mantels are of slate, and very handsome and fire-proof vaults are on every floor, but to our eye the most beautiful thing in the structure is the wood-work finishing of the interior. This is all of native pine, cut-not many miles from the city. It is not the yellow pine but the short leaf, a variety totally despised a few years ago and considered absolutely useless, even for firewood. It is now thought to be superior, for ornamental purposes, to the yellow pine. It closely resembles ash, takes on a beautiful polish and it is said that it will not shrink, crack or darken, as does the yellow pine. The designs are very handsome and the turning and carving was done at Messrs. Fore & Foster's mills, in this city. They were put up under the careful personal supervision of Mr. James Walker, the well known builder.
 It will be some months yet before the first and second floors will be ready for occupation and in the meantime the grounds are to be enclosed and ornamented.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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 Jy 31 1w

For Carolina Beach and Southport



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 Steamer *PASSPORT* leaves at 5:30 p. m.
 Train leaves Beach at 12:30, 6 and 10 p. m.
 Music and Dancing. Fare on *PASSPORT* 25 cents.
 Fare Saturday 25 cents for the round trip.
 Jy 31 1f

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