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THE value of public libraries is appreciated more now than ever before and larger amounts have been given for their establishment within the past year than ever before. It is stated that the immense sum of sixteen million dollars has been given to libraries in the United States during the year ending July 1st.

While these gifts include nearly every State they are by no means equally distributed, and have not been given where most needed. For instance, Massachusetts and New York have received as much as all the other States combined. The North Atlantic States, from Maine to Pennsylvania have received five sixths of these gifts, while the South Atlantic States, (where there is so much greater need of Libraries) received only about half a million dollars.

One man gave the greater part of this $16,000,000, Mr. Carnegie having given over $12,000,000. Only one place in this State was a recipient of his generosity, Charlotte having received $25,000. Fortunately for our State however, our last Legislature enacted a law by which six libraries may be established in every county in connection with the public schools. This law will doubtless prove to be so popular and beneficial that the next Legislature will provide for additional public school libraries.

HON. MATT. W. RANSOM will today address the reunion of Confederate veterans at Wrightsville and he will be received by them with all their old-time love and devotion, for they still consider him North Carolina's most distinguished living citizen.

This recalls a shameful incident in North Carolina's history. It recalls how the people of the State were carried away by temporary prejudice and unreasoning displaced from his high position in the United States Senate this distinguished soldier and statesman and put in his place Gen. Butler, the unscrupulous demagogue.

But time sets all things right. Butler pretended to be the political champion of the negro, was the president of a negro organization, traded on the prejudice against the negro and other like was the cause of many honest men. And he himself is now out. Ransom and put in Butler. Such is the fate of Butler had obtained what he wanted he is now the attorney and champion of "plutocrats and millionaires" while Ransom is the leader and lover of the State.

THE great strike is attracting much attention but so far the strikers are not as many as the leaders had predicted.

As stated last week this is a strike by the employees of the great steel corporation and is one of the most extensive strikes that ever occurred in this country. Of course men have a right to strike and often have just cause, but they have no right to molest others who do not strike. And when they do this they lose sympathy.

No man has a right to [illegible] with another man's livelihood, even if he himself is engaged in work.

THE grand jury of the superior court of Buncombe county found a true bill last week against the ice companies of that county for forming a trust in violation of the last Legislature. The indictment was drawn by Gudger, who was a member of the last Legislature and the new law against trusts.

It is to be hoped that the law will be rigidly enforced in N. C. Carolina, and that it may accomplish all that its advocates hoped.

THE sympathy of all the State goes out to Gov. Aycock in the untimely death of his noble son, who died on last Saturday after a sickness of two weeks. He was in his eighteenth year and a youth of unusual promise. His sorrow and grief come to us as all [illegible]

Washington Letter.

Teddy Roosevelt's Presidential boots arrived in Washington this week. It was brought by [illegible] from members of the cabinet. Congressmen [illegible] and that the message is [illegible] were for him and intended to do everything that could to get him nominated. When it is remembered that the administration is opposed to Roosevelt and that those Congressmen were in [illegible] it is easy to see that they and their newspapers with them. It is true that the Secretary of the administration was in favor of [illegible] but [illegible] before [illegible] Republican party [illegible] before [illegible] Roosevelt [illegible] Republican party [illegible] Roosevelt [illegible] Republican party [illegible] Roosevelt [illegible] Republican party