

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

Railroads Should be Regulated by the State and Not Turned Over to the General Government.

S. A. Ash in the News & Observer.

To the Editor: Your editorial this morning on the injustice of the Railroad Commissioners' Decision offers such an opportunity for me to air some of my views that I beg you will give me the privilege.

I agree most heartily with what you say; but what was to be expected? Since 1861 there has been no act of administration, that has not been in the interest of the North rather than in the interest of the South. I state the general historical facts and, further, I say that it is only natural and what might have been expected.

Every Southern man is interested in the growth and development and advantage of his loved South, every Northern man in the growth and development and advantage of his loved north or west. As we would seek to benefit the South, they do seek to benefit their section.

Therefore, they, controlling the Congress, the government, the administration, the powers that be, are kind to the north rather than to the South. It is so now, and, always will be so. We must count that a fact in all of our calculations.

The railroads of North Carolina and of the South need rigorous and vigorous regulation by us in our interest. In the matter of regulation they need to be dealt with by a master hand.

They are our highways created by our State government for the benefit of our trade and traffic and to promote convenience and prosperity. It is our duty to regulate them, as far as we can, in order to answer the purposes of their creation.

If we turn that duty over to the General Government, if we abdicate our function, you see what it will lead to. Already we have reason to complain that those railroads favor northern manufacturers at the expense of Southern enterprise and development; turn them over and place them under the dominion of the Federal Congress, Federal Government, Federal administration, and they will be so regulated that they will become instruments to promote northern development, in all matters rather than Southern enterprises. As the Federal administration will always be as sectional as it now is even our local roads would then become tools to advance northern interests instead of Southern progress. I am not complaining. I have never complained since 1865; although I have been on fire with contempt at the want of magnanimity of northern statesmen—at their miserable pusillanimity. But it is apparent that if we turn over our highways to Federal control, we sound our death knell. Therefore it is to say nothing of other reasons, that I regard with so much apprehension the proposition of Government Ownership. That, on the part of the South, would be an act of fel de se.

And as I have considered that all of the violent agitation of recent months has tended in that direction; that the ground has been broken, and the seed plan ed—and that the likelihood that there will be enough husbandmen to make the crop—I have dreaded the probable consequences. The South has nothing to gain, but everything to lose by Government Ownership. —News & Observer.

A Card of Thanks.

Editor Courier:—I wish through the Courier to express my profound sorrow in learning of the death of our beloved bro, and minister of the Gospel, Rev. M. L. Hurley. I am sure the sentiments of the balance of the membership of St. John's church at Randolph, N. C. are in accord with mine, that being the profoundest regret that he is taken from among us. It was the writer's privilege to form the acquaintance of the deceased one year ago and to entertain him in our home at Randolph; there I learned that bro. Hurley was a man of wonderful fortitude. Not only did the church admire him as a preacher, but his grip of the hand was one of friendship and cordiality. The writer will never forget some of the good sayings and noble deeds of this man of God. Let the church and all who knew him hold dear and sacred his precious memory.

Yours Fraternal,
Joseph Latta,
Randolph, Va.

Montgomery News.

Prof. Wade Cranford, of Ophir, has been re-elected superintendent of the Troy Graded Schools.

Mrs. Zula Bruton, Carrie Lilly and Maudie McIntyre, were elected teachers.

The lot at Denton, offered by the Montgomery for the most popular Confederate Veteran, has been awarded to A. E. Saunders, of Troy.

Mrs. Annie Blue died Sunday, May 19th, at Jackson Springs, after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband and five children. She was 47 years old. —Montgomery.

TARIFF WAR.

Franc Increasing Duties Upon American Imports.

While our standpatter Republican friends are enjoying the usufruct of their alliance with the tariff protected trusts, the tariff war with other countries is certainly and gradually undermining our foreign commerce. The State Department officials point out that our relations with France on the tariff question are in a very unsatisfactory condition and nothing can be done to mend them until Congress acts. Meantime, the officials say, there is good reason for believing that "Franc has decided steadily to increase the duties upon American imports to such an extent that in many instances they are likely to be prohibitive". As the Republican majority in the House of Representatives is opposed to tariff reform and the Senate has refused to ratify the treaties for reciprocity with other nations, the prospect of the Congress enacting any law that will reduce the schedules, however high and unreasonable, is out of the question.

The temporary arrangement with Germany will only exist until the next Congress has had an opportunity to pass on a reciprocity arrangement with that country, or enact a general tariff revision law that will admit imports from Germany on a basis that will satisfy that country and thus permit our exports to enter there at the minimum rates.

If the standpatter faction prevails at the next Republican national convention, and that can hardly be doubted as nearly all the leaders are for "letting well enough alone", the present incipient tariff war, will reach an acute stage and the real fight for commercial supremacy will be a very serious question.

To leave the tariff to be settled by "the friends of protection" will mean no settlement at all, but merely a continuation of the Republican policy, here of late and now prevailing of protecting the trusts and making the balance of us pay the tax that trust high prices entail. The only relief that can come to those who feel that the present high cost of living is beyond their ability to pay or so trenches on their income as to compel the relinquishment of even the most simple and expensive pleasures, is through voting for Democratic candidates who favor tariff reform not only because the Democratic platform will declare for tariff reform, but also through the inherited traditions of the Democratic party on the tariff issue from the beginning of the government.

To Remove Ink Stains.

In two quarts of water, previously boiled and cooled, dissolved four ounces of citric acid. Then add six to eight ounces of a strong, strained solution of borax after which the whole may be put into a bottle or suitable receptacle.

Then to two quarts of water, previously boiled and cooled, add three quarters of a pound of chloride of lime. Shake and let stand from four to six days after which strain and add from six to eight ounces of a strong solution of borax, and place in a separate bottle.

To remove ink from paper, cloth or other absorbent substance, the composition in bottle No. 1 is applied so as to saturate thoroughly the place occupied by the ink, a blotter being used to absorb all waste moisture.

By the combined use of the two fluids thus described, writing inks or other fluids will be immediately dissolved and removed from the paper so that the latter may be again written on.

Silver inkstands stained with ink may be cleaned by applying a little chloride of lime with water.

As rats prove the usefulness of a road, so convolutions do not prove an idle brain.

The Republicans of Ohio are as much disgusted with the Taft manager who predicted "harmony" as those of us who have been deceived by the Weather Bureau prognostications.

At least two of the confidential clerks at the White House have nervous prostration and if the Ohio and New York Republican factional fights don't take a turn for the better the President will have to take a rest. Still Mr. Roosevelt declares he is not trying to dictate who shall succeed him.

The telegraph trust has advanced rates, is closing competing offices and reducing the number of employees. Of course, the telegraph companies declare they are not a trust, but only a "gentleman's agreement".

The American Baptist Missionary Union calls upon President Roosevelt to make inquiry into the reason why the Congo question has not been settled. That is rather a delicate proposition for Teddy to reply to.

TELLS THE TRUTH IN PLAINEST WORDS.

Okmulgee Democrat Has at Last Found The Meanest Man in The World.

The Okmulgee Democrat says: "A man may use the mole on the back of his neck for a collar button; he may ride a freight to save three cents a mile; he may light the lamp with a splinter to save matches; he may stop his watch at night to save wear; use a period for a semi colon to save ink, and pasture his grandmother's grave to save hay; but a man of this kind is a scholar and a gentleman compared to a man who will take a new-paper and when asked to pay for it, put it back in the postoffice, marked 'Refused'."

Two Cases Against One.

Oklahoma is going Democratic, and The Industrial News, of Greensboro, thinks it would be "an act of the rankest injustice" to keep it out of the Union until after the next election for the purpose of preventing its then casting a vote adverse to the Republican party; "and yet—'and yet'—it says, 'will some one—tell us just how and why and because of what, it would be any more unjust or iniquitous or blameworthy for a Republican President to keep Oklahoma out of the Union in order to prevent its casting a Democratic electoral vote than it was for a Democratic Legislature of the State of North Carolina to transfer Surry county from the eighth to the fifth congressional district for the avowed purpose of making the eighth district, then regarded as doubtful safe Democratic without disturbing the Democratic preponderance of the fifth?'"

We will try to answer this question if The Industrial News will tell us how much more unjust or iniquitous or blameworthy it was for a Democratic Legislature to have changed Surry county from the fifth district in order to make the eighth safely Democratic, than it was for the fusion Legislature of 1895 to have changed Mitchell county from the eighth to the ninth district in order to insure the election of Mr. Richmond Pearson, who was not elected after all but was nevertheless seated after a contest before a partisan Republican House; and how much more unjust or iniquitous or blameworthy the Surry transfer than the act of the fusion Legislature of 1897 in taking Yadkin and Davie from the seventh district and putting them in the eighth; in order to save Congressman Linney—meantime taking the Democratic counties of Gaston and Cleveland from the eighth and putting them in the seventh.

The Republican party's case against the Democratic party for gerrymandering congressional districts will not be heard until it comes into court with clean hands. He who would have equity must do equity.—Charlotte Observer.

Official Duties Neglected.

Secretary Taft will swing around the circle beginning May 29, with the intention of corraling delegates to the Republican national convention. Meanwhile the affairs of the War Department, the Panama canal and other government affairs which are under his jurisdiction will be looked after by the understrappers of the department. This Administration will become noted as attending more to partisan politics than to the business the people pay them to attend to.

The World's Funniest Joke.

Locked in the breast of Sily Simpson, of Minneapolis, is the funniest joke of the season. But while the world frets to know it and Simpson is dying to tell it, the owner of the painful tit-bit is restrained by the knowledge that if he does tell it probably may never be able to tell another. For Mr. Simpson almost died today in his efforts to let the world in on the joke. He came all the way over to St. Paul to see a friend on Wabash street. But when he started to tell it he laughed so hard that he dislocated his jaw. He was taken to police headquarters, where the ambulance surgeons set his jaw and then expressed curiosity regarding the joke that could do such an awful thing to a man. Simpson started to tell the joke and laughed and pop went the jaw again. This time the surgeons bound his face so tightly that he can only giggle, but he said in writing that he fears to try a fourth time to tell the joke because it's good enough to break the bandages.—St. Paul to Kansas City Times.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.



Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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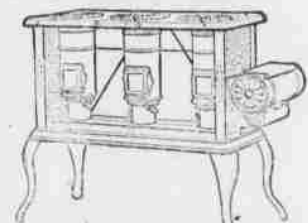
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Improvement in Stanley.

Mr. J. D. Wa'ser spent part of last week in Stanley county, looking after some business. He tells us that since his last visit there Stanley has made wonderful progress, improvements being in evidence everywhere. He predicts that Stanley will be one of the most important sections of the state.—The Dispatch.

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SALE OF TIMBER.

By virtue of a decree of sale made by the superior court of Randolph County, in a special proceeding thereon pending, entitled, Camilla Rice vs. J. C. Rice and others, Lester Rogers and Stephen Russell, I shall sell at the Court House in Asheboro, N. C. at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the 26th day of June, 1907, at 12 o'clock M. all the merchantable timber that will measure one (one) inch or more in diameter at the stump-end, from the ground and also all the merchantable hickory, hickory and maple being upon the following described lands of the county of Randolph, near Flat, N. C., adjoining lands of J. C. Rice, and also all the land bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine, Marked by William T. Rice, thence west 21 chains to a stake, thence south 22 chains to a hickory, thence west 2 chains and 20 links to a post and Viney Pressley's, thence west on said line 30 chains to a stone, thence north 1 1/2 chains to a stake, thence to M. E. Miller's line, thence the same course 40 poles to another stake M. E. Miller's line, thence the same course on said line 1 1/2 chains to a black oak, thence east 37 chains and 4 links to a stake, thence north 1 1/2 chains to a hickory, Dawson Lowallen's corner, thence east 15 chains to a hickory by the dividing line, thence north 2 chains and 27 links to a stake in Marmaduke Williams' line, thence south on said line to the beginning, containing 123 acres more or less.

The purchaser to have eighteen months from date of confirmation in which to cut and remove the said timber. Terms of sale, Cash. Elisha Moffitt, Commissioner. This the 8th day of May, 1907.

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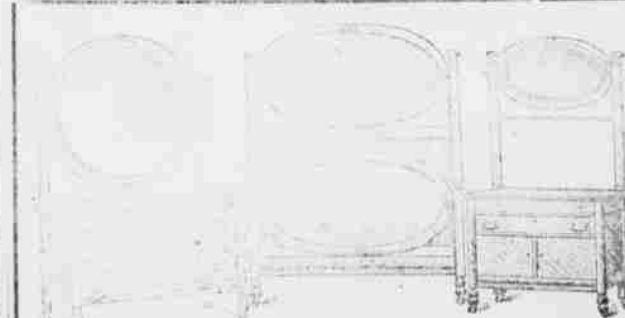
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