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### THE PASSING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The time for ending the present sitting of the General Assembly of North Carolina is near at hand, and so far as the states interest is concerned it would have made but little difference if it had never begun. A flood of private bills have gone through, but matters of public interest have been very largely sit down upon. The trust law if any passes will be a farce, the law to investigate the insurance business introduced by Koonce of Onslow, and excellent measure of merit has been fought from start to finish by insight and out side influence, and if not entirely destroyed, its day of practical operation, will be postponed, to a period tending largely to nullify its effect. There was a state building bill which thanks to the common sense of the members of the House was largely reduced. The Governors salary has been largely raised, they want increase, salaries for Judges, and an increased number of them, with their work largely cut down by the creation of the office of Recorder, in many towns and cities. They wanted to double the salary of the members of the Legislative, and increase the pay of a number of men in clerical position, but no hand is raised to curb the rapacity of the trust, or the insurance companies, or to protect the poor people from the imposition of the school book sharks. The Standard oil company will keep on choking down competition, insurance companies will keep on viewing the ashes of burned buildings and paying what they see fit on fire policies. Pawn brokers will keep on tempting irresponsible vicious men to buy pistols, and men will be shot down on slight provocation, and when the party has the money to pay for legal fees the courts will find it convenient to give them liberty. So things will jog along, the sun will set, and the people get it in the neck as usual, and the next election will find the same geese at the polls picking corn out of the hands of the politicians—so, so.

#### BE REASONABLE.

People who have real estate, or country property that they desire to sell should always guard against putting upon it prohibitory prices. More sections have been kept smothered down, dwarfed in growth from this narrow, near sighted policy than from any other cause. Don't presume that the party who may wish to purchase don't know anything, those who have money to invest have very good ideas as to values.

Put your property at a reasonable figure, and then do what you can to encourage people to come in and make their home among you. Every good citizen that moves into a community and invest his labor and money becomes a valuable asset, and helps to put an enhanced value upon all other property, for quite a radius beyond him. Never neglect an opportunity to sell to a good man, if it be possible to have him locate in your neighborhood, even at some sacrifice. It takes people to make a good town, or community, and the more you can locate—the more will want to come in and locate with you. Property will naturally increase in value as your population increases, no one will hesitate to recognize this fact. When people begin to

put prices sky high, upon real estate, they begin to check the growth of their section. Get the people to want to come in and live with you, and when the crowd begins to increase there will be no trouble about an advance in prices. Remember that a real estate agent can effect a sale very much quicker than you can, and remember also that he can not do the impossible thing of selling a piece of property for very much more than it is worth. Put a reasonable price upon the property and you can get your money out of it.

#### PARTY LINES ARE BREAKING.

"The people of this country are breaking down party lines in their determined efforts to secure their rights in all public matters. This breaking away from improper and harmful party rule, evil in its purpose and dangerous in its tendency, is not alone in Tennessee; it is not confined to one State or a few States, or to one party, but it is widespread throughout the entire country.

No longer can the exacting edicts of a party boss command the service of the people or our public men when it is issued in behalf of an unwholesome public policy, for the people are in revolt against the rule of the machine boss, who has reigned for a long term of years in both State and National politics, and with that splendid intuition of justice which is becoming a notable characteristic with men of progress, thought and purpose, public policies are being shaped for the public good instead of the party or factional advantage."—The Nashville Tennessean.

We hope the Tennessean is correct. There has really been some slight evidence of an awakening. The insurgent movement which resulted in an emphatic rebuke to the tariff robbers, is one evidence worth noting. Gladly would we welcome the day when "the exacting edict of a party boss" issued in behalf of unwholesome public policy would be met by open and distinctive revolt.

If the politician can utterly ignore the claim of his constituency as soon as he receives his commission of office, then it is full time that the people set there mark of condemnation upon such a politician, and the first opportunity retire him to private life where he may find ample time for reflection.

Politics as a rule is rotten, and the only remedy, is to set a side such politicians just as fast as they demonstrate, there want of interest in the public weal, or lack of nerve to meet the insidious corrupter.

#### A LOBYIST.

A lobbyist is an adept in nichromancy, a powerful psychologist, an expert thought transferer, who gets in perfect rapport with his victim, whose palms are itching for the long green.

The General Assembly of North Carolina as a matter of self respect, should pass a law that would require lobbyists to secure license, and wear a tag indicating his calling, so that men who come in contact with them might know something of their character in advance. Have any of these lobbyists been monkeying with any of the members of the present Legislative.

"A dispatch from Danville asserts on the authority of one of the grand jurors that indictments are to be returned against two of Speaker Cannon's most influential and prominent supporters—men of wealth, who have not hitherto been suspected of being mixed up in the crookedness which has been exposed."

There is nothing strange about this. Any one who knows the old "fox" could not think otherwise about him. Perhaps when the truth is told, if ever, it will be learned that very much of the corruption in Ohio politics will be traced back to Cannon's den, or to be more specific we think it had its origin there. In our estimation Joe Cannon is a political land private.

#### Is Surely So.

It is surely. With all the changes that time inevitably brings, with all our civilization, our inventions, and improvements, some things must remain unchanged. And it is well that some things are beyond the power of our improvement. For in this day and time when so many fiery reformers are advocating such radical changes, if it were not so the very face of the earth would doubtless come under the scope of their revision.—Webster's Weekly.

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Administrator.

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#### THE ELEMENTS OF A CRANK.

Captain Hobson who holds a seat down in the National House of Representative, seems to have many of the elements of a crank, or a fanatic. For eight years at brief periods of intermission he has tried to work up some war scare, always with a view of securing additional appropriation for the navy. The public at large have at last learned that Hobson is very much of a faker. People who have to toil, and there are millions, who do can not take very kindly to this naval spendthrift. Hobson belongs to that swell headed set of military donkeys that are always striving to find a way to waste public money for some senseless object.

#### The Ruling Passion.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The body of a girl, strangely preserved among the dust and hardened lava, has been discovered in the excavations of Pompeii. From the attitude in which the remains were found, and the fact the jewelry was still in the clasp of the finger bones, fleshless for 18 centuries, it is inferred that she was but one of the many victims who sought in vain to carry their most precious belongings beyond the deadly zone of noxious gases, the black clouds of lapilli and the glowing torrents of lava on the last day of Pompeii.

The ruling passion has been in evidence in the case of other discoveries made by the excavators. Thus, a Roman sentry was found—virtually petrified by the preservative incrustation—in his sentry box, proving his devotion to his duty stronger than the first inclination to flight. A dog's skeleton was found stretched above that of his young master. An inscription on the collar of the animal proved that on two previous occasions he had saved the boy's life—once in a shipwreck, once in a murderous attack of brigands.

Most of the inhabitants succeeded in making their escape. Those who perished presumably gave their lives in the effort to save their valuables. The most conspicuous instance is that of a huddled group in a wayside inn on the road to Stabia. Hampered as they were by their worldly wealth, the fiery deluge fell upon them, consuming Dives and sparing his riches for the patient archaeologist centuries afterward.

Who shall blame the poor girl whose skeleton has just been unearthed, for wanting to take with her the necklace and bracelets and the twinkling adornments on her hair. She literally gave her life for the very things for which many lives are sacrificed today.

#### WOOL MANUFACTURER

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An unqualified charge that he had been approached by two "advertising" concerns, which agreed for the sum of \$200,000 to put an immediate end to agitation against schedule K of the Payne-Aldrich law, was made at the banquet of the National Wool Manufacturers' Association by Charles H. Harding of Philadelphia, one of the vice-presidents of the organization.

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