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### INCREASED ASSESSMENT.

There are many complaints in different quarters over the increased property assessment in this state. This is very natural and no doubt was expected. We presume it would be quite impossible to equalize the assessment so as to give general satisfaction. There could exist but little doubt for the necessity for an increase in the assessments, and an effort at least to equalize property value, so that the burden might rest as near as possible with equal weight proportionately upon the man of large means as upon the small property holder. While this may never be accomplished, it was at least worth an effort.

There is no doubt that there is as much as fifty million dollars or more, of property in North Carolina that bears but little if any burden of taxation. This property is principally held by the rich who are able to pay their taxes, and should be made to pay them. The state has created new offices, and increased the salary for old ones. The demand for more money to operate her beneficent institution is taxing the states resources to furnish it. Something must be done, so bear your burdens without complaint.

### REDICULOUS UTTERANCES.

Governor Blease of South Carolina made some notable addresses in South Carolina on the 4 of July, at Cowpens and at Drayton. It was a speech intemperate, and acrid to the extreme, one better fitted for a fool than for the Governor of South Carolina. Here is a few things he said:

"At Dayton he denounced negroes, whom he called 'apes and baboons,' and for whom he said the most effective remedy was 'a little gunpowder and a few buckshot,' openly gave his approval to lynching; sneered at prohibition; condoned manslaughter committed in the heat of passion; defended his pardoning of convicts and justified his other official acts which have evoked criticism; slurred Northerners; denounced newspapers, especially the Columbia State and the Spartanburg Herald; spoke contemptuously of the University of South Carolina and Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the university; denied that he had sold pardons, and declared that if he should be impeached he would go to the United States senate as the successor of Senator B. R. Tillman."

The Governor may think it, but he will never fill Ben Tillmans shoes in the Senate, never,

### THE WARE KRAMER CO. SUITS.

While the jury did not award to Ware Kramer Co. the damages they were entitled too, but they did award them damages, and found the American Tobacco company guilty as charged. This while not a signal victory is evidence of an awakening of the public conscience, though a tardy awakening.

If the Sherman anti trust law had been enforced immediately after its passage by congress and continually enforced from then to this date there would have a great many more independent manufacturers of tobacco still in existence in North Carolina and Virginia, and the price of the leaf would have not been maintained at a figure that would have made the growers a little less than slaves.

Did Mr. Eller get mixed up in his attempt to mix up Senator Simmons in the lumber tariff

matter? It really does seem so from Maxwells letter, which is a plain vigorous utterance.

Senator John Sharp Williams was restrained by the rules of the Senate from telling Heyburn of Idaho in the Senate what he thought of him, and the public were denied an opportunity to read some caustic English applied to a little soul two legged counterfeit of a man.

### Important to The Farmers of The State.

The planting season in many sections opened with less water in the subsoil than ever before, and the rainfall in most places since April 1st is below the average for this period by several inches. As a result, the soil is unusually dry, and the soil water unusually low for this season of the year. And, as already stated, we are just entering the critical period in the growth of the crop—the stage of growth at which most moisture is required to bring to good fruitage and maturity.

With a normal rainfall the remainder of the growing season it will require our utmost skill to produce a fair crop in many sections. We will have to conserve every particle of moisture possible, and herein we need to be resourceful, and perform the work in the most efficient manner. The only thing to do is to cultivate. Cultivate shallow, cultivate frequently. Avoid open furrows. The man who takes a shovel plow, or solid sweep and opens a ditch on each side of the row, as some are now doing, is guilty of murder—the destruction of plant life. Heelscrapes, cotton sweeps, harrows and cultivators, set to run shallow, not over one or two inches deep, are good implements to use in making a dust mulch. Lay aside the Dixie and shovel plow and thereby save the crop. Make all possible haste to stir the soil after a shower. Under present conditions it is imperative that we do this; if we do not, and a crust is allowed to form and remain for a few days the soil actually becomes dryer than if no rain had fallen, and the crop suffers most severely.

We should keep the cultivation going even if no rain falls to form a crust. In some instances it may be better to run a drag or a light roller constructed for the purpose to break the crust or compact the soil where too open and loose. Go over the crop every week or ten days; if allowed to lie too long, injury will be done by cultivation.

It behooves us as farmers to study the situation, to stand by our crops, seek advice from each other and try not to let our crops suffer through any mistake of ours.

There is another thing that should not escape our attention—the scarcity and high price of hay. Many farmers are now paying \$30 to \$35 cash per ton, and \$35 to \$40 on time for timothy hay. The drought has cut short the hay crop in the North and West, and hay is going to be scarce and high next winter and spring.

Fortunately, it is not too late for us to yet grow the hay and forage that we will need. An acre or two sowed or planted to sorghum now, or any time in July, and well fertilized, will yield an abundance of forage. Millet can be sown, as also can corn, cow peas and soy beans, and no opportunity should be spared to grow an abundance of these crops to provide ample supply of forage for winter and spring.

### The Tariff Board.

Philadelphia Record.  
It will be recalled that a little while before the election for congress in 1909 announcement was made from headquarters of the tariff board in Washington that a corps of its "experts" were busy in Ohio collecting data on wool from the sheep growers, with a view to early revision of Schedule K. To vary this political diversion it was announced by cable that J. B. Reynolds, a member of the board, was investigating the cost of producing woolen fabrics in Chemnitz and other cities of Germany. His skill and success in worming out of German factory owners the secrets of their business may be readily imagined. It was announced in congress the other day that a corps of alleged "experts" of the tariff board had alighted in Philadelphia to scientifically investigate its textile fabrics, and this was seriously given as a reason for postponing revision of the brutal schedule of duties on woolen till next December.

Is it not now high time to end this investigation farce? The first appropriation of \$250,000 for the tariff board is gone, with no visible results, and the second, of \$220,000 is in rapid process of exhaustion. As for the pretended experts of the tariff board, they are for the most part mere title barnacles of a bureaucratic system of administration that has grown up in Washington, and are no more capable of making a scientific investigation of any question than any other intelligent men acting in private capacity. All they can do is to heap up a huge and undigested mass of more or less dubious statistics for the public printer. If further investigation were really needed there are intelligent consuls of the United States in all the industrial centres of the world, who could furnish authentic official information if it were of any value.

But the fact is that such publicists and economists as Carroll D. Wright, David A. Wells, Jacob Schoenhof and Chester Whitney Wright have put congress and the government in possession of all the knowledge on

tariff questions that may serve for legislation. The investigation of the tariff schedule by the lamented Senator Dolliver in the late congress is worth more than a thousand government experts. There are men in this congress, many of them, who have given more study to the tariff than this board can devote to it. All the bureaucratic parade of investigation is worse than useless in that it is made a plea for delaying revision of the tariff demanded by public opinion and public interests.

Trust no future, how'er pleasant!  
Let the dead Past bury its dead!  
Act, act in the living present!  
Heart within, and God o'erhead!  
—Longfellow.

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thirsty noon  
Have brought a weariness that deepens fast;  
It will be twilight soon.  
And yet our love hath not desided us;  
Its pains and hunger still have been its crown;  
Not in regretful cloud, but luminous  
The sun sinks slowly down,  
We need not say that life was all deceit;  
We may not say that all was want and doubt;  
See, the low rays are still around our feet  
While the first star comes out.  
—Pall Mall Gazette.

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### To Hang Train Wreckers.

(Philadelphia Press.)  
The sole crime punishable by death in the State is deliberate and premeditated murder or the killing of a human being in the perpetration or attempt to perpetrate any arson, rape, robbery or burglary. The killing of any number of human beings by deliberately throwing a moving train off the track will not cause the man convicted of this offense to lose his life. The House at Harrisburg thinks evidently this is a mistake, for it has passed on second reading, without a dissenting vote, a bill making trainwrecking which results in loss of life punishable by death.  
Though the general tendency of the present day is to restrict rather than extend the application of the death penalty, no valid objection can be made to including killing caused by train wrecking in the list of homicides for which life is to be forfeited. So long as we have capital punishment for wilful murder the train wrecker who destroys life should receive the penalty. A graver crime can hardly be conceived than the deliberate wrecking of a rapidly moving train carrying human beings. The slaughter is usually wholesale, while the maiming and suffering caused are unmeasured. A man capable of such a crime is too wicked to live.

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