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A BAD LAW.

North Carolina has some laws on her Statue books, that would shame a hoo-doo colony in the heart of Africa. How a Legislature with brains enough to keep out the fire should have passed some of them is beyond comprehension, and yet they remain, serving the only purpose of creating fees for lawyers. In this matter just now we call attention to the law prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons, pistols if you please. A law with a license tax so high that it takes the sale of pistols out of the hands of the majority of reputable hardware dealers, but while doing that it has encouraged a monopoly of there sale in the hands of the pawn shop dealers, who of course keep pistols to sell and tempt the vicious to buy.

A few days past we were in Durham, and in conversation with a pawn broker, was told that on the Saturday previous, he had sold thirty pistols, who too, we asked, well he said about three fourths of them were purchased by negroes, the other fourth by disreputable white men. This is a record, for you is it not, and you will find pawn shops in most cities of importance in North Carolina, not selling pistols alone on Saturday but every day in the week. We have given the record of one shop in one day. You do not have to ask a lawyer to learn what will be the harvest of this infernal work in a month, or a year, although the lawyer know in whose interest this law is operated. A fool negro under some insignificant provocation shoots down a companion, perhaps sniffs out a worthless life, but the State says he had no right to kill, and a case for the court determines his guilt or innocence at a cost of from one to five thousand dollars, the lawyers comes in for a rake off of about 30 per cent, and the county in which the case is heard is taxed with the 70 per cent which must be paid out of the pockets of honest hard working people. The attention of members of the last Legislature was called to this matter and a law asked for, that would prohibit the sale of pistols in the State, the answer was no it would make it too inconvenient for a policeman to buy pistols. Think of such crazy argument, you can hardly afford to dignify it with an answer. It's a fool that does not know that the more you encourage, the irresponsible class to carry pistols, the more you encourage crime, and the more crime, the more lawyers fees.

We would not undertake to say these things if we had not watched the drift for years. Some day the better element in North Carolina will rise up and drive from place and power these mercenaries who are thinking alone of their pockets.

SENATOR SIMMONS' ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN.

If Senator Simmons thinks his campaign is being run on economical plans it is time he was looking into the matter. There is every indication that large sums are being spent in his behalf. According to the rate of charge published in the News and Observer, one of the many long pieces published in that paper in his behalf cost about \$80 for one insertion. Besides, other things are being done in his behalf that take money. No body thinks that Mr. A. D. Watts has been traveling all over the State for

the last year for his health.—Democratic Pilot.

A great many would like to know who is paying for the publication of the Democratic Pilot. Mr. Crowson the Editor says its a labor of love for his friend Kitchin. Now is not this world getting to be a lovely place to live in? We presume Beasley of the Monroe Democrat is doing his work in the campaign for love, and then Mr. Oliver of the Reidsville Review he has got a heart full of love, and the Warrenton Record, Durham Sun and Herald, Yanceyville Sentinel are all in love with this work for Mr. Kitchin and it is only poor Mr. Simmons that has no one in love with him, how "kruel."

CHARLES BRANTLY AYCOCK

We have just received from Donbleday and Page printers, a volume entitled "The Life of Charles Brantly Aycock." The work was edited by R. D. W. Conner and Clarence Poe to whom we are indebted too for this handsomely bound interesting volume. It contains much matter of interest relating to the early life of Mr. Aycock and his maturer years, and some of his ablest speeches. It is a work that should find and honored place in every library in North Carolina, whose owner reveres the tradition of his State.

MY WHAT A WHOPPER.

"He was with a Republican majority then, but he studied his district with rural delivery routes, securing more than any other district in the South."

The above is taken from a little speech introducing Governor Kitchin to a Madison audience by a young man by the name of Pratt. Pratt is evidently up on fairy tales, as his whole introductory gag is full of just such stuff. Of course Pratts rot is not worth noticing, but it is a little peculiar that the Governor would sit still and listen to Pratt lie in his behalf and never correct him. Now is it not so?

You must not publish anything about the Governor that would in the slightest trample upon his dignity. It is not right, it is not nice, you know our Governor occupies a very exalted position, a position that gives him the license to go over the country abuse Senator Simmons solely because he wants the office Mr. Simmons so acceptable fills.

Oh Beasley, Beasley, you seemed to be measley. It will take more than your mouth to slander Senator Simmons out of his office, however much you may be trying to earn your money for your dirty work. Scat, you Stinker.

My Little Girl

The laughing guests have come and gone—
I walked as in a dream!
Was it my hand, my needle, mine,
That sewed the silken seam?
She grew so graceful, slim and tall,
So sweet and maiden-wise;
Yet still for me the child-heart looked
From out her wondering eyes.
They say it was the Wedding March
I heard the players play!
"My little girl! My little girl!"
Was all my heart could say.
—Cora Matson Dolson, in Youth's Companion.

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An Inference.

There died in Chicago the other day a man of whom it is said that he knew the intimate history of every important family in the city. Some members of some of the important families must be mighty glad that he died.—Savannah News.

Signs That Foretell Weather.

The country dweller has a thousand weather signs that the city man never knows. A red sunset means very little to the man in the street, but to the man among the lanes it indicates rain and bad weather. Smoke that rises straight in the air is another of the signs that a farmer notices and foretells bad weather. Clouds about the moon and sun, streaks of greasy clouds and the peculiar actions of birds and domestic animals are all indications of some change in the weather to the man whose eye has been trained to recognize the signs.

Forts.

It was the most exciting moment of one of those midnight rehearsals. Try as he would, Donald Brian, the actor, could not induce the orchestra to play sufficiently loud for a smashing finale. Finally in desperation he called out to the orchestra conductor: "Swell! Vicars, Swell!" Whereat the phlegmatic, unruffled English conductor stopped the band, turned smilingly to Mr. Brian and said: "Thank you, sir."

Downfall of Venice.

It was December 28, 1805, that Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," was robbed of the crown that she had proudly worn for more than 1,300 years. By the terms of the treaty of Presburg, as dictated by that creator and destroyer of kings and kingdoms, Napoleon the Great, the ancient republic was annexed to Italy, and the glory of the city of the Doges was no more.

Never Did

We always scratch the ticket and we have never yet taken part in any kind of a Democratic primary.—Durham Herald.

The Herald is a valient war horse in the battle for Mr. Kitchin, so is Laughinghouse one of Mr. Kitchin's henchman. Their Democracy is the questionable kind, so is much of their work against Simmons.

Tramp Not Wholly Lost.

A tramp stealing a ride on a train jumped off as it passed a burning hotel, aroused the sleeping lodgers and, his rescue work done, regained his place on the bumpers before the train left the yards. A pretty full volume of comment on American human nature is contained in the brief report of the incident.

For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight;
His can't be wrong whose life is in the right.
In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity.—Pope.

Appeal of the Afflicted.

It was Walter's first visit to church, and he tried hard to remember all the varied instructions he had received, such as not whispering, keeping his head bowed during the prayer, etc. But during the main petition of the service nature won a complete battle over memory and decorum. "Mother," shrilled the weary youngster, "when will it be time for me to straighten my neck? It's like to break if I don't do it soon!"

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Blame Electric Lamp.

The Glasgow board of trade court is investigating the loss of a local steamship which stranded in a mysterious manner. The only theory offered to account for the mishap is that an electric lamp in the pocket of the lookout man deflected the compass. The man admitted that he had been leaning against the binnacle just before the vessel stranded.

Pray, but swing your hammer.—Spanish.

To be polite is to do and say
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—Sophia Bronson Tittertoning.

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