

The February number of the Cosmopolitan Magazine has a list of most interesting articles by able writers, and superbly illustrated. See advertisement elsewhere.

True merit should lead to preferment in any line of conduct—nothing else should do so, except in the case of the worthy who are in need, then if we can be both just and generous, well.

Mitchell and Buncombe counties are making efforts to secure the dispensary system. With all his extreme views on some points, Tillman, of South Carolina, has served to impress his solution of the whiskey evil upon a reflective and progressive public.

On public matters the welfare of the greatest number of persons concerned should be studiously and carefully considered. And on such questions men need not, and should not make any difference of opinion that might arise between persons a personal, private concern.

To deal with the bar room business, and the whiskey traffic by the dispensary method in the hands of the State, we believe is the best way to regulate the whiskey evil, and to have such a business pay tribute to the noblest purpose, as we cannot be rid of it, as yet. A dispensary system by the State would be best, but better by counties than not at all.

Lyman G. Gage's reply to some friends who intimated to him the other day that they would like to give him a public dinner before he went to Washington, was: "You must excuse me. I want no demonstration in my honor now. If, after four years of service as a member of the cabinet, my neighbors think I have served my country so faithfully that they desire to show their appreciation, a dinner would do all right. I prefer, however, to enter my country's service without heralding. Let my record in office speak for me."

The individual in private or public life who is conducting a private or public enterprise, that never acts on his own sense of duty, if it comes in contact with the opinion of the majority, is unworthy of respect, and in the end will be disliked by that same public opinion of the majority for whose support he courted, and the end would be deserving. Let a man act out his convictions in private and in public, when duty requires him to do so, in a reasonable manner, and even opponents with a spark of reason will respect him the more for it. A trimmer is to be trimmed of public support.

To seriously propose several dollars on the hundred for a school of any kind would have been fully stupendous. Only 25 cents on the hundred dollars worth, added to the public money, about \$250, and half of the whiskey license tax—\$600, about—this would have raised about \$1,250. The \$1,250 would pay the teachers and the academy would suffice. But Marion is not ready for this sort of school. In Virginia at a time when it was harder to do than the same thing would be here now, the people in towns of from 500 to 1,000 inhabitants established and have maintained graded schools. An eye witness confirms this.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer; Mr. H. A. London, Chatham Herald; Mr. Thad R. Manning, Henderson Daily Leaf; and Mr. D. J. Whitehead, Greenville Reflector, are in Galveston, Texas, attending the annual meeting of the National Editorial Association in that city this week as delegates from the North Carolina Press Association. The Observer says it is possible that Mr. Caldwell will extend his trip from Galveston to the City of Mexico, and if so, that he will be absent from Charlotte until about the middle of March. The Herald wishes these leading North Carolina journalists a pleasant trip and a safe return.

We have just received a copy of Every Day, a new, sprightly little daily paper of Henderson, N. C. It is a four-column, four-page sheet, and is published by John T. Stone, editor and proprietor. It is to be enlarged.

The New York Times says that Vice-President-elect Hobart has received every day since his election something like fifty letters begging for money. No small share of the petitions comes from churches that want Mr. Hobart to free them from debt, while not a few clerical men ask him to take out their meagre salaries with a more or less generous contribution. A modest young woman writes from New Orleans for \$10,000, with which to complete her musical education, and requests to be informed by telegraph as to the date on which the money will reach her. This letter fills thirty pages. Another girl wants \$3 with which to buy a set of false teeth. She says both her sisters are provided with these ornaments, and their chances of getting husbands have been much improved thereby.

THE TAR HEEL PATRONAGE. Mr. Robert says: He will have some fun when the "National" comes before the Senate for confirmation. Some-Spencer Blackburn Confering With Money in Regard to the Patronage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Spencer Blackburn, of Ashe county, is here conferring with Representative Linney and other Republican members of the delegation relative to the distribution of the Federal patronage in North Carolina under the next administration. A lively competition is going on for every position in the State under the civil service Representative Linney says there are so many political moorings to feed that the loaves and fishes will have to be minced out in order to give a meeting of the Republican members of the delegation will be held shortly, at which time the subject will be systematically considered.

Representative Skinner and his Populist followers who supported Senator Pritchard expect to have an equal chance at the pie counter. Just what portion of the pastry they are to have is not yet determined upon. The proposition is to agree upon a slate of all the Federal appointments belonging to North Carolina and give it the solid endorsement of the delegation.

Senator Butler predicts that an amicable agreement between the Republicans and renegades, as he calls the bolters, is impossible. He says every Populist in the Legislature who voted for Pritchard has promised an office under the McKinley administration and he proposes to have some fun with them when their nomination comes before the Senate for confirmation.

Two Lincoln County Men Very Nearly Asphyxiated at the Central Hotel in Charlotte. Charlotte Observer, 16th. S. Lemonds, Lincoln. D. Cloninger, Lincoln. These two names attracted no attention on the register of the Central Hotel Saturday night, but not so Sunday. The story is this: Messrs. Lemonds and Cloninger, after registering Saturday night were shown to room 65 by the porter. They told the clerk before retiring that they wished to take the 9:30 train Sunday morning, and he put them on the call for 8 o'clock. The hall boy went to wake them at that hour, but got no response to his knock. He tried and tried again, but could not arouse them. He called another boy and they unlocked the door and went in.

The room was full of gas, and the two men therein looked like they were dead. Mr. H. S. Bryan was called. He took in the situation, and had the two men, one of whom—Lemonds—he thought was done for, taken into the fresh air, and summoned Drs. Register & Montgomery. They worked hard with the asphyxiated man. Cloninger was restored to consciousness by a check, but Lemonds did not revive until 8 o'clock in the night. Everyone thought him beyond recovery, and it had remained in the gas filled room a few minutes more he would never have lived to learn that gas should not be blown out.

When he had "come to," Mr. Bryan asked him what he blew out of the gas for. "Well, my bed was right under the thing," he said, "and when I got ready to go to sleep I thought I'd put it out." When they told Mr. Bryan that the next time they came here to put them in a cheaper room, where there wasn't any of them darned fixings.

ANOTHER BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS. The Appropriations by the Present Congress Will Break the High Water Mark. Mr. Cleveland's Estimate to Ten Billion Dollars. Mr. McKinley's Estimate to Twelve Billion Dollars. Mr. Taft's Estimate to Fifteen Billion Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1897.—Another billion dollar Congress! Although the exact figures cannot be given until the last appropriation bill has been passed, it is already known, and admitted by the republican chairman of the committee on appropriations of both House and Senate, that the total appropriations will not only exceed one billion dollars, but that they will go enough beyond that amount to break the high water mark made by the previous billion dollar republican Congress, by an advance of thirty or forty million dollars. This, too, in the face of the general republican howl about the insufficiency of revenue provided by the present tariff bill. There is little doubt that the republican leaders have allowed the appropriations to pile up, although apparently fighting for economy by shutting out bills even for the smallest public building, in order to make the deficit big enough to excuse the tariff bill they are engaged in concocting. They have made a success of the big appropriations, but when the people get a whack at them in the next congressional election, they will find how their excuse has been accepted. Representative Sayers, of Texas, who was chairman of the committee on appropriations in the last House, made a rattling good speech, attacking the extravagance of this Congress, while the sundry civil bill was before the House.

Notwithstanding the amendments made to prohibit the appropriation, Senator Sherman, who was in charge of the arbitration treaty, was compelled to agree to the inevitable and agree to postpone further consideration of the treaty until the next session.

In a speech made by Pension Commissioner Murphy, in answer to resolutions commending his administration of the pension bureau, presented by a committee from two Pennsylvania G. A. R. Posts, Mr. Murphy told for the first time in public the instructions given him by President Cleveland when he appointed him commissioner of pensions. Whatever may be one's opinion of many of his other policies, it is difficult to see how any man could have outlined in a few words a more just and patriotic pension policy than that which President Cleveland did when he said to Commissioner Murphy: "Mr. Murphy, I think you know my ideas of the pension bureau and the pension system. They are just these: In claims coming up for the action of the bureau, where you find the case of a worthy soldier who served his country faithfully in her hour of danger, you will be lenient with him and give him the benefit of a reasonable doubt. In settling the claims of the widows and orphans, you will act in the same manner, but waste no sympathy on the unworthy."

It should be played to the credit of Mr. Cannon, Chairman of the House Committee on appropriations, that he reported adversely the resolution appropriating \$500 for the erection of a stand for the use of Senators and Representatives and their families on inauguration day, on the ground that Senators and Representatives should pay for seats, just as other people do, if they wish to sit down to view the inaugural parade.

Senator Quay is reported to have a letter written by Mr. Hannum, before McKinley's nomination, demanding that the Pittsburg Iron and Steel Manufacturers put a large sum of money to be used in McKinley's behalf, and to have threatened to make it public if the McKinley crowd attempt to get too gay with him. Quay is now in Pennsylvania, where he went to help his son "Dick" out, in the libel suit, which has been thrown on his shoulders by the publisher of a Pittsburg paper.

When a democrat, or a populist, uses such language as Representative Calherhead, a good Kansas republican, did before the House Banking and Currency Committee, of which he is a member, certain republican editors invariably call it "anarchistic raving." The text of Mr. Calherhead's remarks was the bill naming thirteen American millionaires, among them Andy Carnegie and Phil Armour, as incorporators of the "International American Bank," with authority to establish eight branch banks in other countries. This bill or a similar one has been before this Committee in several Congresses, and was only when an attempt was made to push it through the Committee when Mr. Calherhead spoke against it, in part as follows: "The whole United States is in a condition of unrest. The underhull of the country believes that it is injured, and injured largely by the power of aggregated wealth. They actually believe it. They believe it to such an extent that large areas of the country need nothing but a leader of ability to give us an insurrection. That is the truth, and that is the political storm that will follow any attempt, direct or indirect, to incorporate the men named here into a private bank with a capital of millions of dollars, and the plea that it is done for the benefit of international commerce will not answer that mob—for it is a mob—which only needs a commanding general to lead it. If the leader should happen to have the military instinct, it would mean civil war."

Tom Watson, of Georgia, recent Populist candidate for Vice-President, who is contesting the seat in Congress now held by Maj. J. C. C. Black, will not get the place to which he aspires, says a special correspondent from Washington. The House committee on elections, which has charge of the contest, has, it is said, voted unanimously to confirm Mr. Black's title to his seat. Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, a Democratic member of the committee, will make the report in favor of Mr. Black.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH. A List of the More Important Bills in the Legislature During the Past Week. CLERK SWINSON'S CASE.

He refused to give up His Rights and His Locks Were Forfeited—A Bill Covering an Appropriation of \$100,000 for the Morganton Hospital Passed the House—The Railroad Row Has Stirred Up Quite a Sensation and Much Bitterness—Other News. Correspondence of The Messenger. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16, 1897.—Last night the democrats held a caucus to determine upon some united action to-day when the vote will be taken on the lease bill which comes up this morning. After discussing the affair for a long time it was decided not to bind the members at all, but for each to vote as they thought best for the State. This railroad row has stirred up quite a sensation and much bitterness.

The North Carolina Railroad Company has paid to the State Treasurer a 3 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend on the 30,000 shares of stock owned by the State. The total amount of this dividend is \$102,000.

State Auditor Ayer has received many letters from building and loan associations saying they will not do business in this State this year because of the 6 per cent interest law. A ten days' extra session of the Legislature may be called to finish business. There is very little doubt but that negroes will be given charge of the Eastern Insane Asylum (colored) at Goldsboro.

Mr. John Nichols, of this city, ex-congressman and our secretary of the State Fair Association, will probably succeed Mr. Benedict as United States Public Printer. A. D. Cowley, of Statesville, has been appointed adjutant general, and Chas. A. Cook, of Warrenton, inspector of rifle practice in the State Guard.

It is said John C. Dancy (colored) will be recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. He is from Salisbury. Governor Russell will not go to the inauguration probably, but the State will be represented by the adjutant general, Major Hayes and the Governor's staff. The Supreme Court will not change any of its clerks or employees. Politics will not be allowed to enter into the employment of the force there.

There are 453 brands of fertilizers sold in this State, but only 98 are manufactured in the State. Some are not registered, and against these the agricultural department is warning the farmers. The news of the great improvement in the condition of Dr. Marshall which reaches here from Morganton is very gladly received. Bills in the Legislature Feb. 9th were to require deeds in trust and mortgages to be canceled off the record within ten days after they have been paid. The bill to make it indictable for a public speaker to be interrupted passed after a lively debate on different amendments. One of the amendments, in reference to the fact that speakers should not be allowed to use abusive language, was to include evangelists of the Sam Jones and Bill Fiebelde.

Resolution to appropriate \$1,000 for a statue to George Peabody was antagonized and indefinitely postponed. In the Senate a bill to regulate the procuring and distribution of dead bodies for medical science came up. It was said this State was woefully behind other States, and if the colleges could not get subjects they would have to close. The bill was introduced at the request of a professor at Chapel Hill. On the night of the 10th the House was given to the negroes to hold their emancipation ceremonies in.

In the House on the 10th: To provide that in case of suit for damages brought against a person resident in another State who has property in this State can be attached where there are unliquidated damages. The railroad lease bill made a special order for Tuesday, the 16th. The special order of the day was Hancock's bill to "re-store to the State the management and control of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad." He said the directors had met in secret session and taken control of the road, discharging the State's two-third interest; that they had put the road in the hands of the finance committee. Hancock won his wish and gives the Governor control. Crumpler's bill to revise the public schools laws creates the State board of education of the Governor, presidents of the University and State Normal School and three professional teachers to be elected biennially; the board to recommend a course of study in public schools; the office of county examiner to be abolished. The Senate took up the Swinson matter, and the investigating committee reported that Swinson had been grossly extravagant in his office, and that no one had forced him to employ extra labor. In the House on the 11th a bill was introduced to provide for the redemption of land after sale, under execution or mortgage, making it lawful to redeem land within two years after sale upon payment of the sum paid for purchase, together with interest, provided both shall not exceed principal and interest of original debt, and at sale a certificate of sum paid be given. The "Hollow servants" bill passed without a dissenting vote. This bill gives any employee of a railroad right to sue for damages and prevents any transfer of such rights. Three bills on Monday reconsidered: The railway rate bill; to elect railroad commissioners by popular vote; and the bill to prohibit free passes and trunks. In the Senate: To amend the laws as to add Chamberland county

to the Eastern Criminal Court. This creates a new judge and gives the Governor the power to appoint until the next election. This bill passed. The members realize how much of a loss for which they can demand per diem has been wasted, and now they hold two sessions each day. In the Senate the hearing of Enrolling Clerk Swinson was on the docket. He was heard, but as the evidence clearly showed it was not because of his extravagance only, for these clerks had been forced upon him, and if he had accepted the negroes there would have been no row raised. It makes a strong point on the democratic side, for this will be used as campaign ammunition in the next election. In the House: A bill to investigate the charges of fraud in the lease of the North Carolina Railroad came up. This was referred to the special committee on the lease. Also, a resolution to look after the committee that was to investigate the charges of fraud in the senatorial fight. There was quite a lively debate. It was declared that the committee had been derelict in its duty not to have attended to this sooner. The resolution fixing to-day (16th) as the date for the committee to report was passed. A bill for an appropriation for the Tennessee Centennial was tabled.

The bills in the House Friday were: To reduce the salaries and fees of all public officers, save those fixed by law, 25 per cent. A committee was appointed, to be composed of Governor, Russell, Julian S. Carr and W. A. Hoke looking to the monument to be raised here to Hon. Zebulon B. Vance; this committee to report to the next Legislature and \$1,000 to be appropriated for all necessary expenses. The House took up the report on insane asylums and their maintenance. There are 26 criminal insane at Morganton. It is recommended that a building for this class be provided at the penitentiary. Durham and Robeson counties be transferred to the Raleigh asylum. The following appropriations for the three are recommended: For Morganton, \$100,000; for Raleigh, \$67,450; for Goldsboro, \$46,850. This is for maintenance and improvements. The bill covering these recommendations passed. A resolution was introduced instructing members of Congress to try and repeal the civil service law. The bill to let the county commissioners elect the county physician and fix his salary passed after a hot debate. In the Senate the Winston-Salem South-bound Railroad was incorporated. This is a continuation of the Norfolk & Western. To amend the law that railroads, steamboats, etc., give transportation to members and clerks of the railroad commission who are attending to commission business. Enrolling Clerk Swinson was heard up his office, desks, etc., yesterday and did not come up there, so his locks were forced. Later he appeared and upon his keys being demanded of him, he produced the following: "I respectfully decline to surrender the office of enrolling clerk of the General Assembly to which I have been elected, duly sworn and inducted into, and have a vested right to, on the ground that no legislative body has the right to abolish an office for the sole purpose of ousting an incumbent. In the second place I respectfully decline to surrender or turn over the papers and records of said office, as there is and can be no successor during my continuance in office, and no one who is legally authorized to give me a valid receipt for such records and papers." The matter is to be brought before the Supreme Court. In the Legislature on Monday, the 15th, the following are some of the bills: In the Senate: A bill to increase revenue and regulate insurance. The bill to appropriate \$34,500 for a dormitory, heating plant, industrial plant and other improvements at the white blind asylum, passed. In the House: To provide that whenever any person declares to be insane or imbecile the husband or wife of such shall be first entitled to the guardianship of his or her property. A bill forbidding "gold contracts" which had been tabled was taken up and made special order for Friday. A committee was appointed, composed of Brown, Dockery, Alexander, Whitener, McGary, Abernethy, and Bryan, of Chatham, to redistrict the State into congressional districts. The bill for "killing microbes" and cleaning the legislative halls amounted to \$10.

Up to 3 o'clock to-day nothing had been done on the lease bill except to introduce it and a lot of speeches made. There is an immense crowd here to hear the arguments.

Simon S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of insanity about once a year, and would have to call a doctor, and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times. He was taken to the State Hospital at Martinsburg, where he died of cholera, cholera and diarrhoea remedies. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is about the only thing else has ever done for me." For sale by Morphew & White.

Rev. J. N. McDonald, of Sweetwater, Tenn., a young Baptist minister, visiting in Waynesville with his bride, has been arrested by the authority of telegrams from Sweetwater, charging him with forging a check.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Berlin, and the child was cured. He said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is equally good for the same diseases in danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Morphew & White.

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KILLED BY A TRAIN. A Dead-Mate Knocked from the Track and His Neck Broken—A Marriage—A Young Lady Falls on the Ice and Breaks Her Arm. Rochester-Vidette, February 12th. The Vidette correspondent sympathizes for its kind friend, Miss Kittie Adams, who, in making a step on the ice, slipped and falling, broke her arm. Last week Mr. Matt McBrayer and most of his family were down with grip. They have all about recovered. At the hospitable home of Mr. J. E. Walker, the well known country merchant, of Cane Creek, were united in holy wedlock Mr. Joseph Street and Miss Nancy Walker, all of Cane Creek, O. D. Stacy, Esq., officiating. Harvey Belk, a deaf-mute, was instantly killed by a train on the O. R. & C. R. near Goldsboro, this county, last Sunday afternoon. He was walking on the track, coming toward the train, and approaching at a slow rate of speed, though on a grade. The engineer, expecting him to step off, did not blow the signal until within a short distance of the unfortunate man, when the engine struck him, knocking him off and breaking his neck. No blame is attached to the engineer. Mr. Belk was a native of Monroe, N. C., and has been working with his cousins in the lumber business for two or three years.

Police Guard Bill Killed—Glascoe Not So. Stockton—A Death at Waco and One at Hot Springs. Cleveland Star, February 10th. Maj. S. B. Lumpkin, General Passenger Agent of the O. R. & C. R. Railroad, has moved his office to Shelby. Mr. Asa G. Dover, who is a tenant on Senator Anthony's plantation at El Bethel, was bitten last week by a mad dog and went to Charlotte Wednesday to have the mad stone applied. He was bitten in two places. Another man in that section of the county was also bitten by a dog supposed to be rabid, but he did not go to the mad stone. Mr. Joe Green died January 24th at his home at Boiling Springs. He leaves a wife and several children. He was 34 years of age, was a member of the Baptist church and a good man. Mrs. M. Manney died at Waco, February 1st, and was buried at Long Church, in Gaston county. She was 68 years of age, a member of the Presbyterian church and an estimable Christian lady. Mrs. Sarah Dedmond, widow of the late W. H. Dedmond, died last Wednesday morning at her home near Ellettsboro. She was 74 years of age and had been a widow for 23 years. She was a member of the Baptist church and a consistent Christian. Deceased was the mother of Mr. E. W. Dedmond, editor of South Side, of this place. Mrs. Mary Caroline Jackson died February 3rd at her home near Double Shoals, aged 63 years, 8 months and 9 days. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 24 years, and was a consistent Christian. Two children are left to mourn their loss. The bill introduced in the House of Representatives by one Chappin, of Harnett county, at the instance of one Hall, of Cleveland county, and entitled an act to amend the charter of the town of Shelby, which provided for the appointment of four Republicans and one Populist to constitute a police board to have the appointment of all town officials, save the mayor and aldermen, and to strip them of all their power, will not become a law. The House committee voted unanimously to give an unfavorable report. Last Thursday Monroe Glascoe, charged with burning Mr. Columbus Peeler's barn, was given a preliminary hearing before J. F. Tiddy, Esq. Glascoe had been in jail awaiting trial. The evidence was all circumstantial and not considered by "Square Tiddy" conclusive enough to warrant conviction, so the defendant was discharged—and "Mon" Glascoe was one more happy being.

THREW AWAY HIS CASES. Mr. D. Wiley, ex postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Morphew & White.

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LINCOLN LACONICS. Two Marriages, and Other News of Interest. Lincoln Democrat, February 11th. A new schedule on the Chester & Lenoir and Carolina Central railroads went into effect Monday, which brings the trains going north in about two hours earlier. The south-bound schedule remains the same. Mrs. E. A. Motz, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Bird, in Marion, for several weeks, returned home yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Bird and Master Bird. D. W. Robinson, Esq., son of ex-Sheriff J. A. Robinson, of Lincoln, is to be married to Miss Edith Childs at 4 o'clock p. m. to-day at the residence of the bride's father, M. L. Childs, of Columbia, S. C. Lincoln county society heartily welcomes this addition and extends to the happy couple its best wishes. At the hospitable home of "Squire Henry Houser, five miles west of town, on Tuesday, February 9, 1897, a very pleasant company assembled to witness the marriage of his daughter, Mrs. Georgia Massage, to Mr. Charles F. Hunter, of Lincoln. The nuptials were declared by Rev. B. R. Johnston at 11 o'clock a. m., and a sumptuous dinner was served to the guests.

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