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## SOUTHERN DIPLOMATISTS.

New York Sun.  
The appointment of Matthew W. Ransom, United States Senator from North Carolina, as American Minister to Mexico, has not only given great satisfaction to his associates in the Senate, with whom he is very popular, but it has also been satisfactory to Southern Democrats generally, who greet with pleasure the selection of a foreign Minister from their ranks.

The South is now represented in the diplomatic service of the United States by Mr. Rustis, of Louisiana, Ambassador to France; by Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware, Ambassador to Great Britain; by Mr. McKenzie, of Kentucky, Minister to Peru; by ex-Congressman Breckinridge, of Arkansas, Minister to Russia; by Mr. Taylor, of Alabama, Minister to Spain; by Mr. Terrell, of Texas, Minister to Turkey; by Mr. Alexander, of North Carolina, Minister to Greece; by Mr. Young, of Georgia, Minister to Guatemala and Honduras; by Mr. Smythe, of Virginia, Minister to Hayti; by Mr. McDonald, also of Virginia, Minister to Persia; by Mr. Caruth, of Arkansas, Minister to Portugal, and last, but not least, by Mr. Willis, of Kentucky, Minister to Hawaii.

This list does not take into account Patamout Blount, of Georgia, the crack-dust diplomatist, who represented Mr. Cleveland in Hawaii. Southern men take very readily to offices in the diplomatic service of the United States. During Mr. Cleveland's first term the American Minister to France was from Maryland, and these other diplomatic officers were divided among Southern States as follows: Ministers to Brazil, North Carolina; Japan, Texas, Mexico, Louisiana; Peru, Kentucky; Spain, Virginia, Bolivia, Louisiana; Switzerland, Kentucky; Venezuela, Alabama. Under Republican rule, the representatives of the Southern States did not fare so well, though they had a reasonable proportion of Ministers abroad. Under the Harrison administration the Minister to Argentina was from Louisiana; to Belgium from Texas; to Paraguay from Tennessee, and there were these two ever distinguished Southern representatives of the United States in foreign lands, Sempronius Boyd, of Missouri, Minister to Siam, and William Sapodilla Scruggs, of Georgia, American Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the free and sovereign Republic of Venezuela.

For retired Governors and United States Senator places in the diplomatic service have many charms. The pay is generous, the expenses are small, and the American Minister is welcome in every civilized country.

Senator Ransom has been for years closely identified with the politics of North Carolina. He was Attorney

General of the State in 1852, and he served in the Confederate army up to the surrender at Appomattox. He was elected United States Senator in September, 1872, and has been in the office for twenty-three years.

## Convention Proceedings.

The Three Forks Sunday School Convention met with Three Forks church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March 1895, and Rev. J. F. Davis preached the introductory sermon at 11.

Quite a number of Sunday Schools were represented by delegates and the reports of the last year's work were encouraging. Some of the schools had been forced into winter quarters by the unprecedented hard winter but announce their intention of resuming this spring with renewed energy.

The convention was organized by electing Rev. J. E. Davis, Moderator and J. C. Horton Secretary, and proceeded to discuss the subject announced for discussion in the published programme.

The discussion was throughout spirited and interesting, and showed that our people are becoming thoroughly aroused on the subject, thinking how to have more, longer and better Sunday schools.

The weather was very fine all the time and good crowds were present every day.

Revs. J. L. Sherwood, J. F. Davis and C. S. Farthing were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the next convention to convene on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1896.

On motion the Secretary was directed to send a report of this convention to the WATAUGA DEMOCRAT and the *Biblical Recorder* with request to publish the same.

On Sunday a large congregation listened to a very able and instructive sermon by Rev. Mr. Yarboro, and a very good collection was taken up for Brother Blalock, of Mitchell county, a missionary in China, who is supported by a few Baptist churches of this and adjoining counties.

J. F. DAVIS, Mod.  
J. C. HORTON, Sec.

If King Solomon was alive he would now say: "Go to the traveling man, learn his ways, and be wise." Mr. C. W. Battell, a Cincinnati traveling man representing the Queen City Printing Ink Co., after suffering intensely for two or three days with lameness of the shoulder, resulting from rheumatism, completely cured it with two applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This remedy is winning a wide reputation for its prompt cures of rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings, and lameness. 50 cent bottles are for sale by W. L. Bryan.

Our friend Marshall of the *Gastonia Gazette* is a hustler. He edits one of the best weeklies in the State and is Postmaster at Gastonia. His office has recently been made a presidential office and Mr. Marshall is in the swim. Well he is worthy and we are proud of his success.

## Pitched Into the Parson.

Special to the N. and O.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 8. — When the report of a speech made in a Methodist conference at Salem, Mass., by the Rev. Dr. Lansing, and a subsequent published interview with the same gentleman, accusing the President of intemperance was shown to the President last evening, he said with considerable wrath:

"This is simply an outrage. Though it is not the first time that a thing of this kind has been attempted, I cannot avoid a feeling of indignation that any man who makes any claim to decency, and especially one who assumes the role of a minister, should permit himself to become a disseminator of wholesale lies and calumnies, not less stupid than they are cruel and wicked.

"I easily recall other occasions when those more or less entitled to be called ministers of the gospel have been instrumental in putting into circulation the most scandalous falsehoods concerning my conduct and character. The elements and factors of the most approved outfit for placing a false and bare-faced accusation before the public appears to be: First, some one with baseness and motive sufficient to invent it; second, a minister with more gullibility and love of notoriety than piety, greedily willing to it and gabble it, and third, a newspaper anxiously willing to publish it.

"For the sake of the Christian religion I am thankful that these scandal-mongering ministers are few, and on every account I am glad that the American people love fair play and justice, and that in spite of all efforts to mislead them they are apt to form a correct estimate of the character and labors of their public servants."

The legislation of the Radicals was a stupendous blunder all through. If any good was done in any particular in any direction, it must have been without design. The entire performance from the ringing of the bell and the rolling up of the curtain to the last scene of legislative pantomime and make believe, when the curtain fell, was composed of harlequin tricks, political juggling, acrobatic acts, hypnotic devilry, somnambulistic art, and systematic raids upon the pockets of the people. No such specimens of charlatanism, legerdemain, saw-dust tumbling, personal and political debauchery have ever before been witnessed in any legislative arena by any company of tricksters and clowns. A company of sober idiots could have done better for they would have done nothing. There was just enough of stupidity and rascality in that Radical body to "play the devil generally," and to make them forever a most foul stench in the nostrils of honest people.—Wilmington Messenger.

Minister Ransom and his son, Robert, are now at the Capital of Mexico.

## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Senator D. B. Hill.

The Democratic party consists of a majority of the American people who believe in Democratic principles of government, who care little for offices and patronage, but desire honest administration and good government everywhere; who favor state rights; who believe in legislation to subserve the greatest good for the greatest number and not to advance the interest of a few at the expense of the many, who do not believe in governmental partnership with private interests, but believe in public taxation for public purposes only, and are opposed to the raising of any more revenues or the imposition of any more taxes than are actually needed for the legitimate purposes of the nation; who favor equal taxation; who desire the greatest liberty for the individual citizen-consistent with the public welfare; who are opposed to all unjust sumptuary laws which needlessly interfere with the habits and customs of the people; who are opposed to Federal election laws and force bills, to plutocracy and to class distinctions and to paternal government; who are in favor of money of intrinsic value, the money of our fathers, the coined money of our constitution, who desire to have legislation, national and State, framed upon consistent principles applicable to all political parties alike; who are opposed to summary removals of officials (except for just causes duly ascertained) before the expiration of their terms fixed by law.

News and Observer: The Supreme Court construed the law so that all credit was not destroyed, but it cannot remedy all the evil. Most of all, it cannot find the scoundrel who committed forgery. That work must be done by others.—Scatterfield and Brown must be put upon the stand. One of them, or one of their clerks, is the guilty party. The rumor that Baltimore firms paid the forger \$500 is the most reasonable explanation yet offered. The Governor is doing his duty like a man, and is going to have the forgery annulled if possible.

The decision of the Supreme Court will bring much relief and very great pleasure to the people. While it does not undo all the devilry it does lessen the width of the swath and gives relief to all but one class. But the suggestion of Atty. General Osborn should be acted upon—that some citizen bring an action before the Supreme court to ascertain if the act was valid—was duly passed or was the work of fraud or forgery. He suggests that Gov. Carr bring the action as a private citizen. In the meantime the rascals who consummated "the damnable conspiracy," as Grand Mogul of the Radical Combination, Pearson, calls it, are at large, are not pecking rock in the penitentiary. Messenger.

## READY FOR THE GALLOWS.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April.— Lee Harris, alias John Lindy in jail here for the Murder of Groceryman Please Merriwether about three weeks ago, has made a startling confession. He implicates Abe Mitchell and Stonewall Thomas, who are under arrest.

He says that he and his pals waylaid, murdered and robbed James Thornton, a groceryman on the road to Endsley, near here, in December last; shot Distiller William Barnes at North Birmingham; waylaid and robbed two ladies near the fair grounds; shot E. J. Daniels, a prominent farmer, near Eastlake; and waylaid and robbed Rev. Stiff, near North Birmingham, for which Henry Wiberly was convicted, and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary.

Harris is twenty-two years of age, and says he is ready for the gallows. While attempting to arrest a fourth one implicated, by the name of Webb, yesterday, Deputy Sheriff Cole had to shoot him mortally wounding him.

## NOT ELIGIBLE NOW.

The Greensboro Record says that not one of the new magistrates in Guilford has been sworn in. The editor of the Record interviewed W. P. Bynum, Solicitor of the Greensboro district, said a prominent Republican, and he says that while he has not read the act his understanding is that the *News and Observer's* account is correct—that the additional magistrates were required to qualify on or before April 1st, at which time they come into office.

In his opinion he is backed by Mr. A. E. Holton, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee. If these gentlemen are right there will be a lot of fun. It is the idea of a number of prominent men, however, that Governor Carr will not be eager to fill all these positions, preferring to save the State the expense, though the law may require that he do so.

Persons who sympathize with the afflicted will rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harrison street, Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went up into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another attack. "It came upon him again very acute and severe," he said: "My joints swelled and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease the pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both, I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swellings extant. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

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