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## To Impeach the Governor.

News and Observer.

It has often been asserted that Governor Russell is a man without a party, but not until this week has it been proved.

When he first went into office there was exceeding great joy among the Republicans. This lasted about three days.

Then the hungry horde of office-seekers began to murmur at the delay in turning out the Democrats. Three weeks went by and there was a feeling of disappointment spread over the land. When there was a change in officers some got the place or a board was created who would give it to him. In more than one instance members of a board who were found to be opposed to the Governor's candidate were asked to resign.

Then the howl of disappointment turned to a growling disgust and Republicans were about saying ugly things of the head of their party.

Sunday the storm burst. The crew mutinied and now they are threatening political death for the captain of their craft.

It began by a prominent Republican saying that if he had a chance he would vote to impeach Governor Russell. Then others took it up and repeat it on their own authority. Then others out of town wrote here saying they would be glad to see him brought to task by his own party, as it was the only way the Republican party could escape the responsibility for his administration.

Others wrote in much the same strain, but the remedy they propose is different. One man wants the Republican State executive committee called together at once, to declare officially that the Governor is not a Republican and that that party is in nowise responsible for his acts.

Amid all the clash there is not a Republican of any prominence, unless he be an office-holder to raise his voice in defense of the chief executive.

But Governor Russell is not the only person whose party cries out against him. Senator Butler is in the same boat and the mutinous crew, the Populist part of it, thirst for his blood. "Traitor, trader, trickster," they call him.

Even his faithful henchman, Otho Wilson turns at last and stings the heel that treads upon him. He holds the Sly Fox responsible for the letter of Governor Russell calling upon him and Maj. Wilson to show cause why they should not be turned out of office, and he is saying some things about his Senator that would not do to print.

He estimates, however, that some of them may be printed before long, and in his own paper. This would seem to indicate that the "Hayseeder" may soon again add somewhat to the gaiety of the situation.

"I've changed party once,

as a protest against rascality, corruption and underhand dealing," the Gideon added, "and it looks as if I'll have to do so again."

"Where will you go?" I asked. "Not to the Democratic party I can tell you—nor the Republican party, either."

There being none other than the Prohibition and Woman Suffrage parties left, I did not ask Mr. Wilson to at once make a choice between them.

Some one remarked that Otho would make a better Democrat than Prohibitionist.

The weather was hot here yesterday, but it was by no means the only warm thing in town.

## Col. Henderson on the Financial Question.

DEAR SIR: The volume of greenbacks must be increased according to the vote of increase in population of the United States of America.

At the surrender of the rebellion we had a population 34,000,000 people and to-day our population has swelled to the enormous number of 75,000,000 souls of the best and most patriotic people known to human history and we have less per capita circulation than we had at the surrender.

I myself, was a United States Officer for 4 years under that matchless and ever to be remembered General, U. S. Grant. During that time I was constantly brought in close proximity with the great masses of the people and I know their wants and can see their needs as well as any man in this domain. I know whereof I speak and I make this declaration without any fear of successful contradiction from any living man. All the silver that can be dug out of the mines of Colorado or other places should be immediately coined into legal tender silver dollars for the use of the people at the lawful ratio of 16 to 1, without the consent or aid of any other nation on the top side of God's green earth.

The greenbacks which was issued under the administration of the wise and patriotic and immortal Abe Lincoln is the very best money ever issued by any nation on this earth, or elsewhere, since the world began. It is the salvation of the laboring class, whose cause I have always championed and for whose interest I toil and write. It is the salt of all human industry and should be and must be maintained regardless of all else. As the population grows and increase just so should and must the volume of currency grow and increase, so that the wheels of industry may run without friction and without interruption. W. F. HENDERSON.

The Elkin Times says that while the threshers were at work at J. G. Rayn's, in Knob's township, Yadkin county, a few days ago, a spark from the engine started a fire which consumed about 30 bushels of wheat. The entire crop of several hundred bushels came near being burned.

## An Object Lesson of Value.

Yesterday two negro rapists were legally executed—one in Green county and one in Vance county. "The case of Dock Black in Green county," writes a lawyer friend at Kinston, "was as outrageous a case as that of Brodie in Vance, and in the face of the fact that the Legislature utterly ignored Governor Russell's recommendation for changes in the law to prevent lynching, so as to have speedy trials."

Our news columns tell of the legal execution of these two miserable fellows. Recently in Western North Carolina a negro who committed this crime was lynched by an indignant community. The people of Vance and Green were not less indignant, but in both counties the law was permitted to take its course. The Bumcombe negro had to give up his life as the penalty for his crime. The Greene and Vance negroes paid the same penalty. In a calm review, how much better it is to let the law execute than to trust the execution to outraged neighbors.

These two executions prove to us that, however it may be in Ohio and New York, the people of North Carolina will not see this crime go unpunished. The only excuse for lynching rapists has been the plea that the law's delay prevented speedy punishment. The execution yesterday shows that this excuse does not exist in North Carolina.

Let us protect the women of our State at all hazards, but let us remember that they are best protected when their assailants are legally executed. Such penalties inspire respect for law as well as show to bad men the sure result of their crimes.—News and Observer.

It seems that poor, war-ridden Cuba is yet to be free. The struggling patriots are determined and sanguine and each day add victories to their accumulating bright and chivalrous achievements. The Cubans easily demonstrate their superiority in both arms and humanity and are richly meriting the glorious success that is crowning their efforts.

This blighted and unhappy island is doubtless destined to become almost a paradise in the very near future. Instead of the clash of arms, will be heard the noise of machinery; instead of the wail of helpless women and children; will be heard the gladsome notes of peace and freedom.

Cuba with its rich and unlimited resource will spring up like magic. Its depleted and devastated fields will wave again in their verdure; and its noble, sacrificing patriots will cast off the gloom of their wrecked fortunes and march on to wealth, prosperity and happiness.

Cuba's cause is just; God knows it, and He will provide for her that unalienable and divine right, her sons are so manfully and heroically fighting to obtain.—Wilmington Dispatch.

## True to Principles.

There is no backward step anywhere. The honest Pennsylvania democrats "heartily reaffirm and reiterate the principles of the democratic party expressed in the platform adopted by the national convention at Chicago in 1796 and approved by 6,500,000 free and independent voters" and congratulates William J. Bryan "the glorious champion of a righteous cause," for his masterly leadership in support of democratic principles.

This is the reply democrats everywhere will make to those foolish bolters who think, because of bad crops in Europe which afford a temporary good price for wheat, the men who believe in bimetalism will repudiate their convictions. The gold standard has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. It has given us seven years and more of hardship and want. One good crop will not restore the destruction it has wrought.

The most significant action of the convention was the turning down of W. F. Harry who was national chairman in 1892, after a warm contest. Mr. Harry has been a popular leader, but did not stand true in 1896, and his own people repudiate him.

The "silver craze" is not dead yet, and the Chicago platform stands as the new declaration of independence. Both are stronger than before Hanna's trust money bought the last election. The democratic party invites the assistance of patriots to carry out the creed of the party as expressed in the Chicago platform. It will win in nine hundred unless the people prefer to remain vassals of the money kings, tariff barons and trusts.—News and Observer.

Dishonest Tax Returns.

If the readers of the 'Topic' will go into the office of the Register of Deeds and look over the tax books for the different townships, they will be amazed at some of the valuations put upon stock. Looking over one of those books the other day, we found that one man had returned a number of cattle—several of them milk cows—at one dollar a head. Now, there isn't a man in Caldwell county that doesn't know that it would be impossible to find that number in the county, of the worst that could be found, of so little value. The same man is said to have several hundred dollars worth of solvent credits; yet he listed less than \$50.

As these lists are all sworn to, what must be the character of a man who will make such returns? And is it possible that there is no remedy for such fraud and injustice? It seems to us that such glaring disregard for the truth is a proper matter for the next grand jury to examine into, and see if there is not some way to be found to punish the offender.—Topic.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

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## The School Supervisors.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. H. Mebane, issued the following to the county supervisors:

"I wish to call the attention of you and your county board of education to section 2555 of the school law of 1897. I find that the printer omitted a very important part of this section, as follows: 'No order given by a school committee of any district (township) for maps, charts, globes, or other school apparatus, shall be valid unless the same be endorsed by the chairman of the board of commissioners (which now means chairman county board of education) and approved by the county board of education.' I call upon you in the name of the children in your county to put a stop to the squandering of the school fund, if it has been in your county. Beware of vouchers that are presented to you for school supplies. These words 'school supplies' on some of these vouchers I have seen simply mean \$37.50 for a school chart. Now, can you expect for people to be willing to pay taxes to support public schools when the money is squandered in this way? If I lived in a county where I had to pay taxes to be wasted in this way, when the election came to vote on school taxes, I would take the stamp and confess the county against schools, until we could find men that had sense enough to know how to spend the money."

The Tax Law.

Judge Starbuck, by request, gave his opinion concerning the tax law passed by the last Legislature, in his charge to the grand jury. We gathered from his explanation the following points, which we believe to be correct solution:

1st. All taxes become due the first Monday in September.

2nd. The sheriff is required to be in his office in Wilkesboro during the month of September for the purpose of receiving taxes.

3rd. During the month of October the sheriff must spend one day at least at some stated place in each township, after giving 15 days notice, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

4th. After the first day of November the sheriff can levy upon property for taxes.

5th. All persons who fail to pay their taxes on or before the first day of November, are liable to indictment, and it is the duty of the sheriff to report all such delinquents to the judge at the next term of the court, the judge must report to the solicitor, the solicitor to the grand jury, and the grand jury must present bills, and if found guilty such delinquents are liable to a fine of \$500 and imprisonment.

From this explanation it will be seen, that if any one fails to pay his or her taxes by the 1st of November, he or she will be indicted for misdemeanor under the new law. It would be well to remember this.—Chronicle.

Mr. James Ferrell, of Burnt House W. Va., has discarded all other diarrhoea medicines and now handles only Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. He has used it in his family and sold it to his customers for years, and has no hesitation in saying that it is the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea, he has ever known. It not only given relief, but effects a permanent cure. It is also pleasant and safe to take, making it an ideal remedy for bowel complaints. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

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