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"The orders were to let no insurgent live, and off would go the whole side of his head, for he would fall with a wound through his abdomen large enough to drop a potato through," are the closing words of an account of an engagement written by a volunteer from the Philippines. The pity of it; that our men are in a position that requires such orders and such butchery. Why are they there. There is no reason in patriotism or justice why the country should shoot unoffending Filipinos. It is a scheme of McKinley that is prompted by war's glory or by politics—or both.—News and Observer.

Ex-Treasurer J. B. Byers, of Cleveland county, suicided at his home near Shelby on last Wednesday. Mr. Byers was a good man and a popular officer.

Half Sick Half Well

Many persons have their good day and their bad day. Others are about half sick all the time. They have headache, backache, and are restless and nervous. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and scaly and disfigured with pimples or eruptions; sleep brings no rest and work is a burden.

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Booker T. Washington's Advice.
Charlotte Observer.

Booker T. Washington, the negro orator, educator and student of sociological conditions, gives his people in N. C. some good advice. A letter from him is attracting attention far and wide. It is written from Tuskegee, Alabama, to "a prominent colored man in North Carolina," who asked "what should be done to allay the present conflict between the races." referring especially to this State, Prof. Washington said:

"I have been asking myself lately some rather serious questions, and I want to put one or two of them to you. Is there any reason why the negroes in the South should continue to oppress the Southern white man and his politics? Is not this the source of nearly all our troubles? Unconsciously we seem to have gotten the idea into our blood and bones that we are only acting in a manly way when we oppose Southern white men with our votes.

"In some way, by some method, we must bring the race to the point where it will cease to feel that the only way for it to succeed is to oppose everything suggested or put forth by the Southern white men.

"This I consider one of our real problems. I believe that there are thousands of white Democrats in North Carolina who are 50 per cent better friends to the negro than Governor Russell, and I see no necessity in continuing to follow Governor Russell, who has no power to protect, or, if he has the power, does not exercise it, rather than these other white men, who can protect us if we cease to continually and forever oppose them."

This is good advice, but it will not be needed. The Southern white man and the Southern white woman have been just as kindly disposed to the negro race since the emancipation of the race as during the slavery regime. The Southern Democrats have given the negroes employment, paid them wages, gone his bail when he got into court, been solicitous as to his temporal and spiritual welfare, but when it came to politics the negro was on the other side. The race has always voted the Republican ticket en masse. The negro has paid the debt of gratitude he owed that party for his freedom. He has been used by it as a cat paw to pull political chestnuts from the ashes. In the South the negro has done the voting and the white Republican—rare as is comparative life speaking—has held the office. We are making no complaint of this. We are making no effort to change the state of affairs. We are simply stating the conditions. And thus it will always be, until the race as a whole, for whom Booker Washington is so admirably and strenuously laboring, catches up with him and he is at least two centuries in the lead.

A DELIVERANCE ON MORMONISM

At the meeting of Concord Presbytery in Concord Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. W. R. McLeland and Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., who were appointed a committee to frame resolutions on Mormonism, reported the following which will be read in all the churches:

"The committee appointed to consider and report on certain papers referred to them upon the subject of Mormonism, respectfully report that quite a number of subjects are embraced in these papers, especially,

"First. That Mormonism teaches that polygamy or celestial marriage is a doctrine of their society and that it is the duty of good Mormons to 'live their religion,' (that is practice plural marriage); that such marriages have been contracted since the admission of Utah into the Union, contrary to their covenant as a condition of their statehood, and especially that Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts is an avowed practical polygamist, and that he was elected for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the United States laws on the subject.

"Second. It is further stated that the Mormon Church has now about 2,000 missionaries in many States of the Union endeavoring to make converts to their soul destroying system.

"These papers make a request that petitions be prepared and presented to our respective Congressmen, asking them to co-operate in expelling the Mormon polygamist from the United States Congress and to take the necessary steps for the disfranchisement of all polygamists in respect to all matters concerning the Federal government.

"These matters, your committee think, are of very grave importance and deserve our serious and careful attention. Your committee are aware that Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs, which concern the Commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary; at the same time it is the duty of Presbyteries to condemn erroneous opinions, which injure the purity or peace of the Church and to ordain whatsoever pertains to the spiritual welfare of the churches under their care. In view of these facts:

"First. The Presbytery would solemnly enjoin upon its ministers to instruct the people concerning the dangerous attitude of the Mormon combination against the sacred rights of the family, and especially against the God given rights of woman.

"Second. We would respectfully urge all of our people to inform themselves and their families concerning the object of these so called elders, who creep into houses, diffuse error and pervert the minds of our people from the truth of

the Gospel.

"Third. That our citizens be urged to remember that it is not only their privilege, but their solemn duty, by their votes, and by advice and petition, to guard the liberty of our people against the encroachment of evil-disposed persons and combinations who would sap the very foundations of morality and destroy the purity of the family.

"Fourth. That the emergency before us now is one of those extraordinary civil affairs, which not only justify the interference of our religious people but imperatively demands that they should express their wishes to their representatives in the next Congress of the United States.

"Fifth. That we recommend that our people prayerfully consider the dangers that threaten the very foundation of society, and that they circulate petitions and secure signatures thereto against Mormon aggressiveness, in order that our Representatives in Congress may be constrained to take such action as will be effective in guarding the rights of the family and in fostering and protecting public morality."

How to Kill a Town.

Just let your subscription go. It's only a small sum—the publisher doesn't need it. If he asks for it get as hopping mad as you can and tell him to stop the paper—you never read it anyhow. Go home and borrow your neighbor's. When the advertising or job man comes tell him you don't need to advertise—everybody knows you; that you will try to get along with out printed stationery—it's too expensive; that business is slack and you must economize. Never drop in to see the editor unless you want a complimentary notice or a lengthy obituary for a beloved relative. Never recommend the paper to anybody; when you speak of it say, "Yes, we have a little sheet, but it don't amount to much." Keep it up a year or two and you will have a dead newspaper, a dead set of merchants, and a dead town.

A Watermelon Philanthropist.

A philanthropic gentleman of Dublin, Ga., has just made an announcement which will doubtless call down on him the blessings of the colored people of that vicinity at least. His hobby seems to be cheap watermelons, to take the place of the fruit and blackberry crops destroyed by the many freezes of the past winter. He says he has twenty acres of good land near the town that he will donate to any industrious person or persons who will cultivate it in melons; that he will furnish the land the necessary fertilizers and mule and plow free of cost to the cultivator, under the single consideration or condition that he will keep the market supplied with fine melons at 1 cent apiece. He wants everybody to have an abundance of good, cheap Melons.—Baltimore Sun.

The Citizen says that 19 persons, 14 of them adults and recent converts to the Catholic faith, were confirmed by Bishop Haid in the Catholic church at Asheville Sunday 9th.

The Wilkes Bond Case.
Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The expected came to pass at Greensboro last week. Judge Purnell, in the bond case, announced his made-up opinion in favor of the bond holders and against the people of the county. He made the temporary restraining order permanent and decided the bonds valid, just as Railroad Attorney Price stated a month ago, would be done. Kerr Craig, of Salisbury, was appointed receiver of the railroad monies. An appeal was taken to the U. S. Court of Appeals at Richmond. From there it will go to the United States Supreme Court again. Charles Price represented the railroad and bondholders, and Judge Avery and T. B. Finley represented the people.

We understand that our friend Thos. B. Finley made the speech of his life. He eloquently defied the people of Wilkes from the gratuitous and wholesale charge of "repudiation and dishonesty." He clearly showed by facts that if there was "repudiation" in the matter, the railroad was the "repudiator" in that it had repudiated its contract to give the county \$100,000 worth of stock for \$100,000 of subscription. This contract on the part of the railroad has never been complied with; the county has no stock whatever. Mr. Finley's speech was a good one.

The case was very warmly fought, and was rather lively. The answer filed by the county authorities contained some reference to Ex-Sheriff Call's collusion with the railroad in the matter. At the last moment, Mr. Call through his attorney Mr. Barber, put in an answer against the county and charged fraud, collusion and so forth on the part of the commissioners and others of the county, stating that the commissioners wished to squander railroad monies on hand so as to defraud the railroad. Mr. L. C. Jennings, county commissioner, who was present, filed an answer to Mr. Call's charges, denying them very vigorously. Mr. Call's answer was not filed with the regular papers in the case but was laid on the Judges' desk and sprung in the case without the knowledge of the county representatives. It made things lively for a while.

Charlotte Observer: A year ago last Monday Consul General Lee left for Cuba. On the day following President McKinley asked authority to intervene in Cuba. Congress passed the intervention resolution on April 19. On the 20th the ultimatum was sent to Spain; 21st, Spain sent passports to Minister Woodford, 22nd, proclamation of Cuban blockade; first prize captured by the Nashville; 23rd, the President called for 125,000 volunteers; 24th, state of war declared to have existed since the 21st; 27th, Admiral Sampson bombarded Mantanzas.

Evangelist W. P. Fife is reported to be seriously ill at Eldorado, Ark. where he went recently to conduct a meeting. Mrs. Fife left Thomasville a few nights ago for the

A REBUKE.

John Haynes was famous for his pithy sayings. At one time he overheard his daughter and some young friends criticising certain neighbors more severely than was pleasing to him, whereupon he proceeded to read them a lecture on the sinfulness of scandal.

"But, father," remonstrated his daughter, "we must say something."

"If you can do nothing better," retorted Mr. Haynes dryly, "get a pumpkin and roll it about. That will be at least innocent diversion."

Not long afterwards a conference of ministers met at his house. During the evening an earnest discussion on certain points of doctrine arose, and from the lofty pitch of some of the voices it seemed as though some of the disputants at least were in danger of losing their temper. At that juncture Mr. Hayne's daughter quietly entered the room, bearing a large pumpkin. She put it down in front of her father and said: "There father, roll it about, roll it about." Mr. Haynes was called upon for an explanation and good humor was restored.

About ten million feet of Maine birchwood will be sent to England and Scotland this year for spools. The wood is cut in small logs in winter, sawed at mills near the forest in spring and piled up for seasoning until warm weather, about the middle of June. Then the bars are bundled and sent to Bangor by rail, where they are loaded generally into steamships for the European market. This has been one of the most important industries in Northern and Eastern Maine, and its expected revival is welcomed by all classes from woods laborers to shipping merchants. In the fruitbox trade also a revival is expected this year. There are now bound to Maine ports, with cargoes of salt from Sicily, five Italian barks, and probably all these will get early cargoes of fruit boxes in Bangor for Italian ports.—Exchange.

Practical Philanthropy.

San Francisco Wave.

A young Philadelphian went to a millionaire friend and asked pecuniary aid to start him in business. "Do you drink?" asked the millionaire. "Once in a while." Stop it! Stop it! Stop it for a year and then come and see me." The young man broke off the habit at once, and at the end of the year came to see the millionaire again. "Do you smoke?" asked the successful man. "Now and then." "Stop it! Stop it for a year, then come and see me again." The young man stopped smoking but he did not go back again. "He'd have told me," he said "that now that I have stopped drinking and smoking I must have saved enough to start myself in business, and I have."

Miss Helen Gould has received an album containing the autographs of more than 4,000 sailors and soldiers in the regular and volunteer branches of the service in recognition of her services to