

Watauga Democrat.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
THURSDAY, Feb. 21, 1901.

On last Saturday a bill passed its second reading in the State Senate prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or material for making them to boys under 21 years of age. The bill provides that the father, or if he be dead, the mother, guardian, or employee of any minor to whom a sale or gift is made in violation of this act shall have a right of action in the courts against the person so offending, and shall recover from such party or parties so offending such damages as a jury may assess, provided that such assessment may not be less than \$25.00, and that each dealer in cigarettes shall pay a tax of \$20.00 annually to go into the school fund. This is perhaps a bill of much importance as any one that has, or will, come before that body, as, in our opinion, those obnoxious little "smokers" are doing more harm to the youths of the State than any other evil, and we trust the bill will pass its final reading.

Our Henderson has introduced a bill in the Legislature to change the line between Watauga and Mitchell so as to give us a little more territory. Is that it? Not altogether. It will add more republican strength to ticket in Watauga. We have been in favor of changing the county line for some time, but we wanted to give Mitchell some of Watauga, down to, and including the farm of our Representative on the Watauga River, and let that county keep him in the General Assembly continuously. This would suit us best, but we are content any way.

The vote on the impeachment of the Supreme Court Judges was laid over from Thursday of last week until Monday of this, and we had hoped to be able to give the result, but owing to the fact that our papers are some thing like a week behind, we are unable so to do. A poll of the House on last Saturday, says the News and Observer, showed the following result. For impeachment 65; against impeachment 24; paired, 14, absent 7, and it was believed this would be practically the vote when taken on Monday.

Germany spends \$194,000,000 in round numbers annually for her army and navy; England is spending \$238,000,000 for her present war; Russia spends an even \$200,000,000 a year, but the United States appropriates this year \$253,000,000 for a naval and military establishment far smaller than that of any of these countries. Explanations would certainly seem to be in order.

In view of the snarled condition of affairs in the Senate, it seems most probable that there will be an extra session, the blame for this being attempted to be thrown on the democrats for their opposition to the subsidy bill, instead of being assumed by the republicans for their efforts to cram that distasteful measure down the throat of the country.

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The Dog Tax.
Editor Democrat:
As Mr. John McBride has kindly mentioned my name in connection with others, relative to the dog law, I can heartily respond as I have for years given it some thought.

Making a rough estimate from the population there are at least 100,000 dogs in the State of North Carolina. These dogs will eat eight bushels of corn, or its equivalent, each year, making the enormous sum of 800,000 bushels. At 50 cents per bushel there would be added to the wealth of the State annually \$400,000 if the dogs were all destroyed, provided they brought their owners no gain. Well it is true the boys catch a little game and a few 'possums hides, but all this does not pay for one half of their time.

A few well trained dogs in the country may be useful to chase the foxes and wild cats, but unfortunately for the owners, those who are the least able to keep dogs generally have the most. The owners of good dogs can well afford to pay for the privilege of keeping them.

It may be argued that it is nobody's business how many dogs a man keeps or at what expense to him. This is in a sense true, but if the dogs are an expense to some one else besides the owners, then it becomes the business of others. The fact that dogs do commit depredations on flocks of sheep has been proven, besides other nocturnal visits to spring houses, etc.

Now, I think Mr. McBride's suggestion a very good one. It or something a little more mild, should, in my humble judgment, become a law.

In reckoning the cost of keeping dogs I have said nothing about the value of the sheep destroyed by them each year. I will leave that to others to make the figures. I am aware that this is a very unpopular subject with some, but as farmers, citizens and stock raisers, let us reason together, for what is good for one is good for all.

J. J. T. REESE.
Reese, N. C.

By the way, if the fact that there will be no negroes in the next Congress is so sad, why does not President McKinley even things up by inviting one of that race to enter his Cabinet? This would be a deserved tribute to the class of voters who made his election sure.

The republicans have reported a bill to the House "to maintain the parity" by making silver dollars redeemable in gold. Yet every man jack of them knows that there is no surer way than this to destroy the parity.

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The arguments on the divorce bill are consuming much time in the Senate.

Although there are 36,000 pension claims for the Spanish and Philippine wars now on file, more are coming in all the time, while Congress has more than 3,000 special bills under consideration.

In the Dog Tax Constitutional.
Editor Democrat:
As the dog tax is being pretty generally discussed, I wish to have my say on that subject.

I am not opposed to some stringent method of trying to stop the invasion of worthless dogs in the State, but it does seem to me that it would be antagonistic to the State Constitution, for they are not recognized in the Constitution as personal property; for it provides an ad valorem system of taxation and that dogs would have to be recognized by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina as being worth \$1.33%, to impose a tax of one dollar on each dog, for it says the General Assembly shall levy a capitation tax on every male inhabitant in the state over twenty-one and under forty-five years of age, which is to be equal to the tax on property valued at three hundred dollars, and I say it would be in direct conflict with the laws and Constitution of North Carolina.

And again, when the sheriff goes on his round collecting taxes, and demands a tax of one dollar on dogs how would he collect the tax if the owner refused to pay it. I guess the Sheriff would have a big patch of fun when he goes to levy on the poor man's dog, for I am sure the Sheriff would have him to kill. In my opinion it would be one of the worst mistakes the Legislature ever made to place that law on the statute books, for it would give the Sheriff the biggest job of dog killing the people ever heard of, and it would create one of the finest over-productions of dog hides and shoe strings that the State of North Carolina ever witnessed before.

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C. J. COTRELL, Administrator.
Cam Testamento Anexo.
E. F. Lovill, Atty.

1901 1901, 1901.

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