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SUCH A QUIETNESS!

Red ink and poster type.

Suppose the ring wins, what then?

Admission by invitation worked well in Raleigh.

So "Brother Frank" has also been pulled into the limelight.

No, gentle reader, Governor Kitchin is not a ringer; he is merely a Combiner.

It seems that some of Greensboro's adherents are already fleeing from the coming storm.

But then it was a meeting of only one branch—confined to those who were the Daniels-Bailey collar.

We would like for the News and Observer to tell us what is the difference between a combine and a ring.

Has Judge Winston decided yet whether to insurge with Joe and Bill, or to stand pat with Armistead and Buck?

Not that we think anything can save you from the wrath to come—but you may at least end your official days in peace.

Gentlemen of the board of aldermen, we congratulate you—now hold another caucus and decide to quit this monkey business.

If Charlotte is wise, there will be a policeman seated at each end of the Wake delegation to the next Democratic state convention.

The people of Hahigh and the state generally are to be congratulated. Only the News and Observer's first page does not reek with profanity.

In the interest of general enlightenment we would like to be told, from an authoritative source, who is the Fifth District's combine candidate for Congress this year.

Safe. All right from Adam to Joseph is a safe bet, but we think we may say that the only man who knows the taste of blood is the fact, began early as a boy.

Safe. Conscience is only claiming the earth and a part of woman. But it's better to be safe when necessary. At least, Ampleforth's conscience is satisfied with making some such statement.

And it's purely patriotic, too—to think of what is the whole length Daniels' dream with respect to Hahigh. Don't want to go on to the state, do Judge Winston, please, to the state's benefit?

The pain of being told that the worst Democratic politician was better than the best Republican politician would be considerably lessened if some one would add that he himself is not a politician.

See all the attention you please to Kitchin's appointments and keep your eyes on Daniels' printing fight, but if you are wise you will not forget that there is a person as F. M. Simmons who is participating in the game, albeit rather quiet and unobtrusive just at present.

If Joseph William Bailey will go throughout the north and breadth of North Carolina expounding every Democratic county ring he will deserve the heartfelt thanks of all loyal North Carolinians. We cannot believe that his fight in Wake county has taken all of the enthusiasm out of him so that he is ignorant of the fact that other counties are in equal need of his services.

DO SOMETHING.

The ring seems to be prevalent to a surprising degree among a good many that the sum total of a man's obligation to his God and his country consists in not breaking the laws divine and human.

It may be that this is the right view to take of the matter, but we are unable to see it that way. If the books of the recording angel were temporarily turned over to us we would feel much more like giving a clear bill of health to the man who had a number of debit entries on his account but offset these entries by more and larger credit entries than to the man whose only claim was that he had kept his ledger account free—more or less of debit entries, but had left the credit side to take care of itself.

To our mind one of the finest pieces of sarcasm ever uttered by the late Sam Jones was when he said that a certain individual was "a very good man, a most excellent man; he has never done anyone any harm—and very few persons any good."

Heaven deliver us from such a man. He may have his uses in the general scheme of creation, but they are as yet undiscovered. He may be what is sometimes called a success from a selfish, thinking-in-dollars standpoint. He may possess riches or wear honors that he has bought or slaved for. But who cares whether he succeeds or fails? Who cares whether he lives or dies? What difference does it make to the human family as a family whether his place is vacant or occupied? The only useful place he occupies is in the census returns.

Not one of us is perfect, not one who is candid will say he thinks he is perfect; not one who is sane ever expects to be perfect. But we all are or should be shaping our course with perfection as a guide, a sort of north star which we never expect to reach, but which will for all that keep our course in the right general direction.

This is not a sermon, and of a man's duty to his God we will not attempt to speak. We are dealing with that other relation, which is, however, so interwoven with the first that they cannot be separated, a man's relation to his fellow men as a man, and a man's relation to his country and his state as citizen of that country and that state.

No one with a spark of manhood likes to feel that he is under obligation to another without attempting to repay that obligation at any time that opportunity offers. But it is equally true that we are not free to choose between living by, for and of ourselves alone or to give and take with those around us. We must rely largely for our prosperity and our happiness upon others, and if we do not do our part of the work for the general good we are shirkers of the worst kind.

The world is often said to be heartless and selfish and cruel and cold, and so it is towards men who are heartless, selfish, cruel and cold towards it. On the other hand, the world is always ready to forgive the faults of the man who does things, who is broad, sympathetic, human; who takes an active interest in all matters that concern the welfare of the world; who does not stand aloof, intent only on avoiding the grasp of the law or the condemnation of his neighbors, but becomes an active force and accomplishes something by continual doing.

Such a man may make mistakes, it is almost certain that he will make mistakes, lots of them. He may at times be led by unworthy motives. He may show to all the frailty, more unlovely side of his character, but just as the world is on the point of condemning him he does something else, and this time it is something that the world cannot but approve and the world straightway gives him another chance, if it does nothing more.

The world is not in especial need of men who never make mistakes or of men who spend all their time trying to avoid mistakes. It needs men who do things, who are active, awake, alive. Let them make mistakes, what of it? So long as they are not little or mean or sneaking their mistakes or if for little when swallowed up by brave, noble deeds that are not mistakes, but make for the world's advancement.

We are neither moralizing nor preaching. We are simply saying that a man is like a wheel—let it remain stationary and it at once drops unless supported, but take that same wheel and send it spinning forward and it needs no support, but remains true and upright. Do the best you can, avoid mistakes if you can, but leave and strong if you can. But, above all else, do something.

See the Charlotte Observer.

The esteemed Greensboro News commiserates a challenge on account of the passage of the limelight temporarily abstracted in connection with the Wake county news. On the contrary, this town finds it really a relief to be in the dark for some moments after such a long engagement as hill topper.

"Wake county news" is a phrase for which we thank our contemporaries as being neat, fitting and appropriate.

We may add that as that is the way the observer looks at the Raleigh matter, we are not surprised that Charlotte is not envious of Raleigh's notoriety.

Pro King as a letter writer was not a howling success at least, we believe that statement up to date is true.

"THE WAY TO TREAT LIARS."

The above caption we quote from Joseph's "Old Reliable," and the following is a faithful reproduction of the editorial effusion that followed.

Thus saith and quoteth Josephus: It is exactly thirty years since the strenuous life of a newspaper worker in North Carolina. He has taken an earnest part in many public contests and in these thirty years has run counter to the opinion of not a few people. When he was younger, he thought he ought to defend himself from all charges made by men who were on the opposite side of a controversy. Hence, he lost much time from the work in hand answering misrepresentations, some of which were made to beg the public question at issue.

In these thirty years he has been a disciple of Thomas Jefferson, and when in doubt as to any public question or action has sought to find the "thus saith Jefferson" to settle the question for him. Writing to James Monroe in 1800, the year he was elected to the Presidency, Mr. Jefferson said:

"It has been so impossible to contradict all their lies, that I have determined to contradict none; for while I should be engaged with one, they would publish new ones. Thirty years of publishing life have enabled most of those who read newspapers to judge of one for themselves."

Eight years later, as he was retiring from the Presidency, Mr. Jefferson wrote to William A. Burwell: "From the moment I was proposed for my present office, the volumes of calumny and falsehood issued to the public rendered impracticable every idea of going into the work of finding and proving I determined, therefore, to go straightforward in what was right, and to treat my character with my countrymen not on depositions or affidavits, but on what they should themselves witness, the course of my life. I have no reason to be dissatisfied with the confidence reposed in the public; on the contrary, great encouragement to persevere in it to the end."

Evidently someone has stepped on the tail of Josephus' coat. He seems to have worked up courage enough to use the word "liars" in the abstract, yet fails to specify. In other words, he tells us of his life and habits and then falls back on what Jefferson said.

In the main we agree with Josephus—his logic is all right, and the deductions he draws from silent communion with Jefferson are all right, too.

But think of it, men, Joadaniels inferentially placing himself by the side of Thomas Jefferson!

Can anyone imagine Jefferson hiding behind a petticoat to escape physical punishment? Can anyone imagine Jefferson resorting to common demagoguery and cheap political trickery? Can anyone see the slightest resemblance between the great Jefferson and his self-confessed disciple?

Jefferson was first and last a man—a man who never failed to play the game of life according to the rules; nor would Jefferson ever attempt to perpetuate a cheap lie on the people by writing such rot as Joadaniels "From Adam down to the present generation" letter.

The great man had his faults; if common report is to be believed he was somewhat of a gay blade, but so far as the record goes, personal cowardice, deceit and political depravity are missing from the list.

When Joadaniels next attempts a thesis on the treatment of liars we advise him to take a serious inventory of Josephus.

STAND UP TO THE RACK.

We are in the field to uphold the principles of the Republican party first and all the time; we propose to fight squarely and honestly; we shall play no favorites in the game, and it shall be our constant aim to avoid sensationalism.

But—we were notice here and now that any attack on the Republican party, coming from whatever source, is an attack on us, and whether you like it or not, it shall be our endeavor to force you to stand up to the rack, and if you have one iota of the red blood of manhood in you, gentlemen of the opposition press, you'll play the game according to the rules.

Of course, we do not, nor does anyone else, for that matter, expect such a character as Joadaniels, of the News and Observer, to play fair at any time.

No doubt nature did what she could for him, but neither nature, nor the powers that be, can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

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DEMOCRATIC COMMENT.

Thus speaketh the Morning Herald: While the efforts may hunt the men, they usually pick out politicians.

It is a pretty sorry lot of politicians in Wake county to hear either side tell it.

Both sides to the Wake county mud-dle are not falling to say just what they think about it.

Certainly Mr. Brown started out after Mr. Rogers' job, but then that was the only one in sight.

The politicians in Wake have so far outdistanced our candidates that they seem to be ashamed to take hold of it.

If they want to see how quick it would be gobbled up they should offer that Statesville postoffice to a Democrat.

Those Wake county Democrats who really have the best interests of the party at heart should stay in and stop it.

It is hard to understand a Republican turning an office down after all the fuss the Democrats have made over the few at their disposal.

The Greensboro News really does not see how the above timely jabs, gibes and thrusts could be improved on. Evidently, very evidently, the Herald is not in Joadaniels' class of "ma, too's."

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