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THE BLAIR BILL.
IT WILL PASS THE HGUBE.
How the North Carolina Members stand.-Views of Messrs. Hew W Ashing iton, Jan 19.-The Blair bill is beginning to excite attention here. The Southern members of
Congress, especially, are interested Congress, especially, are interested,
and seem disposed to favor the measand seem disposed to tavor the meas
ure without regard to the constitu-
tional doubts scme think involved in the meassure. I have taken some pains to ascertain two facts-the
probable fate of the bill and the opinion of the Vorth Oarolina dele gation as to the prospect of its pas-
sage,

1. The bill is likely to be reported favorably. It may be reported witt
slight amendments. It reported, I will pass
House.
2. The North Carolina members are

in favor as a whole to the bill, some best that as being satisfied it is the give the reasons of those who do not | feel |
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tion. The General Assembly, by nearly a two-third vote, has instructed the
Senators and requested the Representatives to vote for the measure which passed the Senate in the last
Congress. This is regarded in lat Congress. This is regarded, in con-
nection with the voice of the people, expressed through other channels, as
resolving all except the most serious doubt of power. If the bill shall be amended so as to make it even slightly more palatable, these doubts wil
be entirely resolved. AsI havesaid I have good authority for stating th position of the delogation to be in
favor of the bill. Mr. Johnston perhaps expressed tbe Southern idee when he said this morning, "I would
give the people the benffit of every give the people the bencfit of every
doubt, if there be a doubt. Seventy seven million of dollars with which to build up our schools, educate and to buil up our schools, educate and the nation" "and through all this im-
prove the whole condition of our peo prove the whole condition of our peo
ple, cannot be rejected on fine-spun ple, cannot be
distinctions."
Mr. Henderson said: "I made my the issue, and I have sean nothing to
change my opinion. I change my opinion. I do not regara
the matter as involving doubt at all the matter as involving doubt at all.
As an original proposition, to levy taxes or for the support of schools, I
would oppose it as unconstitutional But the money has been collected under the regular constitutional powers of the Government, and un-
der the precedents, especially that ot der the precedents, especially that
37, in the dietribution of the surplus to the States, it can be appropriated tor any purpose. Cortainly Calhoun, Jackson and others are good author-
ties. They were strict constitation ities. They were strict constitutioniste, as I am. The right seems per-
fectly clear to my mind, eveu with out precedents."
Mr. Henderson was of the opinion
that the truetee clause of the Utah bill, wes unconstitutional, and did not see how he could vote for it on the
account. "What right," he asked account, What right," he asked,
"has the General Government to
take charge of the church property" take charge of the church property"
He pointed out two States, Massa chusetts and Connecticut, had laws nee which blended church and
tate. But the Federal Government Mr. Henderson'states in regard
these bills that they are not unifiend

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Cot Green introduced two measUres of prime importance. One was
his joint resolution of the lat his joint resolution of the last esesion
which then lacked only one vote on passing the House, a measure tote pro passing the House, a measure to pre
vent the adulteration of food and drags and preserve the health and
modey of the people. It recites the modey of the people. It recites the
fact of various swindling manufactuc of various swindling manufac
tures made in this country, or im ported, and provides for an exper jointly by the Secretary of the Treas ary and the Surgeons Goneral of the army and navy. They areto receive
a salary of three thousand dollars d salary of three thousand dollars ach, and are to have a competent
coerk at two thousand dollare salary per annum. The penalyy for vialat.
ing the terins of the law are not tol ing the terins of the law are not too
severe for such offences. Each violation is punishable by a fine of from
$\$ 100$ to $\$ 300$, or from three to six months imprisonment, or both, at
the discretion of the Court, before which it is cognizable The other measure is levelled at
oleomargarine, and requires all man oleomargarine, and requires all man
ufactures of the article by manufac turer, vender or purchaser, if for
use on table, or at places of public entertainment to be labelled "oleo
margarine." A penalty of not less than $\$ 25$ nor more than $\$ 50$ for each violation is provided. Both these
measures are rendered constitutional by confining their scope to the Dis-
trict of Columbia, the Territories and arsenal and navy yards of the gov-
Col. Green is regarded by many of which are intended to promote country hich are intended to promote ran-
itation by punishing frud in food
dan medicines, as the leader in form ulating and pushing legislation looking to that end. Great numbers of his speech in the House two years ago on the subject have been circu Other bome of these societies.
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eombers ; by Gen. Cox, to retire army ficers in by certain Coas, to retire army
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oast of North Carolina. I think Mr. astion North Carolina. It think Mr
Ikinner introduced this bill. Gen. Coz has appointed B. T. Mr.
Womack clerk of his committee, tho Womack clerk of his committee, that
of Civil Sorvice Reform. Judge Bennet, chairman of the committee on xpenditures in the State Depart
ment, has made Mr. George P. Hor ton, of Wadsboro, clerk of his com
mittee.
Mrs. Thomas C. Skinner, has an ved at the Metropolital Hotol. The health of Mrs. Turner, wife
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nuch better than it has been.
The House granted leave today to
Jadge Bennett to print his remarks
This speech will give his reasons for Govere he cast last week, Collecto
Governor Robinson and Corman are in the city Yarborough are in the city.
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