

offer last spring for appointing such men to office. It was given out that he had renounced this course at the instance of Blackburn. It is located by Harkins that he appointed these revenue officers in the eighth district upon the recommendation of Blackburn himself, and of this The Industrial News, Republican organ of the State, has the following to say in its leading editorial, July 29, 1905: "As an example of his (Blackburn's) methods, the case of the removal of H. S. Harkins from the position of collector of internal revenue for the western district is typical. Mr. Blackburn instigated charges against Mr. Harkins on the grounds that many of his deputies were men of bad character. Literally this was true, and the authorities at Washington, not knowing the facts behind, removed Mr. Harkins. "The true facts in the case are that the deputies on account of whose conduct the department asked for Mr. Harkins' removal were friends of Mr. Blackburn, appointed to office and retained in office at Mr. Blackburn's request, by the collector, who did not know their real character. Treachery to a friend; ingratitude to a benefactor scored one when Mr. Blackburn complacently smiled at his work. A man will do this, where will he stop? It can be proved that he has promised the assistant district attorney and postoffice at Greensboro to at least three different men."

Is there any wonder that the President and Department of Justice ordered the prosecution of Blackburn? One thing it seems has not yet been explained, "Who was the man" whose phone in Greensboro talking to Collector Harkins at Asheville and saying he could get a \$500 fee if the collector would recommend a certain compromise of a blockade? Harkins refused to recommend the compromise, but Blackburn got the fee. The hand that held the receiver might have been the hand of a ghost, but Harkins was certain as to the voice. When Brown succeeded Harkins as collector, it was given out by the President that the western district was to be put under civil service, in order to root out the scandals, shocking corruptions and revenue frauds in that district. Notwithstanding this, during the late campaign, every civil service rule was violated in the eighth district, and appointees of the collector were on active duty to aid the election of Blackburn. Postmasters and mail carriers, revenues and blockades, all were mustered into active service. Two sons-in-law of the collector ran the campaign in Iredell county for Blackburn, and there has been a more strenuous effort made than was made by these men to carry the vote for Blackburn. One of these sons-in-law has long since been slated in the press for a job in the revenue office. They even had the postmaster from Elizabeth City canvassing the district 400 miles from his home! What crimes are committed in his name!

If there was illegality or fraud in the recent election, it was on the part of Mr. Blackburn's supporters, and not those who aided in the election of Mr. Hackett. It has been discovered, and can be proven, that throughout the district there was a systematic attempt, frequently successful, on the part of Blackburn's friends and supporters to register and vote boys who had not attained the age of 21 years, and men who had not paid their poll taxes and who falsely claimed they were over poll tax age.

PRACTICED FRAUD. It has been discovered, and can be proven, that Republican sheriffs in the district tore out poll tax receipts of Republicans who had not paid their poll taxes, and placed their names on the certified lists by the score, and took them out by the hundred under the false pretense of payment and the men voted, whereas their poll taxes certified as being paid under this sham and pretence, have never been paid to this day. During the campaign, every species of device, falsehood and vilification which could be conceived, was used by Blackburn's leaders and helpers in their efforts to elect him by any means, fair or foul. It is a singular fact that during the last weeks of the campaign, Blackburn was continually stating in his public utterances that he would be the next congressman, no matter what the result of the election might be, and his helpers were offering to bet money that he would be seated, while not one could be found who would bet that he would be elected.

When the recent election was over and Blackburn rushed off to Washington and published the false charge against the people of the eighth district, that he was defeated by fraud, he forfeited the respect, if he ever had it before, of every honest man in the State. Such publication was a base and utterly groundless calumny. The piedmont and mountain sections of North Carolina have always been singularly free from taint or accusation of fraud in elections, so much so, that Blackburn's recent wholesale accusations and mendacious vapors against the district are, in respect, are pronounced even by his recent followers, with the exception of a corrupt few, as a slanderous libel against the very best people of the State. Is there any uniform section in the district who will assert over his name that Blackburn is not fairly beaten? Even his strikers who bet on his election, were honest enough to pay their bets.

His most recent performance, in which he accuses Governor Glenn, Mr. Hackett and Lieutenant Governor Winston of conspiracy to defraud, is so utterly baseless and criminally false that there is no need of expressing an opinion of it would be that it is the opinion of a dipsomaniac after a more than usually severe Christmas debauch. The able falsity of every allegation contained in his interview given out in Sunday's papers, can be proven by every official against whom they were directed, or in connection with and against whom they were uttered. Governor Glenn denies to everything asserted in regard to him in connection therewith. Mr. Hackett asserts that he never has been directly or indirectly connected in any way with the American Book Company, as attorney or otherwise, nor has said "pany, to his knowledge, ever counted one cent toward a Democratic campaign fund for himself or anyone else, and the registrars, so far as seen by uniform state, that Blackburn's assertion to the effect that they transcribed their books and thereby committed fraud in so doing, at the instance of Lieutenant Governor Winston or any one else, is untrue and ungrounded and gratuitous lies.

The only suitable place for a man of Blackburn's class is in stripes, where, alone, his country may possibly be enabled to get something out of him.

A STATE INDIGNANT. It is natural that the State should be indignant at his slanders and denunciations. The slander of the whole people arouses indignation that calls for sympathetic rebuke, especially so, when these slanders emanate from a man in stripes past the State can

have no pride and whose future she sees no signs of hope. Blackburn wants Northern Republicans to shut their eyes to the truth and another the voice of the people, but he will hear much that he does not now expect. It may be that they will have seen to boot that Blackburn's leader in the district, a postmaster, opened the Republican convention that nominated him this year, by a declaration, revealing such wanton ingratitude as to arouse the indignation of the loyal colored men when he stated: "I thank God that all can now come into a Republican convention, all white men, and don't have to be pushed off the seats by niggers." It may also interest them further to know that prior to this convention, in a township primary, this same leader and postmaster, while in an intoxicated condition, cursed every white man, and Assistant Attorney General Robb, Federal Judge Boyd, District Attorney Holton, United States Marshal Milkman and other officers of the Department of Justice, for doing their duty in the prosecution of violators of the law.

HIS CHANGE OF BASE. They will hear with amazement that Blackburn offered and caused to be adopted, by the Republican State Convention, a resolution favoring an extension of the "Grandfather Amendment" of the recent Constitutional Amendment of the State, which deprived all ignorant negroes of suffrage and permitted the descendants of those who could vote prior to 1865 to register and vote, regardless of educational qualification, until December 1st, 1908. When this Constitutional Amendment was submitted to the people in 1900, Blackburn went up and down throughout the State, threatening violence if it was adopted, because of its discrimination against the negro. In the resolution above named, he squarely about faced, favoring the extension of the "Grandfather Amendment" until 1920. In almost every speech he made in the district, he appealed to the prejudices of the whites, saying that under the Democratic Constitutional Amendment, after 1908, their children would be stood aside with the "niggers."

In view of the President's stirring utterances in his message relative to lynchings, the Republicans will hear that Blackburn, in this year, in August, a mob of white men lynched three negroes in the eighth district, during the sitting of the court in Rowan county, and the judge and collector, by their made faithful efforts to discover the lynchers and punish them and one of the leaders of the mob was found, tried, convicted and sentenced; the first instance of a lynch in the State, and immediately this action by Democratic officers was made an issue in the campaign by the Republicans, to arouse white lynchers and their sympathizers to knife the Democratic ticket and vote for Blackburn, and it was in this county that he made his only gains of consequence in the district, and the Democratic candidate for sheriff, who was guarding the mob, and the mob as usual, he was accused of firing the shot in defense of the jail which killed one of the mob, came near being defeated for this reason, by the Republicans under the leadership of Blackburn. Law-abiding citizens everywhere, who deplore lynchings, will condemn Blackburn and his followers for such an appeal to the passions of lawless men and Northern Democrats, will take notice of this when called upon to favor their mendicant. A.B.C.

DISPENSARY FOR DURHAM.

Sentiment in Favor of Establishing a Dispensary in the Capital of Durham County—Talk of Paying Officers Salaries. Special to The Observer. Durham, Jan. 5.—There is talk going the rounds here now that will raise two kinds of trouble if it is carried into effect. One is that an effort will be made to get the Legislature to give Durham a dispensary, or else give the citizens the right to vote on this question, and the other is to put the county officers of this county on a salary basis. Either and both of these propositions will cause much talk, much opposition, will get much support and in the end will raise much interest in this town. There is a strong sentiment, however, that Durham should have a dispensary. It is different here from a great many places. Durham is close to the Virginia line and there are two railroads running out from this town who carry trains away in the morning and bring them back in the afternoon and on either of these two trains the thirsty of Durham can get all the whiskey, beer or any other stimulant that they want. All that is to be done is to mail a letter in the morning, inclosing the price of the spirit and in the afternoon get down to the express office and get your jug—that is, you can step down if you are in a hurry. Otherwise the company will deliver it in a short while.

This being the condition there are those who are opposed to whiskey in every form who say that if Durham is to get on a jug then why not get the jug from Durham and assist in bearing the burden of taxation. The sentiment is strong now and getting stronger.

As an example of the whiskey traffic that is carried on between Durham and points in Virginia, there was a complete block at the express office just before Christmas. So great was this block that ropes had to be drawn and a man was placed on a box and as the packages were handed him by another clerk he called out the name and some one in the crowd would answer "here" and poke up his hand.

\$3,264 IN FINES. School Fund of Durham County Profits by Fines of Mayor's Court During 1906. Special to The Observer. Durham, Jan. 5.—County Superintendent C. W. Massey has completed check of the Mayor's Court for the year and finds that the fines imposed and collected by the mayor last year amounted to \$3,264.85. This all goes into the school fund of the county. The county board of education will meet Monday, when the school will be apportioned to the 16,375 school children in this county. Of all the county school funds \$481.45 of each \$1,000 is apportioned to the city schools, this being the proportion as shown by the recent school census. Work is progressing nicely on the new factory of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in east Durham. The storage department has been completed and work is now being done on the factory. These buildings, when completed will cost about \$150,000.

Mr. W. A. Erwin has given the contract for the erection of a beautiful new residence in west Durham. The residence will be modern and up-to-date.

PERUNA EDITORIAL NO. 1.

A Crusade Against Secret Medicines.

There has been an indiscriminate crusade against American commercial enterprises. This most extraordinary ATTACK UPON BUSINESS corporations has involved manufacturers of nearly all kinds, has spared few producers of any sort.

Each and every one of these enterprises perhaps deserved some criticism. Whether their opponents have dealt with them justly or not, they are promptly adjusting themselves to the new conditions, and demonstrating to the business world that in the larger things they have been governed by sound financial integrity, even if in some few particulars the times were ripe for reform.

Like other great industries, THE PATENT MEDICINE INDUSTRY is coming in for its share of censure. Secrecy of composition has been the main war-cry against these medicines.

It was admitted on the part of patent medicine manufacturers, that their formulae were kept secret. They felt obliged to do this, in order to prevent imitators from imposing on the public. After a proprietor had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising a remedy, the secrecy of his formula was his only protection against others stepping in and reaping the reward of his tremendous outlay in advertising.

The unwillingness of patent medicine manufacturers to reveal the ingredients of their compound was perfectly natural. They felt that they deserved protection from the government the same as any other citizen who procures a patent on an invention or a process. BUT THIS CONSIDERATION DID NOT KEEP BACK THE CRITICS.

The agitation was kept up until Congress enacted a law making it obligatory on the part of such manufacturers to expose certain ingredients on the label of each package.

It was thought best to include alcohol in the list of objectionable ingredients. This being the only objectionable ingredient contained in Peruna, the manufacturer of this very excellent remedy promptly obeyed the law.

Indeed, he voluntarily went further than this. Dr. Hartman, after serious consideration of the matter, has concluded to put PLAINLY ON THE LABEL OF EACH BOTTLE the principal active constituents of which Peruna is composed. While we do not agree that the claim against secrecy has been a just one, yet from this time on we have concluded to take Peruna out of the list of secret patent medicines.

We now offer Peruna to the public as a regular pharmaceutical product. It is just as ethical as any compound put up by the medical profession. No straining of medical ethics can find any fault with it. THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVE INGREDIENTS are prominently incorporated in the label on the bottle, that the people may know that the claims made for Peruna have a true justification.

The only departure we shall make from medical ethics in the conduct of Peruna affairs in the future, is the fact that we shall continue to advertise and sell our product TO THE PEOPLE.

If we would agree to sell to doctors only, to advertise for doctors only, then the medical fraternity would be obliged to recognize Peruna as being entirely within their approval.

BUT WE SHALL NOT DO THIS. We shall continue to offer Peruna to the people. We shall continue to supply the people with free literature, teaching them how to use our medicine, teaching them how to avoid disease, teaching them many things of benefit to the home. We shall continue to do this, whether the medical profession like it or not.

We are proposing from this time on to take the public into our confidence. Notwithstanding that some imitators and substitutes will be attempting to put up something which they consider just as good as Peruna, we are going to draw aside the veil of secrecy and allow any one who chooses to know exactly OF WHAT PERUNA IS COMPOSED.

This ought to disarm all honest criticism. We expect, however, that criticism will continue. On some pretext or other those who are envious of the success of Peruna will continue to find fault. But we are determined to give such people no just complaint.

PERUNA IS A GREAT MEDICINE. It has become a household word in millions of homes. Our faith in the remedy is stronger than ever. Every year we expect to establish new plants in foreign lands until the people of all the world are supplied with this valuable household remedy.

WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN THE OPEN. We are going to tell our customers exactly what they are taking, and let them judge for themselves how much foundation our critics have for their claims.

All we ask of the public is to be as fair with us as we are with them.

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If you want us to we will publish your statement exactly as you furnish it to us. We will add no words, take away no words. If you wish us to we will publish your portrait in connection with it. We will not do this without your written request, without your entire consent.

Peruna has cured thousands of people of chronic catarrh, in many phases and locations. At least, that is what the people say to us, through unalloyed testimonials. Peruna will cure many thousands more, in spite of fabricated slanders to the contrary.

WE GUARANTEE EVERY BOTTLE OF PERUNA TO CONTAIN THE INGREDIENTS PRINTED ON THE LABEL. We guarantee that every testimonial we use is absolutely true—in the exact language of the testifier.

We guarantee that every photograph published is the photograph of the person whose name it bears, that every word of every testimonial was authorized by the hand that signed it.

We are determined to beat our opponents by being fairer than they are, by dealing squarer than they dare to. We are determined to meet falsehood with truth, duplicity with candor, insincerity with sincerity.

We know that the users of Peruna will appreciate our stand. We believe that the dealers in Peruna will applaud our course. We expect even our opponents will be obliged to acknowledge finally that Peruna is not only an honest and useful remedy, but one of the GREATEST HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES ON THE CONTINENT.

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County Assessor Wrayland. J. W. Coulier, of Leslie, S. D., Assessor of Stanley County, relates the following: "I was visited by a complication of throat and lung troubles, bronchitis, asthma and a terrible cough, which affected me for years, when I was persuaded to try Dr. King's Remedy. Relief came almost immediately, and in a short time permanent cure resulted. No other medicine compares with it as a sure and quick cure for coughs and colds. It cures after all other remedies have failed. Every bottle purchased at all drug stores contains a 50c trial free."

No 97 is No More. Special to The Observer. Spencer, Jan. 5.—Fast mail train No. 97, running between Washington and New Orleans, the fastest train known to the railroad world, and the only one of the kind in the United States, being maintained by a special act of Congress, made its last trip to-night. The passing Spencer, two hours late. At midnight to-night a general change of schedules on the Southern Railway system takes effect and four new trains take the place of No. 97 on the main line.

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