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WELL MEANT, BUT A SAD ER-

ROR. By fairly general consensus among outside newspapers, whether Republican or Democratic, Northern or Southern, President Taft acted well in appointing a Democrat to the eastern Federal indreship. The farther away and the less acquainted with State politthe commendation. It is assumed that Mr. Taft did not healtate at givty of the State rough treatment, but that rough treatment was deserved. In this view the North Carolina Republican party stands on a general level with the Republican party of most ex-Confederate Southern States nobody, a petty machine for distributing and holding Federal office Many newspapers which had never before given the North Carolina Republican party any particular attention inferred from Connor appointment that it must be one of the worst of the lot. Where some degree of acquaintance wits its was regarded as all the more pronounced and, by clear inference, all the mere an obviously merited disgrace. A Federal judgeship in South Carolina, Alabama or other blackmuch remark-presumably no Republican judgeship material and no Republican party except name; but the North Carolina Republican party had made claims and those claims had been overridden with apparently just contempt. By some of it was not overlooked, either, that North Carolina Republicanism got a much harder knock than even Alabama or Mississippi Republicanism ever received, for in all previous lican President's appointee was a cases of any importance the Repubwhereas Judge Connor is a straightout partisan Democrat holding high Neither could this appointment be deemed like the rare but not unknown overstepping of party lines in stances were lacking, and, besides, here was a question of discrediting

to win the State by a direct appeal across the wreck which he has made. Is all this shower of obloquy, mostly originating by natural but mistaken inference from Mr. Taft's course, deserved by the Republican party of North Carolina? It is not. Two motives impel us to the statement; First, we cannot let any conspicuous injustice, intentional or otherwise, pass unnoticed. Second, we reflect North Carolina Republicanwholesale disrepute convevs some disrepute upon the entire State, which last fall gave vote to the Republican presidential candidate and 42.66 per cent, to the Republican candidate for Governor. That Mr. Taft's own party in North Carolina had excellent judgeship material, including men with records for and Superior Court benches, we regard as beyond question. Mr. Her-

influential Republican newspapers up

purposes breaking up organized Re-

publicanism in North Carolina, since

any organization formed from pres-

ent elements would inevitably be bad.

and that he hopes with good reason

bert F. Seawell, the choice of the Republican organization, is a lawyer of ability, character and standing; no one acquainted with him personally or professionally doubts that he would have made a good judge from his first day and would have grown constantly in the office. Mr. Seawell's appointment, made by an outgoing President, was held up by the North Carolina Democratic Senstors until a President considered not unlikely to appoint some Democrat Thursday. It never did rain in Charhad come in. Democratic lightning rods rose on every hand, and, sure lieve that it never will. enough one was struck. Let any Democrat who with difficulty realiscs what feeling this course of events inevitably bred imagine himself a Reup and frocked up is simply stungoing if we have to bunk in the pubwater, hoist their tails and let the publican. We do not approve but we ning.

understand and respect the expres- CONCERNING THE JOHNNY CARE sions of ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Rebin- We recently had occasion to deson, of Goldsbore, a brave and sin- nounce The New York Tribune as, in cere man: "I think that it was a some respects, The Charleston News direct insult to every Republican law- and Courier of the North. That this yer in the district * * * now see denunciation was richly merited apno reason why any self-respecting pears from later developments. With gentleman should join the Republi- The Tribune as one low contracting can party in North Carolina. I do party and The News and Courier as not hesitate to say that I shall relieve the other, a most unholy alliance has my sons from any filial obligation been formed to wrest the johnny either to join or remain in the party. My respect for the office of President of it something seldom if ever satan of my nation prevents me from on land or sea. speaking of Mr. Taft as my inclination now would prompt me to do. * * * Democrats of high standing last year. ability and has no superior upon the bench of any State in the Union."

erman and Simmons, or regard Judge for regret. Widespread citation of provement greatly, has grown much the blackguarding activities then at-The announced intention of Mr. aft to set over the Southern people such officials as they desire-in a dependency but as fully part of johnny cake." welcomes for judgeship appointments we sympathize with, and, as a general polship's wises plans will often go astray without tactful and open-minded recifying circumstances as may attend their execution. Mr. Taft, ordinarily tactful and open-minded enough, went far astray in this case. He gave pleasure to no large class among those

lieved after having said it.

Of course that address to be delivered at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk conference by Dean tion's particular naval policy." Our the Southern journey-cake periodspeaker's part for the feelings of the undeserved than The Tribune's refailure in the undertaking of that con- fit for heroes and gourmets. ference to bring about reduction in tily pleased of all who have commented upon the appointment are various

North. These believe that Mr. Taft mighty little of the Treasury's deficit. make good the amount to the trust. might as well go a little further and moves our pity and our scorn. reimburse itself out of their pockets for the trouble it has been put to in getting what was due. Therefore, we do not see how the people, whose interest the government was protecting. are going to gain anything much by

does not cause "that tired feeling" in given the string a yank now ulates desire for activity of a pecu- sition where one more good, steady liar kind-to hook on to any species of pull would accomplish the landing.

Should Congress complete the tariff bill and adjourn before the Fourth of July the country would celebrate the day with all the more zest. Don't Wilmington Star. talk about doing away with fireworks as an adjunct to the celebration until it is absolutely certain that adjourn- This is where those who fear earthment will not come until later.

While the President is being other wise honored in Charlotte the committee of reception should not fail to make him a Signer at sight.

Let us not anticipate had weather lotte on the 20th of May; let us he-

We don't want to brag, but we High Point Enterprise. must say that this town as now lit

cake from our authority and make

"Perhaps this is what comes from that decay of old-time, strong-stom-I resented with due respect the slurs ached Democracy which was shown that were cast upon Mr. Taft when in the last campaign by The Charlotte but I rather think they were right dential ticket," insinuates the New in the estimate they then placed upon York conspirator. Then another inhim. * * * I sa vthis witchut one word sinuation that "the present wheatof criticism of Judge Connor. He is an doughiness of its intellect" comes "as honorable gentleman, a lawyer of punishment for mockery of the Demcratic "Elijah"-a vicious dig probably suggested by some respectful allu-Let it not be understood that we sions to Mr. Bryan's growing baldness question Mr. Taft's motives, have any made by The Observer last fall. "Yet Tribune, making open cause with the Connor's attitude as at all times Charleston undesirable, "at once reotherwise than perfectly proper. We sponded to our celebration of the johnny cake with the suggestion that sult works a serious wrong in some it should always be made from the directions and therefore gives cause commeal of South Carolina, ground Mr. Taft's rebuking speech at Greens- county, turned 'by streams of clear poro three years ago does not help water running through races lined matters—a circumstance which leads with ferns and grasses and under the us to say that the Republican party shade of immemorial oaks.' Colonel of the State, though still needing im- Hemphill has a soul for the higher walks of journalism, and we are n behavior as well as in numbers doubly glad that with his cornfed since the Greensboro speech and that philosophy he is to enlighten the Yale word to treat the South not as an shown understanding of the nuances His disposition to overstep party lines The Observer, which has already de-

drags in sundry dictionaries to show ognition of such restraining or mod- that johnny cakes are made of corn sponsible for what a dictionary man And then this quotation from Joel Barlow's "Hasty Pudding" of acquainted with the real situation ex- more than a century ago:

cept people who wish his plans not Some talk of hoecake, fair Virginia's the slightest good. What is here said johnny cake this mouth has often about the matter we felt that we Both please me well, their virtues much should say, and we feel greatly re-

the same.

Alike their fabric, as allied their fame:

Except in dear New England, where the a dash of pumpkin in the

But has The Tribune never reflected that neither its dictionary men powers of Europe which are now may have developed elsewhere and striving with each other for suprema- may have gradually replaced usage cy on the sea through increased naval originally correct. For argument's armament. They will be relieved to sake we accept the dictionary verdict know that the address will be "strict- concerning what usage prevails now ly international in character and in the country at large, but our subwithout invective against any one na- ject-matter was the johnny cake of government, also, should rejoice at this etymology, by the way, has never the consideration shown by the dean yet been disputed. Southern, or at in determining not to make direct at- least North Carolina, journey cakes tack on any one nation's naval policy, were usually made of flour, not corn This great tact and tenderness on the meal. And nothing could be more powers of Europe will take a great proach of "wheat-doughiness". The load off the mind of the Washington North Carolina journey cake was not government. It has no fear now of produced from the denatured and war simultaneously declared against chemically bleached stuff which passour country by several countries of es as flour these days but from a Europe. This great conservatism of flour containing the rich, nutty, brown the dean, however, if acted up to by heart of the wheat berry, it made, the Mohonk conference, may cause when prepared aright, a food equally

the military and naval armaments of ment's recent step under the Fed-Those two million dollars of stolen lic health may bring this journey cake noney which Uncle Sam made the back. We agree that the hoe cake sugar trust disgorge will wipe out and the corn dodger are all right, and and, of course, the consumers of the how a journey cake or johnny cake trust's production will be forced to made from corn meal would taste But the New York-Charleston zwei-And the trust will conclude that while bund's arrogant assumption that the getting this back from the people it flour-made cake never existed only

ing Mr. Taft's administration, which successful pul; on that political string The Pennsylvania hookworm is commonly designated as the Foraker very different from the one said to ex- amendment during the present administ in some sections of the South. It istration. Past administrations have its victims which produces disinclina. and then and each one drew the tion for any kind of exertion. It stim- island a little nearer, putting it in po- ship in either or both, that when he be The Landmark is not alone in thinking Mr. Taft is the man who will

Now For Political Shock Indicator.

Some fellow has invented an earth quake indicator which gives 12 minites warning of an impending shock quake shocks have the advantage over those who are liable to get a political top of armed hosts shock from the appointing power at

Washington. A New Work For Rockefeller.

Charleston, S. C., Post. "Rainbows for Rockefeller," says a headline. John D. is really the only man who can afford to buy rainbows, and he should finance the long distance line of communication to Mars.

And She'll Do It.

Charlotte says that me will be able lic square.

SHARP PROTEST ENTERED.

lembers of Local Recruiting Party File Strong Protest Against Partion of Communication Written Yesterday by Mr. R. F. Stokes to Uniform Intended. To the Editor of The Observer:

It was with surprise and chagrin that we perused the article in this morning's Observer as to what would be the product of planting an American flag in one of the garbage cans along Sixth street, by Mr. R. F. Stokes

We have put many of the best years of our lives in the pay of the United States government as soldiers, and believe that we are safe from contradiction, when we say that the article referred to was the vilest and most uncalled for insult that was ever offered us in the guise of the uniform.

We think it was a disgrace to the lity of Charlotte, or to any American itizen to give public utterance to the effect that the contents of the garbage ans of Sixth street, surmounted by an American flag, would produce any such effects as the writer predicts, and we are personally of the opinion that it will produce nothing but insult to the flag, and the men who have defended it against insult at every call for the past ten years.

If war was declared to-morrow we have not the least hesitation in saying that the author of the article referred to would be glad to avail himself of the protection of the ash can thought that the cause of persecution surmounted by the American flag, as was the intensity of dogmatic opinion. he suggests. We have no doubt but that the men of the immediate neighborhood would rally to the support of the flag as quick if set, where he suggests, if there was a man calling, as would if the writer was with t on the top of Gibraltar or its equal.

We are of the opinion that the author of the article referred to is not an American citizen. But should he be, we would respectfully request that he call at 16 West Fifth street and find what it takes to make a first-class soldier for service in the Philippines, such as he suggests could be raised from the garbage cans of

We think that a single visit will onvince him that it will take nothing more than the best of manhood, char acter and upright living to be a sol-We will say nothing more, not because we do not feel that we have are of the opinion that the writer was not referring to the service with any evil intent but the remarks he made were through ignorance of the meaning of his words.

> 18 years' service; HOMER W. MASON, 11 years' service; HOSEA H. HIGHTOWER. EARL JOHNSTON.

4 years' service: Local recruiting party. EDWARD SPENCER. 12 years' service, ex-soldier.

FREAK LEGISLATION.

Some Problems Which Would Baffle Solomon's Wisdom Montgomery Advertiser.

The wise Solomon came right out and honestly admitted that there were some things too hard for him. With know it all, and acknowledged the ng he would be compelled to add at least one more to his list of finite incomprehensibilities. He would be compelled to admit that he couldn't oretell what a Legislature would do. If any reader is inclined to dispute his proposition he has only to go over the records of what legislative odies have done, and then he will ad-

mit that the ways of such bodies are past finding out, and their possible ac ion among the impenetrable mysterhumanity. laws have been enacted which no pro ess of human ratiocination will en able him to explain or any principle of necessity or propriety. hese laws are so absurd as to be ludcrous, some so drastic as to be almost execrable, and some so utterly unjust and unfair that their enforce ment is not attempted in many instances. Their very nature makes them a dead letter.

One of the latest legislative myste-"The House this year." 'onnecticut ays The New Haven Register, "has any longer," er in tobacco from being a police comnissioner in the city of New Haven. Why in the world a man should be man be eligible who sells grocerles or lothing is beyond our guessing editor. He gave it up at once and said he would have no moral right to his salary for any time nominally given to the mubject, for nobody could solve it The story goes that a tobacconist once gave a policeman a bunch of cigars to influence his conduct. Why here in Hartford, we have several men who have given policemen pieces of their minds in order to influence their Must we conclude that anybody who has a mind is thereby disqualified? It is as sensible as to dis qualify anybody who has cigars."

Before the Eastern Judge

ship Appointment.
Florence, S. C., Times. It was, probably, a very delicate bit of a compliment that Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, paid to South Carolina The South Carolinians who accept post tions under a Republican administration In North Carolina it is different. It is just as well, if a man can claim citizencomes a Republican referee he draws a ship. We feel sure that Mr. William intended his repudiation of the insinuation that he was a South Carolinian as a compliment to this State, and as such we accept it. We see no honor to the State in appointments which require that men shall repudiate the faith of their fathers who put almost everything that is good in this government, and who consistently opposed everything that is not good until this latter invasion of the sentiment of the North, which is more dangerous and effective than the invas-

Not a Game of Chance.

Baltimore News. The very idea of denouncing church raffle as gambling! Gambling is an institution in which each participant takes a chance. A man doesn't do this when he goes to a church fair he simply surrenders all his chances.

A Mighty Close Reefed Sail, Rockingham Angle-Saxon.
The Lumberton Robesonian never heard of a rabbit swimming, and no wind do the rest.

BELLEF IN WITCHCRAFT.

For Expects vive. New York Sun.

Only a few months ago the newspay recorded the attempt made by eitisens of Indiana to dispossess a sion of an old woman of their acquaint arcs. Their method of attack, was to ap ply hot irons to the victim's flesh in the firm belief that this would make bet pody so uncomfortable for the intruthat he would quit it. Very recently the Cuban courts have considered the case of certain negroes accused of murdering white infants to obtain their blood and hearts for sorcery. Within a few years which the formal charges of assault of disorderly conduct merely stood in place of accusation of witchcraft have attracted attention. How many wax images are being transfixed with pins, burned up, or immersed in water at this minute within the United States for the destruction of the parsons whom they represent we should like to know; we dare say the number is not small.

Professor Sumner, of Yale University, sketches briefly in The Forum for May the rise of the witcheraft delusion from a magazine article there is naturally room for only a few of the historical Sumner's conclusions are of greater moment. He says:

"These cases show that belief in witchcraft is not dead. It is latent, and may burst forth anew at any moment. difference [from age to age] is not so much in the amount of credulity as in the direction it takes' [Lecky]. At the present day That may be a cause. No man is tolerant about anything about which he cares very much and in regard to which he thinks that he has 'the truth.' "Struggles for political power, however

cause even intenser rage. It is political faction which in the future may return to violent repression of dissent. In the history of city after city we meet with the interseut rancor between classes and factions, and we find this ranco producing extremes of beastly cruelty when interest seems to call for it.

"Socialism is, in its spirit and programme, well capable of producing new phenomena of despotism and persecution in order to get or retain social power. Anarchists who are fanatical enough to throw bombs into theatres or restaurants or to murder kings and presidents just because they are such are capable of anything which witch judges or inquisi tors have done, if they should think that party success called for it. "If bad times should come again upon

the civilized world through overpopulation and an unfavorable economic conjuncture, popular education would deseparated. It must then be expected that the old demonism would burst forth again and would reproduce the old phenomena. At first glance the possibility of a rerival of general belief in witchcraft seems ridiculous. Yet the spell of the mysterious exercises authority over uncounted minds to-day, "Divine healers" attract and hold followers. The most llogical and indefensible creeds find adnerents in every community. And we know that witchcraft is still practised. Is the possibility of the situation which Mr. Sumner suggests absolutely beyond bellef?

Still At Its Mean Digs. Charleston News and Courter.

Charles I, of England, was beheaded; Abdul Hamid, of Turkey, has been sent into retirement and may be beheaded a little later. Wherefore, The Norfolk Landmark institutes the comization, and declares that "a Twentieth Century Turk is more humane than "Even as late as one hundred years ago," our contemporary observes, "a North Carolina court sentenced a man convicted of perjury to be exposed to the pillory and have his ears cut off. That was long ago, however, and so far no punishment has been inflicted upon the claimants in Mecklenburg ounty, North Carolina, which also shows, we suppose, "the progress of civilization." The men of Mecklenburg county in this Year of Grace are not as careful, it would seem, as the authorities of Ashe county. North Carolina, were some hundred ago, for the North Carolinians of the present day have fallen into the habit of pluming themselves upon their his

In the Divorce Court. Lippincott's Magazine,

"Your honor, I don't think I should e obliged to live with this woman passed a bill which disqualifies a deal-er in tobacco from being a police com-plaintiff in the case. "Her cooking is something dreadful—biscuits like clods, and her coffee is mud! Why, to disqualified who sells tobacco and a every cupful there is haif a cup of But the judge's ruling was that half

cupful was insufficient grounds for

Sensible James J. Hill, Charleston Post.

James J. Hill, the great railroad owner, and incidentally a farmer of some note, says it is time for Congress to shut off that oratorical steam and allow the people to get down to farming, business and banking, has spoken well.

Doesn't Worry the Booze Artist. ancaster, S. C., News. Dr. Wiley, the national government's expert, says there is very little genuine whiskey.

True as Holy Writ. Durham Herald.

The man who undertakes to serve the town for what he can get out of it is worth much less than what he

IF IT DISAPPEARS, IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not.

Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of ecsema. Even physicians are ofter puzzled in their diagnosis. The bes way for any one afflicted is to go to R. H. Jordan & Co., or any good druggist who handles pure drugs, and obtain 50 cents' worth of poslam. Apply this, and if the itching stops at once and the trouble is cured in a few days it may be set down as having been ecsems, as this is the of eczema, and in curing acne, herpes, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum, rash, barber's and other forms of itch, scaly scalp, and all surface skin af-

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