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Congressman Linney is violently if not viciously opposed to the civil service. The following may have some bearing on the matter:

A prominent republican tells the Raleigh Press-Visitor that Spencer Blackburn, because of the civil service rule, has given up the contest for the assistant district attorney's place and has entered in earnest the race against Congressman Linney for the nomination for congress in the eighth district.

The Monticello Herald says: "Regarding the adaptability of the soil and climate of this county to the raising of the pecan nut, we can say that Mr. J. M. Patton, of Silver Creek, has a thrifty tree which has just come into bearing. The nut raised is of good size, well filled and finely flavored."

The pecan will not only thrive well here, but it makes one of the handsomest shade trees that can be grown. We would like to see a number planted in our parks and lawns.

Our Methodist friends are certainly to be congratulated on the appointments for Asheville and vicinity. The re-appointment of Drs. Atkins and Byrd and Mr. Bain to the charges so faithfully served by them the past year, not only give satisfaction to their own communion, but to the people of other churches as well, for they are held in the highest esteem by all.

Revs. H. L. Atkins, J. R. Moore and R. G. Tuttle, assigned to Haywood street, Bethel and Biltmore churches respectively, are new appointments, and will no doubt prove highly satisfactory to their respective churches. Altogether Asheville churches have cause to be thankful for the consideration given them by the good bishop.

We have noticed in several of our intelligent contemporaries this paragraph:

"The New York Herald says the Sun was paid \$10,000 for writing boom articles about prosperity. The Herald declares it refused an offer of \$15,000 for the same work."

Are we to understand that the Herald wrote "boom articles about prosperity," but declined to receive pay for it? Did the "same work" done by the Herald appear in the Sun for which the \$10,000 were paid? Or were the articles written by the Sun offered to the Herald at the higher named and refused?

If "prosperity" is booming, why should the papers be paid for publishing the facts? If "prosperity" does not prosper, why should so much money be paid for a misstatement? The above needs explanation, somehow.

Mr. Senator Peffer, of Kansas, has sold his paper, the Advocate, which has for many years been the State organ of the Populist party in Kansas. The retirement of the whistled ex-senator from the editorial leadership of the party in this state is not wholly voluntary. Since his defeat for re-election to the senate, it is charged he has been sulking in his tent. He took a stand editorially against fusion, advocated other doctrines obnoxious to the party leaders. For these reasons he was principally read out of the party. He announces that hereafter he will confine himself exclusively to literary work for eastern publications, and will not aspire to office again.

And Peffer will not be the "only one on that beach." There is another of the same school of thought who will have a paper to sell, and a shady place in some sequestered nook to seek.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The hearing to be granted the defendants D. L. Russell and the new directors of the

North Carolina railroad in the matter of their exceptions to certain rulings of Special Master Kerr Craige in the lease hearings, has again been postponed, says the Salisbury Observer. Judge Chas. H. Simonton originally designated November 31 as the time and Richmond as the place for this hearing, but the defendants not being ready at the time appointed, the hearing was postponed until November 11th. The hearing was not held November 11th as appointed, and Judge Simonton has designated Columbia, S. C., as the place, and Wednesday, November 24th, as the date for this much postponed hearing before him.

This is the lease case, as to which Gov. Russell charges fraud in the making thereof, but so signally failed to prove.

By the way, we have seen nor heard nothing for some time from young Mr. Avirett "of counsel for the state" in this case. We hope the governor hasn't lost him in the shuffle going on, for he gave the case much of its spectacular effect.

A POPULIST SAYS BUTLER SAID IT.

The Rocky Mount Argonaut has been heard from in the Marion Butler episode. The Argonaut refers to a statement in another paper that Butler might have been incorrectly quoted, and says:

"Our esteemed contemporary need not fear Senator Butler's denial; he dare not contradict it; he is shameful remark was heard by too many for any denial to hold water. If he should happen to do so, we have the affidavits of some of our foremost citizens that our charge was true. One of the most prominent Populist leaders in this section acknowledges that the man who is now at the head of that party in this state made this damnable accusation against his fellow citizens. We stood beside this gentleman when Butler befouled himself, his state and his race, by this utterance and noticed his look of righteous indignation.

"Brave gentleman and soldier of the 'lost cause' as he was, it was plain to be seen that his whole soul revolted at the vileness of his chief. Can any one wonder at it?" "The evidence is all against North Carolina's senior senator. It is evident that he perpetrated an outrageous slander and then tried to sneak out of it.

A PAINFULLY BAD RECORD.

Col. Olds, the Raleigh correspondent, writes the following:

"The code requires all clerks of courts to make to the attorney general at the end of each term a report as to the trials for crimes, and it is from these that the annual reports of criminal statistics are made up. Almost all the returns for 1897 are in hand, as only eleven days more of the fiscal year remain. The reports are in hand up to October 30th. Your correspondent has looked at them all, with a view to getting facts as to the number of trials for capital crimes in which there was either conviction for that crime in the first degree or in the second. Each county is given. In the list are also included crimes which are odd or in which sentence or finding is out of the common."

Then follows the list in detail. Col. Olds then concludes:

"Infanticide appears to be a very rare crime, from these returns. There were about twenty-five trials for slander, but very few convictions. For horse stealing five years appears to be thought the proper punishment. There were a good many trials for disturbing religious worship. Larceny continues to be the most common crime, certainly the one which gets by far the most sentences. Carrying concealed weapons is also very frequent. Only one lynching is reported, the one in Buncombe. In the list of capital crimes, murder leads, as twenty-seven persons were tried for it; while for burglary seventeen were tried; nine for rape and four for arson."

Hard times and bad government will generate crime. The above report is appalling, and should call the people to their senses.

A SQUIRREL FARM FOR YOUNG CONVICTS.

The penitentiary authorities are taking steps not only to enlarge but diversify the farming operations of that institution. Rice plantations in one section and sugar beet experiments in another are among the new enterprises proposed. Without reference to the utility of these movements it does occur to us that a farm—the Boylan farm adjoining the penitentiary, for instance, might be set apart for the exclusive use of young convicts so that these can be worked and kept apart from the older criminals. We throw this out for the consideration of the authorities.

LED IN THE AWARDS.

In the awards at the Tennessee Centennial exposition the Southern railway was deservedly fortunate, receiving for its splendid and varied exhibit, one gold, three silver medals and twelve diplomas and bronze medals. No railway was given so many awards, and no other exhibit received so many evidences of excellence. The exhibit, as a whole, covered the resources and products of the country along the line of the Southern railway in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, East Tennessee and Kentucky. The gold medal was given for the splendid display of ores, minerals, etc., from along the line of the road. The judges, in their award, spoke of the evident care shown in the collection and arrangement of the exhibit and its attractiveness, and said: "The exhibit contains an excellent display of the ores of iron, copper, manganese, gold, silver, lead, zinc, nickel and aluminum, as well as typical specimens of coal, fire-clay, corundum, kaolin, mica, graphite, etc."

The silver medals were for the great and superior quality of the agricultural products from the territory along the railway, for the size, completeness and excellence of the display of forest products, and for the display of preserved fruits of all classes. The medals were the highest awards in agriculture, horticulture and forestry, and the Southern railway was the only exhibitor to obtain all three. Other awards were for the collection of mineral waters, manufactured cotton goods, semi-porcelain ware, etc. In the horticultural department the Southern undoubtedly had the finest display of apples, but as the exhibit was placed late no application was filed for an award.

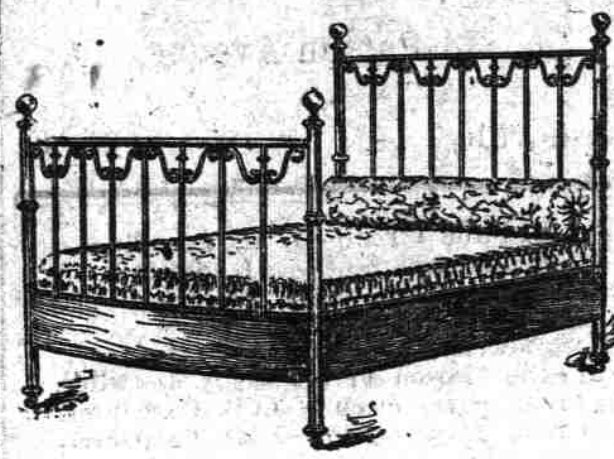
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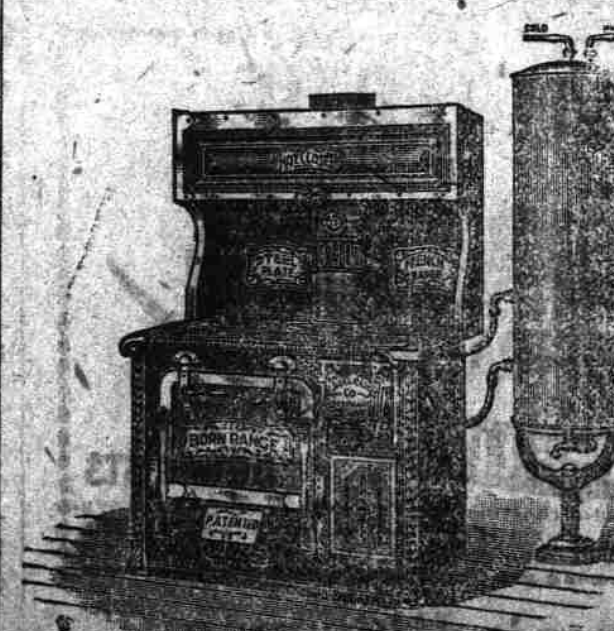
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