



THE CONDUCT OF LIFE.

Be it good that we do, let us do it. Giving soul and our strength to the deed...

THE JUDGE'S SURPRISE.

The day was bitterly cold in Virginia City, as winter days most generally are...

getting some cakes and coniments for the smallest children; while another man at his heels carried a big sack of coal on his back.

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About Hon. Thomas H. Benton.

Editor Charlotte Democrat.—It is a wise as well as a generous injunction, to speak no ill of the dead. Yet there are occasions in which the rule may be, and ought to be, disregarded.

"They call me Lena Dawson, sir," was the reply. "Call you Lena Dawson! And I suppose Lena Dawson is your name, is it not?" observed the judge.

"No, sir, it ain't," returned the girl. "My father died when I was only three years old, and my mother got married to Mr. Dawson some time afterward. My proper name is Madeline Winters, but they call me Lena, for short."

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U. S. Grant Jr's Broken Engagement.

The version of Miss Flood's friends is that the former and her mother went to the mountains with the understanding that young Grant should join them in a day or two.

"Not one," replied Lena, with a deep sigh. "Poor Dawson had written to his children, however, but postal communication being at that time very irregular and uncertain in the Silver State, the children did not receive his letters."

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Dr. Worth's Speech.

On Tuesday Oct 5th, Dr. J. M. Worth, Public Treasurer, addressed the people at Greenboro. The substance of his remarks we find in the Patriot, as follows:

The Doctor on arising prefaced his remarks by saying, that he was a native of Guilford county, raised among her people, and though all his life taking an active interest in public affairs, and sometimes holding public positions, he was not a speech-maker in the ordinary acceptation of the word, in fact had never made a speech five minutes long in his life; and would not attempt to make a speech now.

"How the figures stand." He then read from the record the cost to the tax-payers of the Legislatures from 1868 to the last special term. The mileage and per diem ran:

Table with columns for years (1868-79, 1870-71, 1872-73, 1874-75, 1876-77, 1878-79) and amounts (\$430,958.60, \$212,893.25, \$169,396.80, \$109,234.80, \$81,823.40, \$71,293.80).

For iron, interest on bonds and support of conflicts on Western N. Carolina.

For Western Insane Asylum 180,000 For colored Insane Asylum at Goldsboro 42,500 Cape and Yadkin Valley railroad 30,000

For Normal schools, white and black 12,000 For Oxford Orphan Asylum 6,000 For outside lunatics 208,389-03

REPORTED SALE OF A NEWSPAPER.—The New York Sun says: "We learn that Mr. Jay Gould has completed the purchase of the World newspaper of this city, and is now its proprietor."

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promise of the State debt, the honest debt, which he found on entering upon his office to be with accrued interest \$15,000,000, which must be paid or compromised. It could not be paid, so they went to work to compromise it and did so.

As to the special tax bonds, they, with the accrued interest, would now equal the bona fide debt, and there was a Constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people forever forbidding any Legislature from paying any of this debt unless submitted to the people and endorsed by them.

He then referred to the charge made by Radical speakers that the sale of the Western North Carolina railroad was a fraud, and showed that it was not only a square, honest transaction, done in the light of day, after consultation with the wisest heads and most patriotic men in the State, who advised it as the best thing that could be done for the State, and their judgment is sustained by the fact that the work of completing that road is now progressing rapidly with every prospect that it will be completed within the time specified in the contract.

The speech throughout commanded the utmost attention. MITCHELL COUNTY.—I have been in twenty-two States of the Union and have seen no where a county in which a living can be made so easily as in Mitchell county.

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The Colored Conundrum Easily Solved.

The colored people of North Carolina held their second State fair at Raleigh last week and there was a large, orderly and interested attendance. The exhibition was a great improvement in all respects upon that of the year before, and showed conclusively the increasing interest which the negroes of that section of the State are taking in agriculture and its kindred pursuits.

It shows, moreover, the wisdom of those people in steadily resisting the overtures that have time and again been made them by the emissaries of the Republican party to abandon their old associations and cast their fortunes in new and uncertain fields. They have preferred to abide where they are, prospering and to prosper they are becoming the vagrant victims of unscrupulous political demagogues.

And what is true of North Carolina is true of other sections of the South. Wherever the negro is disposed to thrive by his industry there is no let or hindrance to his disposition. Wherever the spirit of discontent prevails, it has been breathed into him by wicked advisers.

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