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MCKINLEY TO BLAME FOR IT ALL.

We agree with the Wilmington Messenger that one of the sharpest, severest criticisms we have seen on McKinley appeared in an editorial in the New York Evening Post of the 13th inst. It placed the responsibility of abuses and failures on the right shoulders—on those of the president who placed poor excuses for men in office and retained them after it was patent to all how dead failures they were.

Mark this. The Post did all it could to elect him. It is the accusation of a friend and supporter.

THAT LIBEL LAW.

And it appears that the libel law which the North Carolina editors asked the Legislature to pass was smothered by a sub-committee composed of F. D. Winston, of Bertie, W. R. Allen, of Wayne, and Frank Ray, of Macon. Winston, we are told, made a speech for the bill at the hearing before the committee; Allen was opposed to it because he thought it gave the editors too much liberty, and Ray's position is not stated—but the fact remains that the bill was smothered by the three gentlemen named. The editors have made no demands; they asked for no favors; they asked only for what they regarded as simple justice in the premises and it is little short of an outrage that their respectful request has received so little consideration.

That's the stuff, and the editors will very likely do as the Landmark suggests.

The Charlotte Observer says: We see in the Boston Herald that the banks of that city have abolished days of grace. They have ruled that thirty days are a month, without regard to the calendar, and thus a note dated March 1st, at three months matures in exactly 90 days. This is a gain of two days because March has 31 days and so has May. The advantage to the bank is that the interest is compounded two days earlier, and while the separate items are small the aggregate makes quite a little gain. Some banks get a still further advantage by discounting the interest in advance for three months and then maturing the note under the new rule at 90 days. All this shows the tightening tendency and how the people are under the whiplash of the national banks. A remedy for this would be the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State bank notes, and to let these banks issue notes on other security than government bonds—all this, of course, under national supervision, to obviate the danger of wildcat banking.

VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS ABOUT MONKEYS.

"Tattler," in Asheville Citizen. There is a good deal of discussion just now over the story that in Mississippi monkeys are used as cotton pickers. It is asserted that there is talk of introducing them as factory hands at Statesville, but this is regarded as unsafe, for fear the monkeys might be always getting their tails mixed up in the machinery. The Lynchburg Advance in turn says some one opposes the monkey as a cotton field hand because of the fear that at the time the simians become expert they will set them free and give them the franchise. An Asheville man is investigating the plan of equipping a farm for raising tailless monkeys, and asking some future Legislature to declare they shall never vote unless their poll tax is paid and each one is able to read 500 words of Greek a minute.

The Suffrage Amendment will be found on our fourth page.

The vote in Reidsville a few days ago on issuing bonds for water-works was almost unanimous.

MANY papers of the State published that the legislature passed a law abolishing the three days of grace allowed on drafts. This is a mistake, as that clause of the law was stricken out by amendment.

NORTH CAROLINA PROGRESS.

Saying Nothing But Always Pushing Steadily Forward.

No State in the South is advancing along all lines more rapidly than the State of North Carolina, as educational, industrial and financial statistics will show. While the people of some of the other States are cracking jokes and poking fun at the "Tar-heels," as they are facetiously termed, the North Carolinians are saying nothing, but are steadily pushing forward into the front ranks of progress. Thriving prosperous towns are going up all over the State, factories and mills are building and operating, water power, forest wealth and mineral treasures are being everywhere developed, and besides furnishing the lumber for her own structure the old State is supplying other commonwealths with lumber and other building material. The tobacco and cotton growing interests are prolific sources of revenue, their manufacture is advancing with stupendous strides and with them the general prosperity is growing steadily. Its educational institutions are growing in number, in reputation and in patronage, and thereby the intellectual standard of her people is gradually rising higher and higher. Now that the State has been rescued and will soon be guaranteed immunity from the rule of the ignorant element still greater and more rapid advancement along all lines may reasonably be expected.

Among the legislation recently enacted by the white Democratic Legislature probably the most notable and important and perhaps the wisest of all is the bill just passed with practical unanimity appropriating \$100,000 to public school education, which is in addition to the usual appropriation for this purpose. This is but an additional appropriation of 16 2/3 cents per capita to the 600,000 school children of the State. That number of pupils, large and creditable as it is to the State, will be considerably increased as a consequence of the large sum devoted to public education. The schools of the State can now be raised to a standard of efficiency, not heretofore attainable, and superior to that of many other States, which very fact will naturally increase the patronage and the usefulness of the system. The effect will be to make the benefit of education every year more nearly universal, thus in a few years banishing illiteracy from the State.

The passage of this appropriation to the cause of public education is a wise and fitting sequel to the passage of the new suffrage amendment, and will disarm opposition to the adoption of the educational qualification. That the white Democrats of the State with such unanimity have voted this sum to schools, knowing the large colored population and the small portion of the fund which the negroes contribute thereto, will do much to silence the charge or the suspicion that the State has not the interests of the inferior race at heart. It cannot be said that the State is disfranchising the ignorant negro and giving him no chance to secure an education, as at least one malignant northern newspaper has already asserted. Universal education, as experience demonstrates, is desirable, and the white men of the State of North Carolina have not only by their act expressed their faith in that statement in a very substantial way, but have also expressed their willingness to bear the burden, which presses most heavily upon them, as they well know.

The Legislature has done well and wisely.

GENERAL NEWS.

The battleship Oregon reached Manila Saturday.

The First N. C. Regiment will be mustered out April 10th.

The California Legislature has adjourned without electing a Senator to succeed White, Democrat.

The United States Supreme Court has decided the Wilkes county bond case in favor of the Republicanists.

The United States transport Maede, having on board the \$3,000,000 which is to be paid to the Cuban soldiers, arrived at Havana Friday.

Large number of manufacturing establishments throughout the country are voluntarily increasing the wages of their employes. This is a sure sign of business prosperity.

The burning of the Windsor Hotel in New York last Friday resulted in the loss of the entire property, the death of 16 persons, and the injury of a large number. It was a terrible affair.

The Thoberts, who were run out of South Carolina as the result of an election riot last fall, have returned to their homes in Greenwood and Abbeville counties. There are apprehensions for their safety.

As the result of the riot at Hot Springs, Ark., last week, in which five men were killed, Sheriff Williams and three deputies have been jailed, the coroner's jury holding them responsible for the killing.

The history of the past week is full of brutal crimes and horrible disasters. There was the shooting to death by a mob of a number of helpless negroes at Palmetto, Ga.; the killing of a number of men in a street fight at Hot Springs, Ark., and other crimes of like character throughout the country. Then the terrible catastrophe, the burning of the Windsor Hotel in New York city with its attendant horrors, and a cyclone which swept over some of the Southern States Saturday, leaving desolation and in some instances death in its path. "These things run in cycles, they say. Let us hope that this wave of crime and calamity will not soon be followed by another of like kind."

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NOT DEAD YET.

Wilmington Star.

There was much disappointment among the friends of the textile school when the bill to establish one failed to pass in the State Senate, the impression being that the withdrawal of Mr. Clarkson's bill in preference to those who favored its being made an annex of the Agricultural and Mechanical College would disarm opposition and ensure the establishment of the school. But the bill failed in the Senate after passing the House, and was killed as far as the Legislature was concerned.

Now the Raleigh correspondent of the Newberne Journal writes that the scheme is not dead yet, and that it is probable that the money to erect the building and purchase the machinery will be contributed by the mill men of the State; that it will be operated in connection with the A. & M. College at Raleigh, and that the College Board has appointed a committee to look after the matter. We hope this is so, and that the school may become a reality, for the benefit from it will far exceed any possible cost involved.

If the mill men furnish the money this would naturally give them the right to be consulted in its management, and they, with their practical experience, and their opportunities for learning just what is wanted, would doubtless render very valuable assistance in the training of students. As one of the thousands who take an interest in and desire the progress of our cotton-manufacturing industry we rejoice at the prospect of the establishment of the textile school.

TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

State Superintendent Mcbane has issued the following circular letter to County Supervisors: The manuscript of the Public School Law and notes thereon were placed in the hands of the printer on March 15th, but owing to law suits, injunctions, etc., I have no assurance of a definite time as to having the School Law published—hence this letter.

The Supervisor will hold his office and discharge his official duties until the end of the school year, or until his successor, the County Superintendent of Schools, is elected and qualified. The County Superintendent of Schools will be elected by the County Board of Directors on the second Monday in July.

The County Supervisor can not do any visiting of schools since the 7th of March, because there has not existed a County Board of Education since that date under whose supervision this work must have been done in order to be in accordance with law.

The new County Board of Directors will allow the County Supervisor to pay for his services actually rendered in public school work since 7th of March, such as examination of teachers, signing vouchers, etc.; such compensation as was allowed by law by the County Boards of Education.

It would be well for the County Supervisor to meet with the County Boards of Education and County Boards of Directors on the second Monday in April and assist in every way possible to make clear and plain matters of record as to the public schools and give all the information possible, so that the school interest and work will not be injured by change of officers.

The Township Committees will sign orders of teachers salaries to finish up contracts made with teachers for the schools now in operation. These orders to be endorsed by the County Supervisor as heretofore.

This, I think, is sufficient information for you until your successors are elected and qualified.

Yours truly, C. H. MERANE, Supt. Pub. Instruction.

STATE NEWS.

The old board of directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad have refused to surrender to the Democratic board. Result: Law suit.

W. E. Breese, the Asheville bank wrecker, who was convicted last week and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, has given bond for \$30,000 and been released from jail pending the appeal of his case.

Mr. J. Y. Hamrick, the fusion commissioner of labor statistics, who at first declined to surrender to his Democratic successor, Mr. B. R. Lacy, subsequently reconsidered and turned over the office Friday evening.

The intercollegiate debate between the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia, took place at Atlanta, Ga. on the 17th, before a large crowd. The North Carolinians were victorious. The subject was, "Resolved: That United States Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people." The North Carolina boys having the negative.

Summer Homes' Folder, 1899.

Mr. W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway, is collating information for Summer Homes' Folder for the ensuing Summer, giving the names of proprietors, post office addresses, and near what station, conveyance used, number of guests, terms per day, week and month. This information will be printed in an attractive form and a large edition published and distributed by the various agents of this immense system throughout all sections of the country. Persons contemplating taking boarders for the ensuing Summer are requested to apply to the nearest railroad agent for blank to be filled out giving the above information, and forward at once to W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent, Washington, D. C., so that it may reach him not later than April 1st.

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for Tan or Black Shoes. We also call attention to the famous "Little Giant" Shoes for Children and Misses and John Mundell's Children Shoes. Our Mr. Samuel W. Alston and A. B. Allen stands ready and willing to show our entire stock to any one who wishes to look. We hope no one will buy their Spring Shoes without first looking through our large assortment.

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SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS

LOUISBURG, N. C.

I shall sell on the premises on Friday the 14th day of April, 1899, about ten acres of land in Louisburg N. C., lying next to the Louisburg Railroad and between that and Main street and including the beautiful groves lying on both sides of Kenmore Avenue. The land will be cut into several tracts suitable for residences and for business houses. Terms—One-third Cash residue the 10th of Nov. next, with interest from day of sale. March 16, 1899. C. M. COOKE.

NORTH CAROLINA.

FRANKLIN COUNTY. Matilda Alston vs. Sol Alston. Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Franklin for a divorce from the defendant, for abandonment and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 15th day of the month of March, 1899, at the court house in said county in Louisburg, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 11th day of March, 1899. W. K. A. WILLIAMS, C. R. C. W. M. PERRY, Atty for Plt.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 13th day of March, 1899, at 12 M. at the Court House door in Louisburg, N. C., I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all the notes, accounts and claims due W. J. Neal or the Louisburg Shoe Store, which were assigned to me by said W. J. Neal on the 3rd day of March, 1897 by deed duly recorded in Franklin county in Book 104 in the Register's office at Page 539 et seq. This March 8, 1899. J. J. BARROW, Trustee of W. J. Neal, of the Louisburg Shoe Store.

The above Sale was postponed to Monday April 10th, 1899.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed given by J. E. Moore and wife to R. E. Gill and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Franklin county in book 66 page 294 I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Louisburg on Saturday the 15th day of April, 1899 at 12 o'clock M. the following described tract of land in Frankinton township adjoining and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Maria Dickens, wife of J. A. Dickens, A. G. Dickens, Mrs. Priscilla Duke, wife of W. G. Duke, and Mrs. Elizabeth Perry containing about one hundred acres, formerly owned by Mrs. A. S. Moore and known as the A. S. Moore tract of land. N. Y. GULLEY, Adm'r of R. E. GILL, deceased.

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WAGONS.

we sell on credit just the same as Horses and Mules. Looking for a fresh car load next week.

As to Buggies and Carriages, they go on credit also. Any kind you wish with Harness to match. In case you want to pay cash we divide the profits.

Before you buy your Guano see us, as we have several standard brands which we are selling for cotton or money.

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J. A. THOMAS.