THE ARGUS.

Justice, Liberty and Peace.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS:

We want it distinctly understood that our correspondents "stand in their own shoes," and they alone are responsible for what they may say.

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DOES It PAY?

Does it pay! to have fifty working men poor and ragged in order to have one liquor seller dressed in good clothes and flush of money?

Does it?

Does it pay! to have the MOTHERS and CHILDREN of twenty families dressed in RAGS, and starving for wholesome food to dress and pamper the wife and children of the liquor dealer?

Does it?

Does it pay! to have our jails filled with violators of the law at an enormous county charge, that a few hale, hearty young men may make money by the liquor traffic?

Does it?

Does it pay! to have the young men and boys of the community transformed into loafers and drunkards, that a few able-bodied men may make a living by selling them poison?

Does it?

Does it pay! for the county or corporation to receive $50 for a license to sell liquor and have her citizens converted into loungers, loafers and non-producers who, by theft, fighting and other violations of law, inflict thousands of dollars upon the people in the way of costs growing out of precautions for remedying the wrongs caused by the granting the license?

Does it?

It never pays to do wrong. Your sin will find you out, and the experience of those localities where the liquor traffic has been put down abundantly proves that it does not pay to encourage and patronize liquor selling.

GO FORWARD.

...ces of their plunder from invasion. They ...lected some dismantled castle around ...which hung the shadow of a horrible murder, or a deserted shaft peopled by superstition with the ghosts of some terrific explosion, and by the judicious creation of unearthly noises, and the use at intervals of weird light, so fastened the superstition of the neighbors as to have their quarters avoided like a pestilence. In those days the trick was a good one, suitable to the intelligence of those on whom it was played and serving the purpose of the ...thors; though even then, after years of security for the thieves, there would always come along some simple-minded fool, who brave in his innocence, and fresh from his sweetheart, would defy the goblins, and be the means of bringing the robbers to justice ...giving riches to his hamlet. But now-... such flimsy dodges are rather out ...f date, and when practiced rather serve to ...tract than to silence investigation. Still ...he Radical leaders in Congress have re... *Dr. Fenge*, and so far have ...ession to ... efficacy. In... ensconced in their bureaus, wrap... pig ...n-hole stuffed with evidences of ... ...n and misdoing, no sooner do they ...ear the approach of curious foot-steps, ...nan straightway they set to beating their ...p-toms, and squeaking on their war-fifes, ...d hanging out their dead-lights, arising ...m their gravemists, and setting a dozen ...ck-o'-lanterns into furious motion for ...very soldier that fell on both sides during ...e late conflict. And sooth to say, hith... at the outburst of this hideous dis... and the first display of these ghostly ...arities ...me of the Democrats have ...gers in their eyes and rush... every fraudulent voucher ... a fleshless veteran with ...ments, and every peculi... ...intended behind a ... overstep which would ...rileges and certain death.

Don't it about time that this foolishness ...e stopped? If the Democracy has a ...ase on which it is afraid to go before the ...country, very well; say so, and let us quit the field! If constitutional liberty is to be ...acrificed b cause Stanton would not exchange prisoners, or because Sherman cut off all supplies from the prison-camps in Georgia and North Carolina, let that be understood! If plunder and misrule is to go unchallenged forever, because of shocking landmarks cast up on either side by ...he blood-red tide of war, why make any ...rther pretence of reform and reconciliation?

There has been too much yielding already! Not to the power that conquered ...the field, not to the laws all are pledged to obey, not to the government long since re-established over North and South, not even to the Northern people, but to a treacherous, reckless, adroit faction, who will never cease to use the past as an arsenal so long as honest men will shrink from drowning manfully the counterfeit echoes of its guns. This tyrant needs to be confronted, to be plucked by the beard, to be drawn from his hiding places, and exhibited to the people as the present and consuming ill of the country. The strongholds should be charged, the evidences of his dishonesty paraded, the falsity of his pretenses exposed, his dealing in simulated passion laid bare, his speculations in blood revealed, the stories of his charnel-house circulated! There is nothing about him of which to be afraid except his continued concealment! Dragged into the clear light of day, all the mockeries of patriotism and truth will shrivel about him, and he will stand at the bar of public opinion the confessed usurper, the subdued trickster, the ruined gambler, the detected thief, the incendiary, the destructive, the hater of Peace, and the enemy of Liberty.

The Democratic party has no valid reason to avoid an open discussion with Radicalism. The forcing of the fight has been delayed too long already, and time has been wasted in frivolous side issues and strategic dodging, which should have been devoted to honest blows at the vitality of the adversary. The people are awaiting with anxiety some decisive steps towards a liberal and honest administration of the Government; they are anxious to know how the powers they conferred have been abused, and how the immense resources of the country have been parcelled out and frittered away until whole classes of the citizens stand on the brink of starvation; they are ready to join hands with anybody who will expose the disease and suggest the remedy! And yet we find gentlemen in Congress marking time in indecisive tenor before the jibes of the cornered culprits about "Confederate Generals," and the resurrection of old stories about Jefferson Davis and Andersonville. If the Northern Democracy are afraid to take the case as they find it, are ashamed of their Southern allies, or doubtful about defending the last logical right of their present position in and of the Union—the Republicans will and ought to continue in power. For a set of people without brains to perceive an opportunity, or without courage to improve it, would never have the wisdom and honesty to fitly administer for Government.

But we have no fear that this unprofitable inactivity will long continue. Our correspondent in Washington states that the Democratic members have determined upon a decided policy in future, and will institute aggression in debate whenever political matters are brought up by their opponents. This is as it should be; and the first gallant fellow who whistles his way up to the mysterious door, and pushes past the hobgoblins and Chinese lanterns which defend its portals, will come upon a vast spoil, and find out why the mother partridges have been drooping their pinion feathers and keeping up such a mighty outcry at passers by. Then let the blows fall thick and fast, and let the tongues of the echoes of past strife tell it be that and the shouts of peace and the ringing of hammers that rivet the bolts of a Constitutional Union, shall be sounds with which this country greets it hundredth birthday.

THE OHIO DEMOCRACY.

A reporter of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* has interviewed forty-five out of the sixty-one Democrats in the Ohio Legislature. The following is the platform to which they express themselves favorably inclined:

No National Banks of issue. The notes of the United States to take the place of the notes of the bank as rapidly as may be.

Prompt repeal of the Resumption Bill; no forced resumption, which is contraction; its postponement until the business interests of the country will safely permit.

No "repudiation;" no unlimited inflation," but a sound and sufficient currency, equal to the wants of trade; such legislation by Congress as will, so far as possible, permit the wants of trade to determine its volume.

Put some extra bedding on the foot of the bed at night to give the feet added warmth, and to be drawn up higher if needed before morning. The feet need special attention, as one of the best rules of health is to keep the feet warm and the head cool. Don't encourage cold feet by wearing shoes a size too small, for this will check the circulation. These cold mornings draw on a pair of thin woolen hoes over the cotton ones.

CIRCULATION OF CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTS.—The Republicans have been busily engaged in the circulation of Ben Hill's speech as a campaign document, but in the meantime, the Democrats have not been idle; they have already sent out 75,000 copies of Sun-set Cox's speech. This is said to be the largest issue on record of such a document, and exceeds by 15,000 copies the circulation given one of the famous addresses of the late Stephen A. Douglas.

An eminent physician of a Western city says he has cured ninety-nine out of every hundred cases of scarlet fever by giving the patient warm lemonade with gum arabic dissolved in it.—A cloth wrung out in hot water and laid upon the stomach should be removed as rapidly as it becomes cool.

A Bruce in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The sensation of to-day was the speech of the colored Senator from Mississippi, the Hon. B. K. Bruce in executive session, on the confirmation of E. C. Billings. The nomination of Billings to be United States District Judge of Louisiana, vice Durell who resigned to escape impeachment, was, of course, referred to the Judiciary Committee of which Senator Edmunds of Vermont is chairman. Now, it happens that Edmunds has been of the Republican Senators the bitterest opponent of the admission of Pinchback to a seat in the Senate as a Senator from Louisiana. This opposition Mr. Edmunds bases on purely legal grounds, maintaining that there was no legal Legislature to elect Pinchback; that the proceedings by which a Republican majority was secured in that body were illegal. Notwithstanding all this, he reported Billing's nomination favorably to the Senate, and advocated his confirmation.—This he did, knowing that Billings was the man who drew the celebrated midnight order for Durell, by which the regular Returning Board was restrained, and on which all the monstrous fabric of fraud and infamy in Louisiana was built up.

Mr. Bruce was not disposed to give his consent to this sort of double dealing. He had given an earnest of his desires to prevent a similar reign of terror in Mississippi by opposing Ames and his clique in their efforts to control the election with Federal bayonets. He still holds that peace and good order in the South is to be secured only by non-interference with State affairs by the Administration at Washington, and from this standpoint he opposed Billings' confirmation to lay in executive session.—Bruce is a fluent speaker, and a very effective one. He went for Mr. Edmunds without gloves, and handled him mercilessly. He declared he came here as the representative of all the people of Mississippi, white as well as black, and he was deeply concerned for their welfare, which could only be secured by the restoration of order and the inauguration of a feeling of good will between the blacks and whites. This could only be brought about by the people themselves, and he wanted them to be let alone. If they were let alone and strife was not stirred up by Federal interference all difficulties would soon be settled, and the blacks and whites would live together in perfect harmony. Their interests were identical. His fortunes were cast with them. All his interests were in Mississippi and he wanted peace and prosperity restored to the borders, and to accomplish this object he was not only willing to make great personal sacrifices, but he would sink all party considerations.

His State and his people were affected by the condition of affairs in Louisiana, as were the people of every Southern State. If there was a new reign of terror inaugurated in Louisiana it would put off indefinitely the era of peace and good will in the South. To send Billings there as a United States judge was to cause turmoil and confusion. Billings was recognized as the author of all the wrongs that had been heaped upon the people of that State, and he (Bruce) could never consent to his confirmation. ... Theiver manuscripts, ... and lings, the attorney of Norton, and the *fidus* ... the judge, Jim Cas..., and Marshall Packard were the blowers and strikers for the combination, and reaped their reward also. It was simply a question of brother-in-law, or some other member of the royal family being provided for. He (Mr. Bruce) did not believe in sacrificing the interests of a great State, and perpetuating confusion, turmoil, and bloodshed for the benefit of a brother-in-law or any other relative of the President. If he could not have the friendship of the powers that be without surrendering his manhood, he didn't want it.

The scene that followed the delivery of the bold and fearless arraignment of the Administration, by the colored Senator was indescribable. He was no respector of persons, but went for Edmunds, and gave him a merciless castigation. Edmunds attempted to bring him down with his awful presence, but Bruce was equal to the occasion, and gave Edmunds a Roland for his Oliver every time. Such a scene has not occurred in the Senate Chamber within the recollection of the oldest member. Edmunds and his friends are furious, and declare their intention of bringing the impudent negro to terms, but Bruce takes it quietly, and says there is more to come. The President is also furious, and so are the Casey-Packard crowd from New Orleans. They say the nigger shall have no patronage, and that he shall suffer for it, but Bruce says he don't care a fig for the patronage. He came here to serve his people, the whole of them, and not to distribute offices among a few.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION.—Hon. William Welch, of Madison, Wis., brings to the consideration of the suffrage question the rare element of originality. He proposes that one vote at each election be accorded for every twenty-one years of life—a man's life, that is. He would give each man twenty-one years old one vote; each man of forty-two years old two votes, and each man sixty-three years old three votes. His theory is based upon the fact that patronism, a scene of public duty and political integrity coma with the knowledge which is the fruit of age and experience.

Vesuvius is once more in eruption.—The bottom left in the crator by the eruption of 1869 has disappeared, and the mountain is a smoking again. Prof. Palmieri, the famous observer of the volcano, predicts a long period of activity. It is a peculiar result of modern life that an eruption of Vesuvius is always a great gain to Italy. The greatest damage the mountain has done in modern times does not compare with the sums spent in the country by curious visitors

The Epidemic of Murder.

Something must be done; the carnival of slaughter, which reigns in all our forty states and territories, must be stopped; or the whole continent will be turned into one vast sepulcher of bulletriddled, knife-hacked, ghastly butchers' victims. We need a total change of criminal code.—Murder and assassination stalk, red-handed all over the land in open day, and impudently demand our sympathy and respect.—Scores of stalwart men and unfledged boys, incipient Murder-mills, go daily swaggering through the streets of all our towns, loaded down with pirate outfits of knives and pistols. No peaceable citizen is safe. The whole country is in a state of semi-outlawry and barbarism. Horse, mule, ox, ass or dog—every possession is more secure than human life. The most precious of all God's gifts is recklessly destroyed, trampled on, cast to the winds, for any trival cause, on any idle pretext. The immortal soul, heaven, hell and eternity have become mere worthless playthings of thugs and bullyraggers. A word, a look a gesture, that "insults" some whisky-maddened ruffian, some respectable cut-throat, some fiend-spawned "gentleman;" Crack goes a derringer or revolver: And a father, brother, husband, son, lies weltering in his gore; while the shrieks and wailings of a household bereaved, a family heart-broken, go up to God, clamoring for vengeance on a country whose law-makers and law-enforcers allow, countenance encourage, by their guilty apathy, such hideous outrages and abominations. The assassin is arrested, after scorning a hundred opportunities to escape. A purchasable or anti-capital-punishment jury is empanneled. A mock court convenes, presided over by a bogus-humanitarian judge. A burlesque trial is held. And on a lying and absurd plea of emotional insanity or justifiable homicide, or some other despicable legal quirk or quibble, the dastardly villian, his hands dripping with his brother's heart's-blood, is turned loose to roam hyena-like in society adding at pleasure to his list of justifiable butcheries, emotional massacres. God and justice are defied; law is rendered a hissing and a byword; and perdition is cheated of its trebly-merited dues. Away with all this maudlin sentimentality, this mawkish yankee-bloodlish philanthropy, this lunatic trifling with death and destruction. Disarm every habitual pistol-bearer. Fix a heavy penalty upon every dastard found with a Colt's navy strapped round his waist, or a Smith and Wesson lurking in his breeches-gable. More hemp! It ought to be worth five hundred dollars a ton to-day. A life for a life should be the inexorable law; hanging, sure and speedy, for every act ... science. In no other way can this horrid murder mania, which is fast dragging the United States down to the barbaric level of the Feejees, Caribs and Timbuctoodles, be checked. Legislators of the land, state and national, here is work for you. Amid your sprees and dog-law discussions, your dead-beat excursions, carousals and tax-bill wrangles, have some regard for the lives of your constituents. Remodel our entire system of jurisprudence. Put those whose votes and money elect you, on an equality with their own horses and mules. Stop the diabolical caricature on law, which sends a scoundrel to the penitentiary ten years for stealing a calf or a donkey, and scarcely reprimands him for killing its owner. Hemp and prompt hanging! That's the only true creed.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—Rev. Johnson had argued a case in court, and was usually brilliant at dinner with Governor Carroll, whose guest he was. He took one glass of Madeira during dinner, and after dinner went to the parlor while Governor Carroll and other guests went to another room to smoke. It was supposed that Mr. Johnson was taking his habitual sleep after dinner. Presently a servant beckoned the Governor out. Mr. Johnson had fallen to the carriage way, which passes under the porch of the mansion. He was dead, bleeding profusely from a wound on the right side of his head and face. His skull was fractured, and a finger was dislocated. There were bruises and cuts on his arms and legs. He was born in '96.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Senators appointed on the Democratic Congressional Committee are: Stevenson, Wallace, White, Gordon, Davies and Eaton.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—The schooner George and Emily, Captain Hill, from Wilmington, N. C., for Port au Prince, was abandoned in latitude 34, longitude 74. Captain Hill and a boy were swept overboard and drowned; the rest were rescued.

SAFETY OF RAILROAD TRAVEL.—Chas. Francis Adams, jr., has made a series of investigations and compiled statistics showing that only one raildroad passenger in 7,000,000 is killed, and only one to 1,500,000 is even so much as bruised. In the year 1874 only one person was killed on the Massachusetts railroads, while seventy-six were killed by accidents in the city of Boston.

THE WEATHER.—The present anomalous winter is said to resemble in many respects the celebrated winter of 1822 and 1823. The weather during the memorable season was unusually mild and temperate; the trees were green with their rich foliage, the tender fragrant flowers could be seen blooming in front-yards, fruits and vegetables were abundant, fires were hardly ever needed, and it was almost impossible for one to persuade himself that it was winter so far. But on the 16th of February, 1823, the weather suddenly changed from heat to intense cold, ice formed all along the rivers, and all the ponds and creeks were frozen over. The trees which were in full bloom were killed, and numbers of white people froze to death, as did also many negroes in their cabins; cattle and hogs froze to death in the fields and woods, owing to the rapidity of the change from heat to cold. It should be a warning to us to make provision for violent changes after so mild a winter. The weatherwise predict a late spring and plenty of cold weather.—*Ex.*

Lamps become incrusted inside with settlings from the oil, and ordinary washing will not remove them. Take soap suds, and fill them up about one third full; then add a little sharp sand, and shake vigorously. A few minutes will remove every particle.

Judge Briggs has remanded Holmbold to the insane asylum. The Judge hoped that the ailment would yield to proper treatment.

A Lexington (S. C) girl said she would rather be a dozen widows than one old maid

Dr. C. H. Goudley, of Newbary, (S. C.) committed suicide a few days ago.

STATE NEWS.

Victoria Woodhull will lecture in Wilmington the 24th.

The presses of the *Observer* are to be run by steam.

Col. Kirk, the infamous, holds a paying position in the Capitol Police at Washington.

Peter Kiser, of Iredell county, aged 75 years, the other day married Miss Rachel Black, aged 54 years.

The shops of the Western North Carolina road will be moved from Salisbury to Morganton.

M. C. W. [illegible], keeps the Kinston somewhere in Johnston county.

A colored woman in Pender county, is the mother of 7 children, 6 of whom are deaf and dumb. The woman has asked the County Commissioners for relief.

A young lady has been turned out of the post office at Kenansville, Duplin county, and her place filled by a negro man. You see Ladies can't vote.

A negro near Oxford drank it is supposed about a half gallon of ardent spirits the other day and died almost instantly.

The Republicans talk seriously of starting a paper in Charlotte. The *Observer* says it will be run by the government, and will be only a temporary publication put on foot to fight the Republican battles during the campaign of the coming summer and fall.

It is said that a new Republican paper is soon to be published in Raleigh. It is to oppose the interference of Federal office-holders in State politics, and will go for all frauds in Republican ranks, in which case it will probably die before it is born.

The Wilson *Advance* says: Maj. Weaver, of the firm of A. C. Davis & Co., purchased from a customer on Friday last, a "yaller" hen, and stored away in a box of old rags under the counter. Saturday morning he went for his hen and was surprised to find her sitting on six fresh laid eggs, the prolific work of that old "yaller hen in twenty-four hours. This is a fact.

Hickory Press: An election was held in this place last Saturday to ascertain whether the citizens were willing or not to vote a tax on the town to assist in building a railroad from here to Lincolnton, to connect with the Carolina Central at that place. The result of the election was almost unanimous in favor of the scheme—there being only one dissenting vote.

The Salem Press says that a few days since, a shooting scrape occurred in Winston, between two white men and a negro. The negro accused the men of starting his team, and used abusive language, which resulted in his being shot at. One ball passed through the negro's hat brim, while another grazed his ear. The affair was stopped without further damage.

The Pee Dee Coun... that C... Leak detected the ... Frank Cavin[illegible] ... of robbing ... money drawer ... store of Leak, Everitt & Co... ingham. The thief was c... jail.

The Courier says: On Saturd... last a negro boy called at the reside... of Peter Tharrington in Sandy C... Township, while Mr. Tharrington ... away from home, and demanded ... Mrs. Tharrington the money ... house, she refused, the scam... began the search of ... Mrs. T. that if ... would ... broke open ... and found four dollars, w... appropriated to ... own use.

THE END OF THE ROBESON CASE.—One Edmunds ... the Washington ... was charged ... destroying the poll-books of Britt... ship for the purpose of defeating ... ent and ... Neill. ... Constitutional Convention. The ... was tried before Commissioner Case... Judge Russell appeared for the gover... ment and Capt. W. S... for the ... fendant.

The charge ... oaths ... upon the evidence of one S... Powell, who said he ... had heard defendant say to one Bullard that he had destroyed the poll-books for the purpose of defeating Norment and McNeill. And Bullard ... fied that ... destroyed ... munds told him that he ... books; but afterwards defendant said ... he was joking and Bullard took it as a joke.

The defendant introduced ... C. Freems who stated he was ... to ... when the ... were made out; ... he heard Edmunds ask the registrar how he should make ... the returns and also ... and the returns were ... to instructions; that the ... signed were put up in an envelope ... that Edmunds was informed that it was not necessary to send up the scroll kept in the box; but the aforesaid learning ... some trouble in regard to the absence of the scroll he proceeded to Lumberton and deposited them with the Register of ...

The Commissioner was perfectly satisfied of the innocence of the accused, and discharged him without hesitation, and Messrs. Norment and McNeill now learn definitely they were not elected to the Convention.

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