

The Blair Bill.

The WATCHMAN has no apology to offer for its opposition to the Blair educational bill. It is actuated only by motives founded on principle.

Read the article on the outside of this paper under the head of "The States Rights Killer." It is an aggregation of views touching this matter and is not confined to party lines.

Hear Ingalls when he exclaims in the U. S. Senate: "do not insult the people of the Northern States—by declaring that they want any portion of this donation of \$7,000,000—We do not want it."

The Seventh District in Congress. The Seventh District has an able worker in Congress, and it gives us pleasure to reproduce what is said of him.

Representative Henderson's civil service bill has received hearty commendation from a good many of the papers of the State.

And touching internal revenue reform the same writer says: Representative Henderson is making a special study of the internal revenue legislation and has discovered some valuable information.

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theory that Congress has the constitutional right to tax the people of the United States for the purpose of establishing and maintaining common schools in the separate States.

There is no warrant for such an exercise of authority to be found in any fair and reasonable construction of the Constitution. The step is a great and dangerous one.

We cannot bring ourselves to believe that the Democrats who support this measure are ignorant of the fact that it violates the traditions of Democracy and the theories of constitutional construction.

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The violation of the Sabbath," says Wilmington Star, in its report of the terrible calamity by fire, which fell upon the city last Saturday night.

The late Sam'l Reeves, Sr., of this place, for many years before his death, though not a professing christian, was wont to vindicate the observance of the Sabbath on business principles.

Speaking of Mr. Reeves, brings to mind another incident in his life worth relating: He saw a man on the street one day looking for a horse and plow to break up a small lot for a spring crop.

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Mountain Campaigns in Georgia is a very attractive pamphlet, printed in the highest style of the art preservative, and illustrated in the best manner.

John B. Gough, the world renowned temperance orator is dead. For more than forty years he has been the acknowledged chief of temperance orators.

Poor Sherman! He recognizes that the sands in the glass of his political preference have dwindled down until the pit in the teapoonful yet remaining looks like the mouth of a "doodle-bug's" hole.

It will favor Monopolies. The Holston Review, (Tenn.) very properly objects to increasing postage on fourth class matter. It says:

We notice a suggestion that the rate of postage on Fourth Class matter be increased to double the present rate, in order to increase the revenues of the P. O. Department.

Which of the other Departments is supported by a direct tax on the people? We say enlarge, rather than restrict its beneficial operations.

We publish with pleasure the following communication, from a valued subscriber in Graham county. We are glad that our comments have aroused a responsive sentiment.

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Worth of property destroyed by Fire in North Carolina within the last week. Twenty-five thousand dollars burned up in Salisbury within sixty days.

Our town has no protection against fire, and should it be destroyed before it could be stopped.

Remember that years of labor, self-sacrifice, and denial may be swept away in an hour's time.

J. SAMUEL McCUBBINS, who represents a line of Fire Insurance Companies equal to any in the State.

Office, next door to A. C. Harris'. Feb 25/1.

IT WILL PAY YOU FARMERS, WHO ARE WANTING COMPOSTING MATERIALS,

To call on the undersigned before buying elsewhere. I have a line of

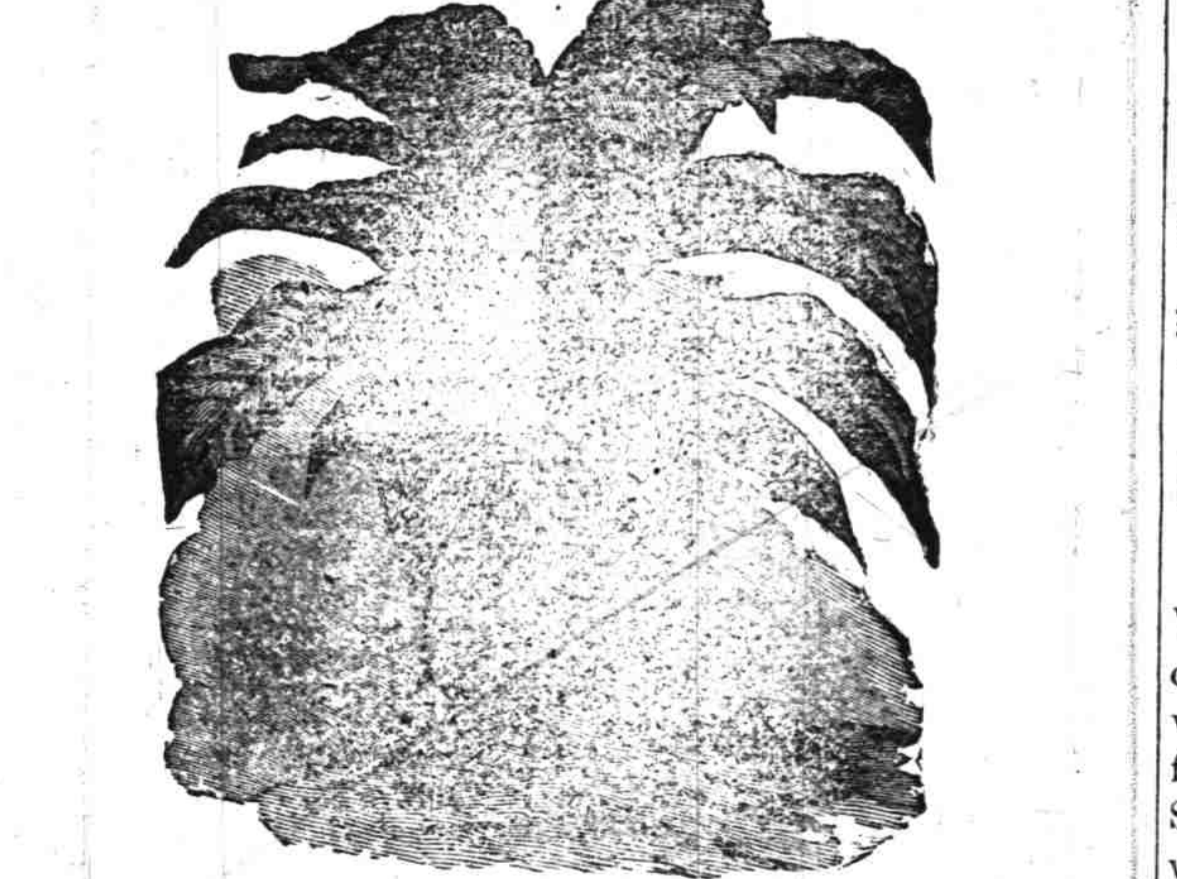
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Manufactured especially for Bright Tobacco. We guarantee every pound ammonia with Genuine Peruvian Guano. Will not fire the plant in dry weather.

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Not Symptoms, but the Disease. It would seem to be a truth applicable by all, and especially by professors of the healing art, that to remove the disease, not to alleviate its symptoms, should be the chief aim of medication.



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This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength, and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the inferior low test, same weight, alum or phosphate powders.

Notice to Creditors. All persons having claims against Robert B. Knox, decd., are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of February 1887.

Garden Seeds given away at Ennis' Drug Store. If you buy one dollar's worth of garden seeds or drugs or medicines, Dr. Ennis will give 10 papers of fresh garden seeds free.

The last Notice. ALL those who have not paid their Town Taxes for last year will do well to call on me and settle the same forthwith.

MERONEY & BRO. Have fitted up Machinery at their Store House for the purpose of overhauling old Sewing Machines.

Don't throw away a pair of Tongs, or Scissors, for want of a rivet; a Bucket, for want of a hoop or bail; a Smoothing Iron for want of a handle; a set of Knives for want of grinding.

We hope soon to start up our Wood Working Machinery, Machine Shop and Foundry, which will enable us to repair anything from a Sewing Machine to a Steam Engine.

If you have one of our Farmers' Plows, don't throw it away; the standard never wears out, & by adding three pieces you have a new plow at a trifling cost.