

Carolina Watchman.

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"Biting the Thumb."

The attitude of Reed's people on an election law is strongly suggestive of the cautious approach to a casus belli between the retainers of the houses of Montague and Capulet.

Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?"

"I do bite my thumb."

"Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?"

"Is the law on our side, if I say—aye?"

"No."

"No, sir, I do not bite my thumb at you; but I do bite my thumb."

And so with the ultra-republicans of the present House. They are quite willing to bite a thumb at the South, but as to whether they can do so in safety, as to whether they can do so and swing clear of the law of retribution, as to whether there is not a justice loving element of their own party sufficiently strong to punish them for such overreaching, hair brained tyranny, these are the questions which make them halt before the plunge.

It is a great day for New England at Washington now. Puritan intolerance, narrowness and interfering business—pardon the carpentry—is the very spirit of republican measures there; the spirit which controls committee work, embitters debate and colors every legislative proposition.

The mass or death; make your choice." Almost have these words of Charles IX., as he glared over the dead bodies of Coligny and La Rochefoucauld while he threatened Condé and Navarre, been transplanted to our soil. Certain it is that the governing principle is the same. They say to us, assured republican supremacy or a lapse of free institutions and right of representation; and this being the original proposition, can any one postulate the final result? Certainly there is confusion, hatred and strife of some kind trailing out behind every such proposal to a free people.

At the crack of the whip Reed's people, under fire from the democratic side, may pass the measure, for it is too late now to think that they will hesitate at anything. Also there is little doubt that the grandson of a grandfather in the way of a President which we have will, upon opportunity afford, sign it. Still, since the Senate has at least had the decency to refrain from the previous question gag law, which now prevails in the House, we may base a slender hope for an accident to the measure there.

There are some Saxon words, which when tastefully coupled, make a monthful. In combination they have no place in a respectable journal, it is said, still, as the pen runs, the writer must confess to a Ulysses-like longing for them, even while bound to the mast of conventionality. However, if any one else wishes to swear at Reed and his adjutants, an attentive listener can be found on application to this paper.

Trinity College Commencement.

Thirteen sheep skins and thirteen well accoutred young soldiers enlisted for the battle of life, such was Trinity's work for ninety. At least such was her finished work. Of ennobling impressions received and of aspirations kindled who shall estimate. This is the thick of the commencement days, or rather it is the bull just behind it, and to detail at length the exercises and participants would quickly exhaust the space of any weekly journal, while a greater portion of the work would be left undone. Still our neighboring institution commands attention which with us, since we were not present, must take the form of newspaper comment. The Wilmington Messenger says:

The orations were of a nature hardly ever heard upon a college rostrum. Usually the patriotic graduate eulogies the land of the birth of the "lost cause" and the whole line or thought is a connected link of sentimental deeds. But to-day the graduate banished these "thread bare" subjects and grappled with the problems of the day, paying his respects to science and philosophy. Each speech deserves special mention, but we have only room sufficient to praise the beautifully couched speech of Mr. D. C. Branson, of Greensboro, as the best written of them all; the gracefully rendered orations of Messrs A. C. English, of Archdale, W. F. Wood, of Mooresville, B. B. Nicholson, of Washington, and W. E. Ormond, of Hookerton. But the most deserving and consequently the winning oration was the gracefully and sparkling speech on "The Survival of the Fittest," by Mr. A. H. White, of Pollockville.

Trinity College this year paid her respects to our Congressmen in the shape of a degree of LL.D. This was a worthy act in every sense, and the subject was in every sense worth of the compliment conferred. Dr. John S. Henderson, for instance. The trouble about it being that there is danger of his being co-opted with a regulation D. D.

Plumb Shakes His Mane at the McKinley Bill.

Warned by the unluck of his Jay-hawker colleague, Senator Plumb of Kansas has given out an ominous growl, indicative of some sort of a disaster to the grand rise in tariff stock proposed by the House to the Senate.

Speaking on the silver question, he said:

There seemed to be a general consensus of opinion that the volume of the currency should be increased. How much of that was sincere he would have occasion to remark upon before he concluded; The Senate had been appealed to yesterday by the Senator from New York (Mr. Hiseock) against the bill in the sacred name of protection. He would not call it a fetch, although he did not know what he would call it before he got through, the Senate was asked to keep silver dehorned.

Silver was an American product—a much larger product than many others which were to be protected by duties of 200 or 300 per cent. under the coming tariff bill. He would like to ask the Senator from New York, who was so anxious about foreign commerce, what he intended to do with the tariff bill, which prevent the United States from having any foreign commerce. He hoped that he might interpret the Senator's remarks on that point as a hopeful augury of the action of the Senator in putting his knife into the bill now before the finance committee, a bill which would raise the price of nearly everything used by the masses of the people.

In other words we are permitted to witness the unwonted spectacle of this mighty republican, this Lacedaemonian of republican leaguism, in ferentially, himself with Thebes. Not only so but he is trying to convert Hiseock of New York to his new order.

If the Farmers' Alliance never lived to accomplish anything else of good, it would not have lived in vain. Bringing Ingalls up short, where he plumed and sunned himself in the vanities of his self-asserted security, and giving Mr. Plumb an object lesson on duty, to do these was to do well. It is only a pity that other western States, agricultural in character, did not take their Senators in hand. Perhaps, though, it is wisest to see how Mr. Plumb behaves under the whip before too much is built upon the growling of a man who is cornered between his constituency and his party.

The Way It is Done.

A SCENE FROM THE HOUSE.

Speaker Reed, railroading an objectionable measure and speaking very fast. "The question is on the amendments recommended to these bills. Without objection the bills considered agreed to. The chair hears no objection and is ordered."

Mr. Bynum. "Ghost of Caesar, Mr. Speaker, I object."

Speaker. Gentl'm'n from Indiana too late. The question is now upon thirty-four amendments, bills, amendments, resolutions and revisions of statutes; all on third reading and considered as read. Thout object'n consid'rd agreed to. The chair hears no object'n. So'rdered."

Thirty Democrats with cry's of "Mr. Speaker," "O hello there," "Rats," "O I say, now," &c. Republican cries of "put 'em out. Down in front."

The Speaker. "The house will come to order. The question is now—"

Mr. Mills. "I rise to a question of personal privilege."

Gentleman from Texas will please not interrupt Chair. Person in question has no privileges." "Will Billy McKinley please call previous question."

Gent. from Tennessee will sit down before I have his seat contested. The question is now upon returning a solid republican delegation from the South. Favor, aye, ayes have it so'rdered."

"Loud cries of time, division Mr. Speaker &c. from democrat and put 'em out from republicans."

Curtain falls.

The next act begins with Johnny get your gun!

As usual, Charlotte has done all of her whole duty. Her musical festival was a success; it was more, more, it was a triumph. Asheville has her eye strained after the Yankee dollar, Winston dreams of other and farther tobacco factories, Greensboro' is taking a course of lectures on the value of a lot, Raleigh seems about to accomplish a new depot, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Durham and Salisbury are each intent upon a conservative advancement of some kind, Charlotte, however, is apart in that she has a happy blending of hospitality with business, of higher reach and culture, of patriotic endeavor and moral advancement as yokefellows with the pursuit of the sordid. There is scarcely a community of equal population in the South, or in the Union, that would have dared undertake what she has but lately so splendidly achieved. All honor to her! Take her through and through, there isn't cleaner, straighter grain than hers to be found anywhere; and if this is her way of queening it over her sisters, why, long may she waive!

It begins to appear that Louisiana will not part with the lottery.

Ephraim joined to his idols is to be let alone. Also see that you don't omit to let the idol alone. If you want to get your financial affairs all snow-wow just make the Louisiana Lottery your business in life. They tell you it is "fair"; and in a sense it is—just as it is fair to fleece any donkey (exence the incongruity) who tries to pocket money that he has in no sense earned. If you want to "bet on another man's game," why not get some enterprising card shaper to rob you at short cards over a blanketed table in your local hotel. These latter are the more deservng, since the use of the "bug," the "shiner," the sleeve, the "bracket," and the deftest fingers in the world, these in combination with perfect nerve and surpassing courage, are certainly less shameful, because of the elements of marvelous skill and unflinching courage that shames the sneak game down there. Have you a chance to win? What has Salisbury ever won?

Unfortunate Webb.

Census Supervisor Webb seems to have enmeshed himself in the strands of trouble, in the light of which he is now safely wound. He is however more unfortunate than blamable. In his appointments competency, presumably, was a requirement. This could not be fully met from the ranks of his own party, so that two-thirds or more of his appointees were, necessarily, democrats. Hearing how the roll call stood, the Washington authorities, with their usual disregard of all compacts and obligations, have in many instances ordered him to revoke commissions. So that quite a number of democrats have been dispossessed, even after they had been at work as long as a week. We feel sorry for Mr. Webb; still we feel that the moral should be pointed, it being, never presume, whatever the word, that the republican party really means anything half decent.

Mr. Jacob Scott got into something like a state of consternation at the Greensboro Female College a few days ago. He walked into the elevator on the fourth floor and nonchalantly sat down. He is now prepared to state that his trip down to the bottom was the fastest, slickest thing he has ever accomplished. In fact he advises himself as willing to go any where in North Carolina to state that simple fact. He also says that he was even shocked to find himself at the bottom so quickly and that his feelings were badly hurt. Some fixings gave away and the gang at the bottom very nearly knocked all the saw dust out of his doll. Mr. Scott now walks down stair-ways exclusively and says that the next time he wants to do something right quick he will go f'd in a well.

It is hazarded that the population of North Carolina has increased in the general neighborhood of 400,000 since '80. Father of our common country! How many squalls does that represent, counting something like nine million seven hundred and fifty-six thousand eight hundred and twelve yelps to the rascal? It was Scott who said— "The tear, down a child's cheek that flows, is like the dewdrop on the rose." Still the heretical tendency to spunk the rose, or shake it dry, is widespread and powerful.—we omitted to say that 1,850,000 is something like the sum of our next census, it is supposed.

An ex-soldier, it is said, of Ohio, has asked the House to legislate against the manufacture, or importation of the Confederate flag. He must indeed have been an ex-soldier, his excess being spread all over his petition. Moreover it is nine to nothing that when the greater guns were rushing their heavy shot and the rifles screaming their lead at Manassas, Seven Pikes, The Wilderness and the rest that he was all of ex., or else he was busy about extending the line of retreat.

We stand up to say that the assertion that North Carolina is a candidate for the Louisiana Lottery, an aspersion thrown our way by papers beyond our borders, is a gratuity, an insult to the integrity of our people. Far be it from her. On the contrary her sons are daily to be heard commiserating with Louisiana for her shame, and if there is an unpurchasable people in any land, it is her's.

Winston voted \$200,000 on Monday for public purposes, without, it is said, a single negative vote. With the money it is proposed to build a market house, put in sewers, buy the water works and pave the streets. Certainly Winston may be said to have a move on her.

Governor Fowle is having the capitol rubbed down. The lichen or stone moss of the walls is being cleaned off and others furnishings done. Other improvements are spoken of.

Washington Letter.

(By our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Paradoxical as it may appear, the recent extreme warm spell seems to have cooled public interest in the proceeding of Congress, and thinned out that body to about the required number to constitute a quorum and transact business. The old "he that can wait will eventually get anything he desires" was never better demonstrated than by the action of the present Congress. The old hands, the queen bees, the old shepherd dogs of the flock, have acquired to a great extent what they had painted for, and are now dezing amid leafy bowers along the sea. While the public is anxious to have all discussion dropped is the opportunity for the mediocrity of the national legislation to approach the second table and reduce the surplus. The action is comparatively unnoticed, unheeded for and un-sung. Many millions of dollars are appropriated every day, with a brief word of explanation made by the members in charge of a bill regarding its contents. When the members of either house are sufficiently aroused, they direct their shafts of wit and sarcasm at the other branches respecting its want of deliberation in passing bills and appropriating the public funds. They are equally guilty, however. The House has charged the Senate with passing bills at the rate of 12 per minute its record in passing public laws has been shown to have exceeded this rate, but wasn't as fast as that of the House. The private bills are usually disposed of on evening sessions, when they are usually trumped, like a load of coal in a bunch. The republicans of Congress seem to act as if they were preparing to break up camp, and were perfectly regardless of the furniture. They have certainly acted in a manner that would justify such a feeling of despair on their part. They have planned for the appropriation of enough money, this session, to pay the National Debt. After they go out, at the next election, they will probably try to raise a sentiment against their successors on account of a lack of money to discharge public obligation and individual hopes, created by the gang last discharged.

The House silver bill has been reported back favorable from the Finance committee to the Senate, and offered as a substitute, by Mr. Morrill, for the Senate Bill. It contains important amendments that materially, alter it in a direction unsatisfactory to the free coinage men. The provision making the certificates legal tender is struck out; also making certificates redeemable in bullion at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury; and the section providing that when the market price of silver is \$1.00 for 37 1/4 grains of silver, it shall be lawful to receive bullion for coinage, and the purchase of bullion be suspended. He was followed by Mr. Everts who gave a very interesting review of the history of silver legislation. He said that in 1873 the two metals, gold and silver on a parity, and had been since 1803. That no trade or law of nature had broken that parity, but that it had been accomplished by "wit and wisdom of man." That in 1873 Congress, while in hypnotic condition, had passed the law demonetizing silver, which eventually reduced it 30 per cent. in value. Mr. Vance followed him in denouncing that act of Congress and said that the tariff laws had contributed far further to spreading bankruptcy and ruin amongst the community.

Speakers Reed, last week, announced the appointment of Mr. Mills of Texas to the committee on rules. He notified the Speakers that he declined to serve on a committee with the Speaker is based upon personal grounds. The peculiar rulings of the Speaker during the present session, and his utter disregard of the ordinary courtesies due the minority has provoked a feeling of unfriendliness on the part of Mr. Mills that would make service on the same committee distasteful to him.

A census of the republicans will be held on about the 18th, to consider suggestions to be offered by the special committee now struggling with the subject of federal elections. A bill will undoubtedly be provided containing the supervisory provisions and the worst features of the bills introduced by Messrs Rowell, Lodge & McComas.

The conference report of the anti-trust bills has been rejected and another conference ordered with instructions from the House committee to recede from the House amendments.

Edward K. Valentine, the republican nominee has been elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

The House devoted most of Saturday to paying tribute to the memory of the late Samuel J. Randall. The principal oration was delivered by Mr. O'Neil of Pennsylvania, who followed by many others in unstinted praise of the late statesman.

An Entire Ticket.

THE MONTGOMERY VIDELETTE'S SUGGESTION

It seems certain that our faithful representative, Hon. Jno. S. Henderson, of Rowan, will again be the nominee for Congress by our Democratic district convention; and Col. B. F. Long, of Iredell, the nominee for Solicitor, and it is but fair that these counties, through contemst and good will to the Democracy of the other countries of the district, should join in honoring so pure and true a man as Hon. Marnaduke S. Robbins, of Randolph, is known to be with the Judge-ship. He was in Troy this week and has consented to be our candidate if it is the will of a majority of the democrats of the district to thus honor him. His name on the ticket will add strength to it in this Randolph, Davidson, Stanly counties, and in justice to this portion of district we hope to see him receive the nomination.

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3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed they are held responsible until they have settled their bill and ordered them discontinued.
4. If subscribers move to another place and fail to inform the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former direction they are held responsible.
5. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.
6. If subscribers pay in advance, they are bound to give notice to the publishers at the end of their time, if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it on and the subscriber is responsible until express notice, with payment of all arrears, is sent direct to the publisher.
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