

**Carolina Watchman.**  
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"The Salisbury Truth, referring to the fact that the graded schools in Concord have been closed, says it is because we have no bar-rooms here. The Truth does not stick to its name in this instance, sure."—Concord Times.

The Truth said no such thing. It said "the Concord graded school had been suspended for the lack of funds, and that for similar reasons the school would be stopped here when the bar-rooms are closed. When we wrote the above we expressed the belief that Concord was a city, but did not know the fact, and of course, could not know whether bar-rooms had any bearing on the matter or not.—Truth.

"The Concord graded school had been suspended for the lack of funds, and for similar reasons the school will be stopped here when the bar-rooms are closed," is what the Truth asserts. There can be but one logical meaning deduced from the above sentence, and it is, that because Concord had closed its bar-rooms it therefore had to suspend its graded school, and that if Salisbury closed its saloons it too would be forced to close its school; and then, for its author to bring up the excuse that he did not know that the particular town, specially referred to—to sustain his point in the question at issue—was not dry, yet when he wrote it expressed the belief that Concord was dry," is, to say the least, vapory in substance, or an admission of a grievous lack of knowledge of public events. Concord has been a dry town for about eight years, and we could not believe that the assiduously watchful defender of the bar-rooms could be in ignorance of this fact.

True, up to the time our able associate withdrew from the WATCHMAN the writer had left the discussion of this question entirely to his talent and pen. But we were with him in sentiment and tried in an humble way to encourage him in his work. Endorsing every line he wrote it was our duty to defend whatever was said editorially in the columns of the WATCHMAN. Our desire is to see the bar-rooms closed, not only in Salisbury, but in the entire county. They are a licensed evil and menace to society and a disgrace to Christian civilization, and the fight will be against them as long as the good battle against sin.

District Attorney, Capt. Charles Price, will resign the middle of June, his resignation to take effect June 30th.

**Bossism Again in the Front.**  
President Cleveland has again been asserting his independence and power, Secretary Hoke Smith undertook to oppose Representative Livingston's man for a Georgia postmastership. It seems that Livingston favored some one, and saw the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, asking him not to take action until he returned. Soon after Mr. Livingston left, Secretary Smith requested Mr. Maxwell to appoint Weaver postmaster at Conyers and insisted upon it being done at once. Mr. Maxwell complied by making the appointment. Livingston returned, saw Mr. Cleveland, stated the case and plainly said if Smith's work stood he would make no more recommendations. The President went over the case and decided that Mr. Smith had no right to urge the appointment without giving a hearing to Mr. Livingston, and he instructed Mr. Bissell to revoke the appointment and reopen the case so as to give all the other applicants a hearing and allow Mr. Livingston to make a recommendation. Though the appointment had gone forward, Mr. Bissell wired Weaver to-day that the appointment had been revoked, and he notified Mr. Livingston to file the papers of all the other applicants and make a recommendation. This looks as if Cleveland was going back on his own record. He had protested against Congressional bossing and all that, and now he is anxious for Congressmen (this means always both Houses) to recommend. This makes it difficult to get at just what is the President's real meaning as to Congressional bossing and peddling of petty offices. They are in full favor again perhaps. If so, then the President is not as firm and decided as he was understood to have been. He will not allow a Cabinet officer to override the wishes of a member of the Congress. Is that a correct statement? Mr. Livingston says:

"By revoking the appointment of Weaver to-day the President has notified Smith that while he may be a Cabinet officer from Georgia, he will not be allowed to interfere with the prerogatives of the Representatives, and it further means that he does not intend to allow Smith to use his office to fight Georgians who refused to urge him for a place in the Cabinet."

We do not say Smith acted wisely or properly. But it looks as if a Cabinet officer could not override the known wishes of a member of Congress. That restores in full the Congressional bossing and peddling that few weeks ago were so very offensive to the President. So after all the people may not be very strong with Cleveland. We await more information. We are loth to believe that so soon the President has been humiliated and has fallen into the fond embraces of the lordly members whose chief strength is in nepotism and whose entire service is in office peddling.

There is great rejoicing reported in Georgia over the Secretary's turn down. His former managing editor calls upon Mr. Smith to resign and come home. He ought to do this, for he has suffered a great defeat through the President, Mr. Josiah Carter, in the Atlanta Herald, says:

"But heavens! Grover Cleveland heard Livingston's tale of woe, and revoked Weaver's appointment, took it back, cancelled it, reopened the case, turned down General Gordon, turned down Secretary Smith, turned down Mr. Bennett, turned down 'us,' turned down the man who had been made postmaster without Congressional interference. How this most wounded the sensitive soul of Mr. Hoke Smith! Here sweet friends, is a man who can feel humiliation. Proud, ambitious, forceful, brooking no restraint, 'fixing it without Congressional interference,' a member of the cabinet, set aside for a scrub politician, a scurvey trickster, a thirty-dollar man! Proud bird of the mountain, thy plume has been torn. Stand it? Never. Resign."

—Wilmington Messenger.

**Press Comments.**  
"I wish now that I hadn't done it." This remark was made to-day by a Charlotte Democrat, and referred to the fact that last Wednesday, when Mr. Cramer's re-appointment was announced, he jerked down Cleveland's picture from his office wall and stamped it to pieces. His repentant feeling came about with the news that Hon. Kerr Craige, of Salisbury, has been appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General. That appointment warms the hearts of all North Carolinians towards Mr. Cleveland.

Mr. Craige has always been a bright and shining light in the Democratic party and the people not only of Rowan county, but throughout the entire State, will be rejoiced at the honor that has been paid him.—Charlotte News.

Kerr Craige went with Senator Ransom and Representative Henderson to the Postoffice Department to-day and was introduced to the Postmaster General and assistants. He will assume charge of the office of Third Assistant Postmaster General on Tuesday next.—Charlotte Observer.

We are very much gratified at the appointment of Hon. Kerr Craige as Third Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Craige is a gentleman of very fine character; he is a lawyer of ability, and very popular in his immediate section. He has not been an office seeker; indeed some years ago declined a nomination for Congress.—News-Observer.

There were 362 pupils at Salem Female Academy during last scholastic year.

N. C. Presbyterian reports for the week seventeen additions to the various churches of that denomination in the State.

Dr. W. J. Hill a young physician of Statesville, son of J. H. Hill Esq., clerk of Iredele Superior Court, and Miss Maggie, daughter of Judge R. F. Armfield, of the same place, were quietly married at the bride's home May 9th.

A school is to be established at Pilot Mountain which will be under the management of Trinity College. It will open June 1st.

**An Income Tax.**  
During the last Congress, says the Wilmington Star, two bills providing for an income tax were introduced, one by Representative W. W. Hayes, of Missouri, and the other by Representative De Armond, of Missouri. Mr. De Armond's bill was intended especially to raise money to pay pensions, and was framed on the graduated plan, exempting incomes under \$1,000, imposing the lowest rate on incomes from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and increasing as it goes to \$15,000, tripling it on those from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and quadrupling on those from \$50,000 to \$500,000. The scale thus continues to ascend as the incomes grow larger, until in cases where the income exceeds \$500,000 the rate of taxation is ten per cent. Of course the number of persons affected by the higher rates would be comparatively few and the bulk of the tax would be paid by those whose incomes ranged between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

The probabilities are that one or more such bills will be introduced at the next session of Congress, for that question has been more or less discussed, and the drift seems that way. One thing is certain, and that is if we are to pay anything like the large amount of pension money we are paying now and if we are to have tariff reform, some plan must be worked out for raising the revenue that will be cut off by a reduction of tariff duties, that is if there be a reduction that will meet with the expectations of the people.

Our opinion is that a moderate bill, making the exemption reasonable and the rate of taxation not too burdensome, introduced, it will pass Congress and receive the approval of the President, although there will be opposition to it in Congress and out of Congress, by those who are opposed to that kind of legislation as inequitable and by others who regard it in the light of class legislation, and who would impose on some burdens from which others are exempt.

As a matter of fact neither of these contentions is true, for the tax is no more inequitable than any other kind of taxation. It is no more inequitable to ask a farmer for his tax on the basis of his income is than to ask him how many acres of land, or how many horses, cattle, hogs and sheep he has, or than to ask a taxpayer how much money he has in his possession or invested, or to ask him what he has in his house in the way of furniture. The object of all assessments is to ascertain the amount of property the taxpayer is possessed of and his sources of income, and why a tax on the income is more inequitable than a tax on the sources of income is not apparent. The only feature about it resembling discrimination is the fact that it exempts the man who has to support himself and family and levies the tax on the man who can pay it without feeling it as a hardship.

Going down to the bottom of it, on principle it is the fairest of all taxes, for it is not assessed on the basis of industry regardless of the profit, but levied in proportion to the ability of one to pay, a tax on clear profit and not on labor or on investments that may yield no profit.

We agree with our contemporary. An income tax may not be altogether agreeable, but there is no way out of justice in it. Those who would be most affected by it are those who reap the most benefit from Governmental protection within the past thirty years.

**Carolina Insects.**  
The N. C. Experiment Station has a fine collection of insects, but desires further to obtain specimens of every species of insect found in this and neighboring States. We solicit such specimens from gardeners, farmers, and others, as well as from farmers and gardeners. Insects will be named, and their habits and remedies reported free of charge. It is best to send insects and caterpillars alive in small tin or paste-board boxes, which must be well wrapped. No collection will be accepted unless the plants are sent upon which the insects were found. To students who will collect insects a pamphlet giving full directions for capturing and preparing specimens will be cheerfully supplied.—Gerald McCarthy, N. C. Experiment Station.

**Fort Fisher and Its History.**  
Some interesting addresses are promised in the near future, to be given under the auspices of Cape Fear Camp Company, Fort Fisher, N. C. The first of the series will be by Mr. William L. Martin, constructor of Fort Fisher and its commander in the fight which took place there. He is booked for June 14th, at the Opera House. The next address will be by Mr. Eugene S. Martin, who will give the history of Fort Fisher and other events immediately succeeding the fall of Fort Fisher and resultant evacuation of Fort Anderson; and the third of the series will be given by Gen. B. F. Hoke, who commanded a division of the army at Wilmington when Fort Fisher fell.

**Talking Immigration.**  
Yesterday afternoon, in compliance with a special invitation by Governor Carr, a number of prominent railway officials met him at the executive office in Raleigh, and for over two hours discussed the question of immigration. Governor Carr made some remarks, stating that he was carrying out the plan suggested at the meeting of Governors at Richmond. There were present: W. A. Turk, general passenger agent of the Richmond and Danville; John C. Winder, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line; King of the Norfolk and Southern; Martinez, of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina; A. F. Page, of the Aberdeen and West End; John D. Whitford, of the Atlantic and North Carolina; W. C. Petty, of the Carthage and Alouzo Tripp, of the Three Cs.

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**Representative Wilson, of West Virginia, assisted by an able corps of experts and amateurs, is said to be at work on a tariff bill which is expected to be ready for presentation when Congress meets. It is reported that this bill will be nearer to the line of the Chicago platform than any other bill now in preparation, and will come in with much organized backing.**

**One of the feats of strength performed by Blondin, the strong man, traveling with Blondin's circus, which has been giving exhibitions in the North, was the holding together of two large horses that attendants endeavored to lead in opposite directions. In this act at Lake Placid, N. Y., the horses used had been lately purchased and were never before in the ring. They became frightened and reared and plunged and Bondin, in his efforts to hold them, ruptured certain blood-vessels of head and chest. He fainted from loss of blood and soon after he had been carried from the ring he died.**

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