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THE REVENUERS MUST GO!

The following, which we copy from the Asheville Citizen, expresses our sentiments so clearly and p. cially that we publish it without further comment:

"Our friend Ashe of the Raleigh News and Observer is making a strong and, to considerate men, an irresistible fight against the worst enemy now confronting the best interests of the American people. It is the worst enemy because it is the most insidious, the most corrupt and corrupting, doing more to debauch public sentiment and concentrate power in the hands of the unscrupulous and oppressive than all agencies combined. High sounding, theoretical transcendentalisms called 'principles' may look very pretty on paper and sound very sweet to those who delight to pose on planks of such fantastic construction; but a few hard, solid, frozen facts, falling upon one daily in his pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, are worth all the glittering generalities of a life time. We have always had respect for the Rhode Island Governor, who, during a campaign, being twitted for his abuse of the King's English, retorted: 'I may not be strong on grammar, but I'm h—ll on facts.' Suppose a man has to pay from forty to fifty cents more for a pair of blankets than he would were the tariff repealed: the average man would not more than average a-half dozen pairs in three or four years. His additional outlay, caused by the tariff, for that time, for his supply of blankets, would amount to about three dollars. The cost of Mot and his minions in this revenue district in one year could more than pay all the difference on blankets for the State for several years, to say nothing of their outrages and other bad features. An extra cost of twenty-five cents on a wool-hat per annum will not equal the insults, the outrages and the expense of the Revenue Department. A pair of trace chains sell for about sixty cents, retail, and it will last some years. The tariff contributes possibly about sixteen cents to this amount. How can this amount be compared with the constant irritation of the people by the hands of spies, informers, retainers and such now characterizing the Revenue service? We desire the tariff reduced because we believe it can be done, with safety to the Government, and still afford all necessary 'protection' to home manufacturers; but as a choice between even retaining the present tariff and the Internal Revenue system, we say let the tariff remain and the 'revenue' go." The tariff is at least a tax upon foreign made commodities, while the excise law is a constant harassment of our people over their own local enterprises, to say nothing of the rascally and thieving manner in which the powers of the officers of the department are exercised. The effect of the tariff upon individual consumers, properly modified and equalized, as is demanded by the Democracy of the country, would be slight and scarcely felt or known; while the outrages and corruptions and oppressions of the Revenue service impress themselves upon the sight, taste, feelings and smell of every citizen—the stench rises to Heaven, and it has even been said, causes the Man in the Moon to hold his nose while traveling over this country. The enemies of real reform, Republican or Democratic, endeavor to scare people with the assertion that the abolishment of the one system means a retention of the other. This is all bosh. Wipe out the Internal Revenue, and then a cutting down and equalization of the tariff must follow. We care not which is done first in order, but let the demand go for both to be done; and let the law makers hearken to the demand. Let the Revenue go, and treat the tariff as demanded by the State Democratic platform, so as to afford sufficient revenue for the Government honestly and economically administered, affording all necessary protection to American industries without fostering monopolies. And let us have none political facts and not so much sentimental gush over important public measures!"

Prof. Mohn, of Christiania, Norway, having been employed by the Government to investigate the efficiency of the protection afforded to buildings by lightning rods, seems to have substantially settled the much debated question, at least for that region of country. His report shows that lightning rods, telegraph stations, and other exposed buildings, which were provided with conductors, did not by far suffer as much as churches, which in most cases were unprotected. It appears, in fact, that of about 100 churches reported to have been struck by lightning, only three were struck by lightning; that of these three the first had a conductor in good order, and the building was uninjured; the second had a conductor of zinc wire, which melted, and of course, left the structure without protection; the third had a wire which was rusty where it joined the earth, and the church was burned. More than one-half the number of churches struck were totally destroyed. Mr. Pierce, the English Government electrician, states that no damages has occurred since telegraph poles were earth-wired.

Georgia has a new terror in the person of a tramp who steals children.

He does not claim rewards, but seems actuated by simple viciousness. A few days ago he led an Atlanta newsboy into the country, cut his ears off so as to be able to recognize him when they met again, and sent him home. A party of citizens went after the tramp with shotguns, but he easily escaped. Short-

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