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#### A MORNING TONIC.

(John Skelton Williams.)

"At this moment it is charged that the commerce and prosperity of the entire South are threatened with the blight and oppression of vast railway associations which are attempting the placing of the control of the entire system of railway transportation in the keeping of one man or set of men and at the mercy of one interest, which may be guided by this or that impulse, which may demand that our business shall be developed or

## TEST OF ROOSEVELT'S HONESTY.

of the contest over the Wilson postoffice Vick he will do so simply and solely be is not because the country at large cares who is postmaster at that good town. It letter he said he would do no such thing, is not because of any interest in Senator but that negroes should not be discrimi-Pritchard's wiring in and wiring out upon the question of negro office-holding. It is wholly due to the interest of the people in testing Roosevelt's honesty and Pritchard will leave no negro in office in sincerity. McKinley filled Eastern North North Carolina. In his letter of Decem-Carolina towns with negro postmasters ber 2nd, Pritchard said: when they voted and elected Pritchard and Butler to the Senate. Since the Democrats disfranchised most of the neover Pritchard and Butler's McKinley and Roosevelt have turned out every negro officein Eastern North Carolina Sam Vick. He alone re-Upon the 26th of November, 1902, Mr. Roosevelt, in a letter to a gentleman thus defined his position upon the question of appointing negroes to office:

one could have gained the idea that I had said I would not appoint solely on account of their color, I confess I am wholly unable to understand. "But it has been my consistent policy

good repute and standing in making appointment to office.

"I cannot consent to take the position no matter how worthy, purely upon the grounds of race or color.

"It seems to me that it is a good thing from every standpoint to let the colored, letter: man know that if he shows in marked degree the qualities of good citizenship -the qualities which in a white man we feel are entitled to reward-then he will not be cut off from all hope of similar reward.'

It was only fourteen days ago when Mr. Roosevelt committed himself to the above views. This paper does not believe have been endeavoring to carry out what negroes ought to be appointed to office I conceive to be the best policy for the in the South, and thinks if Mr. Roosevelt wishes to practice his views stated above he ought to give them office at Ovster Bay and Boston. But he was reference to a South Carolina appoint-Was he sincere when he wrote the above declarations? It is the answer to this inquiry that makes Sam Vick a national issue.

In his Charlotte organ, which is helping him to becloud the Wilson postoffice issue, Senator Pritchard is thus reported:

"The agitation of the Vick matter." sardonically observed Senator Pritchard. after leaving the White House, "is not without its good results. Among other things, The Raleigh News and Observer, one of the rankest Democratic papers in the State, has taken great pleasure in publishing articles written by H. P. Cheatham and others in defense of the colored race, and has also published articles commending Mr. Vick as a gentleman of high character and standing. The leading Democrats of Wilson have also written testimonials in behalf of Vick as to his high character and standing, and in this way have given him a quasi endorsement for appointment as postmaster at his place. All these things clearly indicate that there is a wonderful change of sentiment in the Democratic party in North Carolina with respect to the political rights of the negro. The people of the State are to be congratulated upon the fact that in future we are not to be harassed by the race question now that Democrats, or at least those who undertake to run the machine in North Carolina, have done all in their power to bolster up the cause of Mr. Vick in his attempt to secure his re-appointment as postmaster at Wilson. I have done what I conceive to be my duty with respect to the matter, and the question is now in the hands of the President, and I pre- I have the honor to suggest that you sume he will make some disposition of

the case in the near future." The readers of this paper know there News and Observer has never said any-

thing about Sam Vick except this: "He is the best negro in North Carolina," and it is the truth. It has not "mistered" him or done any of the things stated by Pritchard. Certain Democrats of Wilson have said that they were urging the appointment of no one as postmaster at Wilson, but they "took pleasure in certifying to Vick's high character as a citizen and his good record as postmaster." as Pritchard's Raleigh organ published it.

Four years ago and more Senator Pritchard recommended the appointment of Sam Vick as postmaster at Wilson. No Democrat endorsed him. Pritchard didn't ask a single white man about it at all. He appointed Vick because Vick, as the leading negro of the town and the leading Republican, had secured the election of legislators who supported Pritchard for the Senate. Then Sam Vick was a power-Per year ..... Fr.00 fully good man in Pritchard's eyes, and six months .. .. .. .. .. .. .. \$.50 he didn't care a rap whether the white folks of Wilson liked the appointment or not. Not only in Wilson, but in other

Entered at the postoffice at Raleigh, Eastern towns negroes were appointed postmaster over the protest of Democrats. Some of them were sent to the penitentiary, some were removed for cause, and this year and last all have been removed except Sam Vick. He is the only negro left in a Presidential office in the State. The Democratic position in the Vick fight is thus expressed by the Democratis delegation in Congress: "We respectfully request that a competent white man of good character be appointed postmaster at Wilson," and no misrepresentation can change their

The issue in the Wilson postmastership at Wilson is clear cut. Sam Vick is a negro. If the administration will THE SAM VICK APPOINTMENT A follow the Democratic precedent he will not be appointed simply because the Democrats of North Carolina do not believe in elevating any negro to such posi-The deep interest in the determination tion. If Mr. Roosevelt removes Sam cause he is a negro, and in his Crum office. All over North Carolina Pritch. ard's supporters are declaring that

> "I have been criticized because I would not recommend the appointment of colored people to office in Eastern North

A special from Washington yesterday to the Morning Post, a paper that helped Pritchard to launch his Lily White party at Louisburg, says: "Senator Pritchard is not fighting the re-appointment of Samuel H. Vick as postmaster at Wilson because of the color of his skin." The Washington Star yesterday made the

It begins to look like the President has reputable and upright colored men to told Pritchard that he cannot afford, in office, when objection was made to them the face of his Crum letter, to remove Vick because he is a negro-the only charge heretofore preferred. In order to in every State where their numbers war- give Roosevelt an opportunity to remove ranted it to recognize colored men of Vick and allege another reason than his color, Pritchard has announced, for consumption in Washington city but that the door of hope-the door of op- not in North Carolina, that he portunity-is to be shut upon any man, is not opposing Vick because of his color but at this late day has compiled his charges against him in the following

> "United States Senate, "Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, 1902. "Dear Mr. President: I have the hono to submit in writing my reasons for op-

> posing the reappointment of Samuel

Vick as postmaster at Wilson, N. C. "In the first place Mr. Vick has, during the past three years, done everything he could to obstruct those wh Republican party in Eastern Carolina. At the Weldon Congressional convention two years ago Hon. D. W. Patrick, a gentleman of high character, was a candidate for Congress. Mr. Patrick is writing to a South Carolina man with gentleman of large means, and stands exceedingly well with the best element of the people of his district. He has never, so far as I know, held any Federal position. I was of the opinion that the very best thing that could have been done at that time for the Republican party was to nominate Mr. Patrick. Mr. Vick was a delegate to the Weldon convention, and the convention was evenly divided between Mr. Patrick on the one hand, who was not a Federal office nolder, and Colonel J. J. Martin on the other, who was postmaster at Tarboro.

"Under the leadership of those who have done all they could to disrupt the Republican party in North Carolina, I am informed, Mr. Vick gave the casting vote in the Weldon convention in favor of Martin, and thereby secured the de-

feat of Mr. Patrick. "During the last campaign, I am informed, he did everything in his power to prevent the success of the Republican legislative ticket in Wilson county. It is a notable fact that the Republican State ticket did not receive a single vote gestion of the presiding judge is complied in the precinct in which Vick voted, and the legislative ticket only received two votes in his precinct, and I am informed that both of those votes were cast by white men. Now, I can well understand why Vick, who has always opposed me, should have voted against the legislative ticket, but I cannot understand why h should have voted against the Republi can State ticket, containing, as it did the names of some the best Republicans in North Carolina. In consideration of his services to the Democratic party, the leading Democrats of Wilson now come forward and endorse him as a gentleman

of high character and standing. "If ex-Congressman White and the leaders of the Democratic party of Wilson are to be consulted about this matter send to interview a majority of the people of character and intellligence in that community as to whether or not they prefer the appointment of Mr. Vick to is no foundation for this statement. The I that of Mr. Boykin, whom I have recommended, and that he require them to time for the Easter services.

state their preferences in writing; or, if this plan does not meet with your approval, in that event I suggest that you require Mr. Vick to secure letters from this class of people, including those who have already recommended him as being a gentleman of high character and standing, requesting his appointment as post-

master at that place. "If he can secure endorsements from this class of people, then you may, in the exercise of your discretion, take such action as you may deem proper, but I must still reserve the right to say that in my opinion it will be a mistake under the circumstances to appoint Mr. Vick as postmaster at Wilson

"With best wishes and high regards,

"J. C. PRITCHARD. "P. S .- I herewith enclose copy of letter from the chairman of the county executive committee of Wilson county.

All this pettifogging does not change the issue. In order to curry favor with Lily Whites, Senator Pritchard demanded the removal of Vick in pursuance of his policy to remove all negroes holding Federal office in Eastern North Carolina Certain Democrats, living in Wilson certified to the standing of Vick as say that they did so "in consideration of his services to the Democratic party.' Democrats of Wilson have never dickered with negroes in politics. This went far toward emphasizing the issue, to-wit: that Pritchard's only reason for opposing Vick's re-appointment was his color just as his reason for favoring it eight years ago was because Vick was the leader of the negroes and Republicanssynonymous terms in Wilson. Ther the Democratic Congressmen made the issue still plainer by asking the Postmaster General to appoint " a competent white man of good character." Thereupon, when the issue can no longer be beclouded, Pritchard attempts to shift it, saying this opposition to Vick is not because of his color but because he isn't a good Republican.

In North Carolina he opposes Vick be cause he is a negro. Since the Crum letter, in Washington he opposes him, as he says, because of disloyalty to the Republican party. This dodging and shift ing and now-you-see-it-and-now-you don't policy fools nobody. Pritchard is having white registrars indicted in Western North Carolina because they wouldn't let enough negroes vote to elec-Jim Moody to Congress; in Eastern North Carolina he favors turning out a negro postmaster because he thinks i will help him get white suckers into his party. Is it possible that he thinks white voters can be thus hood-winked?

It is up to Roosevelt. Will he listen to the Democrats and appoint a "com petent white man" because no negro ought to be appointed to such an office in the South? Or will he live up to his Hon. Claude Kitchen, member of Congress from the Wilson district, concurred in by all the other Democratic Congress-

## IT SHOULD DROP.

The Greensboro papers note a report that another application will be made to the Governor to pardon Roscoe Murrow It is to be hoped that this rumor is unthe judge agreed not to send him to the roads if he would pay a fine and a certain sum to the young woman whose life he has blighted and for the support of their child. His father, a gentleman of character and high standing, so it is stated, was willing to pay the amount fixed by the judge, but the young man said to do so would be to admit his guilt and he would not consent to have his father pay the money. There is not room to doubt his guilt. If he is unwilling to recompense in a small way the wronged woman, sympathy for him in misplaced, though too much sympathy cannot be felt for his noble parents. The Governor has refused the pardon, and there the matter ought to rest. Writing of the matter, the Greensboro Record

"It is hardly necessary to add that the friends of the girl will be heard at the renewal. Believing in the justice of their cause and the reasonableness of their position they say that they will continue their protest and will present to the Governor a stronger case than has yet been made out. It is unfortunate that the agitation of this case should continue, but if it must, it is only proper that both sides should have a fair hear ing. In stating yesterday that the Governor's action in the refusal of the pardon meets with universal approval among our people and in making the above suggestion The Record is not taking sides but is simply moved by a desire to see

fair play and justice done. The matter should drop unless the sugwith. The Governor will never pardon Murrow until provision is made for the unmarried mother and the child.

The Asheville Citizen says that Rev R. G. Pearson, having found the strain of evangelistic work too heavy in his present state of health, has accepted the chair of the English Bible and Evange listic Methods in Cumberland Univer sity, Lebanon, Tenn. Mr. Pearson was an ideal evangelist and if all the evangelists would sit at his feet and learn of him, they would win the respect of men of all creeds and of no creed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.-The West Market Board of Stewards, in special session last night, instructed the organ committee to at once give the order fo a new \$5,000 pipe organ for that church and it is expected to have it installed in

## Spirit of the Press.

A FOOTBALL SUGGESTION. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

When in the old Roman days one gladiator had another down and at his mercy the spectators decided whether the faller fighter should live or die. Thumbs down meant death, thumbs up, life; and when the victor read the verdict of death he plunged his sword through the body as this be advisable in football? When half a dozen stalwart fellows are piled upon one lad, why not leave it to the spectators to say whether they shall break his neck or spine or stamp him to death with their spiked shoes? Certainly we can afford to be as humane as the old Romans.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Wilmington Messenger. We are told that "there is nothing in a name," but what a difference there 's between the plain name of Darnall for a North Carolina boy and that of d'Arnalle after be becomes a noted pianist.

### Among the Railroads.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.-Mr. John B. Lending, the railroad financier, who is interested in the construction of the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, spent the morning at the Guilford in close conference with other railroad men, but declined to state anything of consequence for publication at this time. He expressed great hopes for railroad development in the whole section, saying that nowhere in the United States was there a better field, in his opinion, for all kinds of investments.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—Chief Engineer George C. McGregor, of the Raleigh and western, came in from Cumnock today on a visit to his surveying corps, located now several miles south of here. Mr. McGregor doesn't hesitate to say that his road will be along here before another December rolls around.

#### STATE NEWS.

Congressman-elect Gudger has appointed Mr. Benj. Kirkpatrick, of Haywood, as his private secretary.

The Kinston Free Press speaks in the highest terms of Rev. P. B. Hall, the new pastor of the Christian church.

Dr. W. P. Exum, Jr., of Goldsboro has located at Spencer and is associated with Dr. Young in the practice of his profession.

The Caswell Democrat pays a high and deserved tribute to Mr. Robert L. Mitchell, the first Democrat elected to the position of Clerk of the Court in Caswell county in twenty years.

Louis M. Bownie. Esq., city attorney of Asheville, has drawn an act to extend the corporate limits of Asheville by taking in Biltmore, Victoria, Kenilworth, Montford and Ramoth, making a truly "Greater Asheville."

Fred. Phillips, Jr., is home from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N V where he recently graduated with honor and distinction. This young man will probably next spring take another special course and then, strange, but more gratifying to relate, he expects to farm. Southern agriculture needs just such material.-Tarboro Southerner.

Speaking of the address of Hon, Locke Craig at Elk Lodge as Winston, the Sentinel says: "The address by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, was one of the finest specimens of true eloquence ever heard here. No speaker was ever given closer attntion-an evidence of interest and appreciation, Mr. Craig fully sustained his reputation as an orator. He spoke for an hour and he held his hearers spell-bound throughout."

Greensbore, N. C., Dec. 9 .- This morning Mr. Stephen A. Douglas, a son of Supreme Court Judge R. M. Douglas, who recently received his license to practice law, left for Santa Fe, New Mexico, to locate, while Mr. P. Baydru Faison left for Yuma, Arizona, to ac cept a position on a big ranch there. Mr. Charles L. VanNoppen left for Dallas, Texas, to look after his publishing in terests. He is now manager of six States for the Nichols Publishing Co. and will make his headquarters in Dallas.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9 .- Two more local tax elections for schools have been carried in Guilford county this week Yesterday. Deep River church district, in High Point township, by a vote of 16 to 1, adopted additional local tax. (This comprises nearly every voter in the district). In Groome district, Sumner township, the election was overwhelmingly in favor of the tax. This makes nine districts in Guilford, and not one so far failing, for local taxation for additional school facilities,

## Mr. Chas. H Ireland at Oak Ridge.

(Special to News and Observer.) Oak Ridge, N. C., Dec. 9 .- Few adresses have ever been made at Oak Ridge Institute of greater power and eloquence than that made by Mr. Chas. H. Ireland, of Greensboro, on Friday night, His subject was "Success in Life," and for more than an hour he held a large audience of students and citizens breathless by his burning words of wisdom. Only one has even been comparable to it in interest to the student body, and that was by Hon. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, some years ago.

President Venable, of the State University, will address the students here next Thursday night.

# Mrs. Sarah Alexander is Dead.

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9.-Mrs. Sarah Alexander died this morning at 4 o'clock her home in this city. Mrs. Alexanler was an old resident, a septuagenarian, being 71 years of age, and was one of the best beloved old ladies in Charte. She was the relict of Dr. Bliss Alexander, for many years county sician and prominent as a citizen and his profession. Mrs. Alexander is survived by three sons and three daugh-

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. BURIAL OF REV. W. C. NORMAN.

A Large Number of Friends and Relatives the Grave. (Special to News and Observer.)

Lexington, N. C., Dec. 9 .- The last sad rites over the remains of the late Rev. W. C. Norman, one of the best beloved ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church in the State, were held at the cemetery here at 10 o'clock today. Revs of his fee. Would not some such device | F. H. Wood, D. D., of Durham; J. D. Arnold, of Lexington, and F. M. Sham berger, of Rockingham, conducted the The remains were accompanied to their last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends of the leceased. The grave was completely hidden by the many beautiful floral tributes sent by friends from Raleigh Durham, Lexington and elsewhere. The remains arrived here at nine o'clock last night from Durham, accompanied by Revs. E. H. Wood, W. H. Pegram, Gen. Julian S. Carr and Messrs J. H. Southgate, J. D. Pridgen, Thomas J. Lambe, J. S. Mesley, J. L. Whitmire Dr. R. A. Moore, of Durham; Messrs Jesse A. Jones, E. T. Rollins and Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh; Misses Annie Pegram and Linda Clements and Mr. W W. Wood, of Greensboro; and Mr. Eugene P. Albea and son, Norman, of Winston, and Rev. F. M. Shamberger, or Rockingham; and Mrs. Norman and Mrs C. C. Hargrave and Mr. R. S. Hargrave, of Lexington. The remains were conducted to the old Hargrave residence a the corner of State and South streets the home of Mrs. Norman's girlhood where the body lay in state till this morning. The deceased was well known and much loved here.

#### Col Phelps Dies at Aiken.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Dec. 9 .- A special to the News and Courier, from Aiken, S

savs: Colonel Sheffield Phelps died here this norning and his remains will be taken He was a son of the late William Walter Phelps, and at one time editor of the Jersey City Journal. A few years ago. he built a winter cottage here and has spent each season here since. He also owned a game preserve of 2,000 acres.

#### Bill to Pay for an Exhibit,

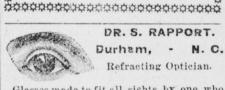
(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.-The House of Delegates today passed the bill to appropriate \$50,000 for a Virginia exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. It now goe to the Senate, which, it is believed, will

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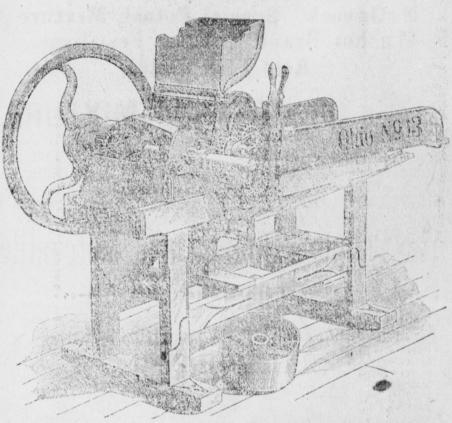
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