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"WHEREAS, THE LATE FRED. DOUGLASS DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> INST., AND WHEREAS, WE GREATLY REGRET HIS SAME; NOW, THEREFORE,

"RESOLVED, THAT WHEN THIS HOUSE ADJOURNS, IT ADJOURNS IN RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE DECEASED."

EVEN the *Caucasian* has nothing to offer in defense of the Legislature for adjourning in honor of Fred Douglass" (to use its own words) and "thinks that the action was an unfortunate blunder."

**LAW'S DEAD!** Yes, let all the people rejoice, for our Douglass Legislature has adjourned and will no longer disgrace our good old State. Its members have returned to their respective homes and each will have to give an account of his stewardship, and what a reckoning there will be!

Never before has a Legislature in North Carolina been so untrue and unfaithful to its promises and pledges, and this a so-called "reform" Legislature elected to purify our State government and bring relief to the people!

What sort of relief have they given? Have they reduced taxation? No, not at all; on the contrary they have increased taxation. Doesn't this seem incredible? The idea of our "reformers" levying a higher rate of taxation than the democrats did? Who would have believed it? And yet that is just what they have done.

There is no dodging or denying this fact. The last democratic Legislature, in 1893, levied a tax of 22 cents for State purposes and 16 cents for public schools and this "reform" Legislature has levied a tax of 24 cents for State purposes and 18 cents for schools, an increase of 4 cents on every one hundred dollars worth of property, and of course the poll tax is increased in the same ratio. Now, what sort of reform or relief is this?

Yes, in these hard times, when money is so scarce and farm products are so low, our "reform" legislators have increased the rate of taxation more than ten per cent!

Not only have they increased the rate of taxation but they have also levied special taxes that have never before been levied by any previous Legislature in this State. While pretending to be opposed to anything like "class legislation" they have been guilty of the most prejudiced and proscriptive kind of class legislation, for they have levied a special tax of \$10 a year on every lawyer, doctor and dentist without regard to his income or practice. While we knew that the average "reform" legislator had a bitter prejudice against lawyers and doctors, yet we did not think that the prejudice of the most malignant would carry him to such an extreme. The people of North Carolina are fair-minded and just, and will not endorse or approve so unjust and proscriptive a tax against lawyers and doctors, and none but an unprincipled demagogue would have voted for it!

On last Monday the House very properly defeated two bills, which had passed the Senate. One was the bill providing for a commission of three lawyers to revise The Code, which is unnecessary and would have been a very heavy expense. This however, is said not to have been the cause of its defeat, but it was defeated because the populists and republicans could not agree as to which should have a majority of the commission. The other Senate bill defeated by the House, if passed, would have destroyed all confidence in contracts and have stopped the loaning of money in this State. It provided that the owner of any land sold by order of court, or under a mortgage, should have two years after the sale in which to redeem it.

Strange to say there has no bill been passed reducing salaries and fees. If such a bill had been passed we have failed to see any notice of it, but probably it may have been slipped through by Mr. Bryan without informing the Legislature what sort of a bill it was. For surely this "reform" Legislature, whose members have so earnestly advocated a reduction in salaries and fees, did not fail or refuse to carry out so proper a reform! It would be well for our readers to make personal inquiry of their representatives about the passage of a bill to reduce the salaries and fees of our public officers. Ask them if such a bill was passed, and if not, why not?

Another strange thing about our "reform" Legislature is the great number of bills that were lost or stolen. As a populist senator stated, on last Monday night, "they have nearly all been lost". Even the *Caucasian* has editorially complained about bills being lost or stolen, which

of course shows that the clerks of this "reform" body are either grossly incompetent or very corrupt, and it may be that they are both incompetent and corrupt. And yet they were elected because they were right "reformers"!

One of the most outrageous acts perpetrated by the Douglass gang was the bill establishing a new criminal court in the counties of Halifax, Mecklenburg, Edgecombe, New Hanover, Vance and Warren against the wishes and protests of the people of those counties. The representatives of several of these counties earnestly protested against this outrage, and tried to get each of their respective counties excepted from the bill, but all in vain. Such an outrage on local self-government aroused the indignation of even some populists and some of them openly denounced it. Fowler, of Sampson, a populist senator, denounced the bill in the Senate as an effort to blot out every vestige of local self-government (as reported in the *Caucasian*) and that it was "only to create an office to put one man into office". This last sentence referred to the fact that this court was established solely for the benefit of C. A. Cook, the repulsive bean senator from Warren, whom the Legislature elected judge of the court. It is not explained why the Legislature elected this new judge instead of allowing the people the privilege of electing him.

The Seaboard Air Line has recently shown its "tart" and enterprise by making a very great improvement in its through passenger rates. Certain other powerful railroad companies had attempted to boycott the S. A. L. because of its refusal to enter some of their "combinations", but instead of backing down the S. A. L. promptly rallied the war into Africa" and is making it difficult for its boycotting competitors. The S. A. L. can always be relied upon to give its patrons the best rail-service at the lowest rates.

The expansionist men in North Carolina voted the "fusion" ticket at the last election, who will never do so again, because they have been grossly deceived and betrayed. They honestly believed the premises and pledges made by the "reform" candidates and voted for them. They gave them full faith and credit of both branches of the Legislature, and placed it in their power to fulfill every promise and reform every pledge, as they did the result.

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James Ewart, the republican leader of the House, in a speech delivered in the House on last Thursday, openly denounced the *Caucasian* and its editor in language more forcible than polite—indeed severer than any democrat has ever used. Referring to a certain statement made recently in the *Caucasian* he declared it to be "as false and as black as the very hinge of hell."

Now, while this denunciation may have been deserved by the *Caucasian* and Ewart's words may have been true, yet his son earlier in the day had succeeded in getting his bill through the House, and undeniably in view of the fact that it had not been for the *Caucasian* and its editor he would not have been elected by this Legislature judge of the criminal court established expressly for his trial!

But that is only a side point what our populists may expect from our representatives whom they have already placed in high places.

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#### A Repentant Populist's Reply.

Last week the *Record* published a disgraced daughter's letter to her populist father, and now we copy from the *News and Observer* her father's repentant reply, which we commend to the earnest and careful consideration of all former dissenters, who like him had strayed off into the so-called People's party. Read it and lend it to your neighbors and friends, for it contains many wise counsels.

Winston, N. C., March 2.

My Dear Daughter:—I have received your letter and am sorry to say that it is not the first time that such a document has reached me, but it is the first time that I have received one from my son, and I am sorry to say that it is not the last.

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For a minimum of one month Mrs. D. L. Leader, of Elizabethtown, Ky., was subject to a severe attack of stamp colic. She is 80 years old, but still retains her strength and is a widow. Her husband died in 1880, and she has been alone ever since. She has been unable to sleep at night, and has been unable to eat for weeks past. She has been to the best physicians in the city, but has not been relieved. She has been to Dr. J. W. Bryan, Dr. W. H. Bryan, Dr. W. H. Bryan, Dr. W. H. Bryan, Dr. W