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WHITHER is Rev. Sam. Jones drifting? He is reported to have said concerning the Palestine incident:

"The fellow," said Mr. Jones, "hit me in the face with a cane, cutting a deep gash across my cheek, and also hit me on the shoulders. I then grabbed the man's cane, wrung it out of his hand, and literally wore him out. We separated and I let him in the hands of some doctors for repairs. It was a painful sight to see the fellow try to draw his pistol."

Mr. Jones evidently belongs to the church militant.

CAPT. PATTON suggests some very important matters in his letter to-day. We have wondered that the revelations made by THE CITIZEN with regard to special taxes and the assessed valuation of city property did not suggest a move to secure some changes in the existing order of things. The time is becoming short in which to do anything. It strikes THE CITIZEN that there should be a meeting of business men to consider the points with others, that Capt. Patton brings up. The city is growing and its clothing, so to speak, should be made over occasionally to fit it.

The Bingham school matter is now before the people with a plan to which there seems to be little or no objection. Asheville wants the school and Major Bingham wants Asheville; the admiration is mutual and so, we believe, will be the benefits. The risk to the city is very small and we shall secure a valuable addition to the many attractions Asheville already has. We cannot have too many such. Every new enterprise is a step towards a complete city; another appeal to the intelligent to come to Asheville and live.

WHETHER you favor the Bingham school movement or not, attend the mass meeting to-night and have your say. It is your right and your duty.

DEATH FROM KOCH'S LYMPH.

Possibly the lymph will not prove to be a specific cure for consumption, but it so the fact will be decided by an appeal to a greater number of cases than have yet been tested in this country.—Rochester Herald.

The first man to be treated with the Koch lymph in this country has just died at New Haven, Conn. The new remedy appears to be of the killer-cure variety, with the chances about evenly balanced.—Emporia Republican.

Dr. Loomis says: "On the whole I think the lymph was not the cause of the patient's death." On the whole, however, it must be admitted that experimenting with the lymph is playing with edged tools.—Indianapolis News.

The death of one of the lymph patients in New Haven will not increase the desire of consumptives to undergo treatment. Yet if we are to judge by the physicians' statements death was not due to the treatment. Boston's patients are reported as doing well and there are indications of several cures.—Boston Record.

An apparent confirmation of the theory of Professor Virchow, the great German doctor, that the Koch lymph only scatters the tubercular bacilli from the affected spot to other parts of the body, is found in the deaths of three patients under treatment in New York hospitals. Certainly this is a large proportion of losses.—Newark Advertiser.

Another setback for the Koch lymphists has been given in the result of an autopsy in the case of patient who died last week in Bellevue hospital. Professor Virchow claimed that the Koch lymph did not destroy the tubercular bacilli, but merely scattered them throughout the body. The theory appears to be verified in the autopsy at New York.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Jeems Came Home.

From the Springfield (Mass) Republican. Jefferson Davis's memoirs read like a tragedy, but occasionally the pages gleam with a little humor. In one place is found this letter from a "Carolyn gal": "Dear Mr. President—I want you to let Jeems C. of company oneth, 5th South Carolina Regiment, come home and get married. Jeems is willin, I is willin, his mammy says she is willin, but Jeems's captain, he ain't willin. Now when we are all willin, captin Jeems's captain, I think you might let up and let Jeems come. I'll make him go straight back when he's done got married and fight just as hard as ever." There is no northerner, however bitter his memory of the great struggle may still be, who will not warm a little toward the rebel chief, for writing on the letter, "Let Jeems Go." Jeems did go home, was married, and returned to fight against his country "as well as ever."

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TWO AMENDMENTS NEEDED.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—Many questions of great importance demand the serious attention of the residents of Asheville, and I am glad to see that your columns are open and are being used for a free discussion.

THE STREETS. Just now this subject is of so deep a character as to require an article devoted entirely to itself. I will merely remark that those gentlemen who have hitherto opposed a railway in front of their homes must feel that they made a mistake. The street cars are a boon indeed to us on Charlotte street, as without their aid we would be absolutely quarantined from our next door neighbor. I hope we may learn the lesson and offer no further opposition to an extension of its lines in all directions.

My object at present is to invite attention to one or two matters which I think demand legislative action during the present session. One of these is THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN. I see it proposed that four aldermen shall be elected by popular vote in May, one of whom shall fill the unexpired term of Mr. Pulliam. I am in thorough accord with the feeling, which prompted the present board to decline filling this vacancy themselves, and to refer it to the people. I consider nothing so satisfactory, so democratic, as a popular election. I would have all offices to be so filled, whether they be county, city or state, but as the law now stands this seems to me to be impossible.

Section 14 of the city charter says: "The remaining aldermen shall elect suitable persons to fill vacancies." Now Mr. Pulliam's term extends until May, 1893, and therefore his vacancy can only be filled by the remaining aldermen. Again section 205 reads: "There shall be elected biennially on the first Monday in May a mayor and three aldermen." An election of a fourth would, in my opinion, invalidate the whole. Let us not then, in our desire for an election by the people, run counter to the plain letter of the law, but while we have time let the law be made to meet our wishes. I suggest an amendment somewhat like this:

"When a vacancy occurs in the board of aldermen, the remaining members shall elect a suitable person to fill the same until the next regular election of mayor and aldermen, at which time such vacancy, if it then exists, shall be filled by the popular vote."

NEXT YEAR'S TAXES AND REVENUE. I note in a recent issue of this paper that Mr. S. B. Alexander, a prominent member of the legislature, assured Mr. Foxen and others that he approved the repeal of the merchants' purchase tax, and to supply the deficiency which would thus be made in the State's revenues, by having an assessment made at a correct valuation. I have a very exalted opinion of Mr. Alexander's abilities. I know that he has given this and kindred subjects very thorough consideration; I heartily concur with him that the merchants' tax should be repealed, because it is unjust, but before the remedy which he proposes can be applied effectively, the legislature must abandon a custom, which has hitherto prevailed, of levying the rate of taxation without the slightest knowledge of the amount of property upon which the tax is made. I can conceive of nothing so perfectly unbusiness-like as this course of action.

The legislature fixes the rate, say 25cts. on the valuation of last year, estimating that this will bring in enough revenue to support the state government, but it is in fact applied to a valuation to be made in the future.

The assessors know if they raise the values of property, they increase the tax to be paid by them selves and their neighbors, consequently they refuse to assess property at its fair and actual value.

Now I would have the legislature decide how much money should be appropriated to each department of the state government. Then order a proper assessment of all property, and direct the governor and treasurer to fix a rate of tax on such valuation as would bring in the number of dollars which had already been appropriated. This it seems to me would be both in accordance with common sense and the ordinary rules of business, and we would then see our state reports show her actual wealth and resources.

The state tax, however, is of small consideration as compared with that of the city. I do not believe the property of this city is now valued at one-third of the amount it would bring "at a voluntary sale." A new assessment should and I believe will be made this year. I would have the records show the full valuation of property, but I certainly do not wish to pay three times as much tax as I have paid for the past year. Therefore I would have another amendment to the charter of Asheville, about as follows:

"The board of aldermen shall not fix the rate of taxation upon property nor upon polls until a full return is made of the assessed valuations of all property within the city." You will please observe that not only the wealthy tax payer is interested in this matter, but the poorest man as well, because under the constitution the poll tax is fixed at the same amount as the tax on three hundred dollars worth of property. So by reducing the rate of tax on property we reduce the poll tax. I hope you will add your voice to mine in urging the mayor and aldermen to secure these two amendments.

Very respectfully, T. V. PATTON.

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From the Atlanta Constitution. Governor Northen did not meet Mr. Jay Gould during his stay in Atlanta. The governor was invited to the reception by the committee. To the invitation he gave the courteous reply that Mr. Gould did not come to Georgia in an official capacity, that he was not in sympathy with Mr. Gould's business methods, and, therefore, while not only willing but anxious to meet the other gentlemen of the party, he felt that he could not consistently meet Mr. Gould in such a way as must give endorsement to him. As a consequence, the governor was absent from the various receptions.

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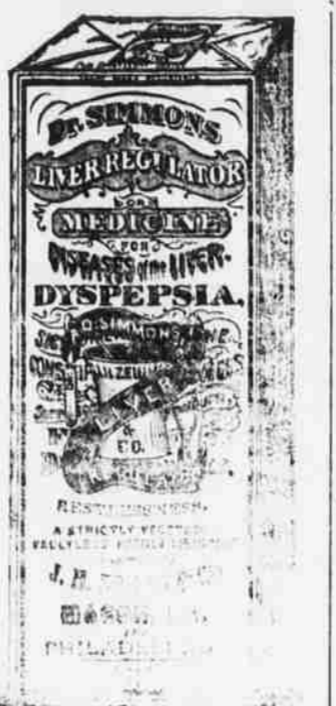
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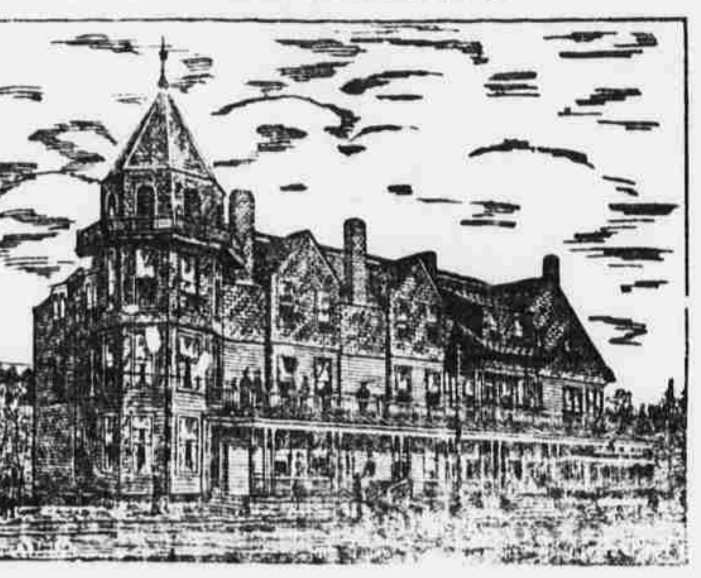
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