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SPEAKER CRISP has appointed Reed, of Maine, a member of the committee on rules. He belongs, however to the party that doesn't rule. Let us be thankful for that much.

THE doctors say that the head of Norcross, who tried to blow a million and a half of dollars out of Russel Sage's financial grip, was egg-shaped. Evidently the shape of a bad egg.

THE understanding is—we betray no confidence in making this statement—that if the Gen. P. M. B. Young overpay money does not come back into the city through him it will, of course, be refunded by the city officials who are to blame for its payment in the first place. The over-pay was a piece of carelessness for which the people should not suffer, though done by their regularly elected agents.

WE find the following in the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Congressional Record:

Mr. Quay submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on foreign relations:

"Resolved, That the committee on foreign relations be requested to inquire whether the acquisition of those portions of the states of Sonora, Chihauhau and Coahuila lying north of the twenty-ninth parallel of north latitude, in the republic of Mexico, is practicable, and for the interest of the United States."

The acquisition of that territory would even up our southwestern boundary line, and give us a strip of country supposed to be very rich in silver, mountains and canyons. But Mexico will never give it up—never.

THERE is something absolutely absurd in the expectation of the commissioners of the Columbian exposition that China will be represented by her manufacturers and her products. They affect to extend the right hand in welcome, while congress stands on guard to project them with the vigorous foot of contemptuous violence the moment the celestials land on our shores. The Chinese, the oldest of civilized nations, are not unconscious of their seniority in age or their priority on the arts and sciences, and very naturally and properly despise the patronizing and churlish ill-breeding of a nation which, in relation to China, is still in the leading strings o national babyhood. China will not therefore be present at the feast.

They Get There.

It makes us very tired to read the after dinner speeches of many people who think they are lauding the south, and debate on the new south, yankee push and yankee brains, etc., while all northerners are welcomed and eagerly sought after as citizens, yet they themselves admit, after a short residence here, that the southerner is a full match in brains, business qualifications and push, for any yankee or Englishman under the sun. We do not believe in thus disparaging the native intellect and brains of the southerner.—Bessemer City Messenger.

The most convincing evidence we have of the ability of the native-born southerner to hold up his end with his northern brother is found in the fact that the former goes into the latter's own field and there holds his own with the best of them. This fact finds frequent illustration in the success of southern men in New York city, where the competition is fierce and the reward correspondingly hard to win. There are, by the way, many more southern-born men in the north than is generally supposed.

The McDougald Case Again.

The Fayetteville Observer, speaking of the Robeson county indignation meeting over the verdict in the McDougald case, says:

"We still think an attack, from whatever quarter, upon the action of the bench and the proceedings of a duly constituted court, hazardous, and subversive instead of conservative of law and order.

It depends on the nature of the attack, by whom made and in what way. An attack made in the heat of passion and based on other motives than those having the good of society at heart might indeed be subversive of law and order. But when men whose standing in a community is as good as the officers of the law, after due reflection meet and, with substantial agreement, point out a failure to administer justice and tell why there was that failure, then we have an opinion and an action that come nearer to being law and order than the thing criticised—provided the premises of the party criticising are correct. The law as administered and the judge and jury that administer it are to be respected only when the law is good and the administration of it such as the majority of an intelligent community approves. Judges are but human and not above the criticism of their fellows, but such criticism should, of course, be made only for the gravest of reasons and as a last resort.

If the indignation of the Robeson county meeting is as well founded as it seems to be, it has convicted the judge and jury in the McDougald case of subverting law and order. The action of that judge and jury, if they have been correctly arraigned, makes lynchings much more probable in Robeson county, and, in a degree, all over the state, than they were before the result of that trial was announced, and that means a possible total departure from law and order.

But we sincerely trust that the judge and jury that have been arraigned will have a reply to make to the charges against them. It would not surprise us if they were able to show that a fair interpretation of the statutes compelled the former to rule in a way that, to the lay mind, seemed unaccountable, and that the verdict of the latter followed as a matter of necessity from such ruling.

The public verdict is not finally made up in this case.

Petitions and Pardons.

From the Wilmington Messenger.

The administration of justice is too often now a solemn farce without petitions and pardons to bring it more in contempt and derision. The best people are becoming more and more impatient with the corruptions and short-comings of jury trials. Let "justice temper with mercy," but let it not be said that in North Carolina "justice is lame."

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THE TATTLER.

What He Sees and Hears Worth Talking About.

Of course you all know what a parasite is. "My friend" Worcester says a parasite is a "hanger-on." Well, that's exactly what I want to talk about today—a parasite. There are several of these parasites in Asheville. Where they came from or how they happened to blow here nobody knows. At any rate they are here, and here by a large majority. They move in the highest circle, go riding, driving and hunting whenever they want to, using the best teams—in fact they have the *entree* to all of society's doings, and rustle around among the *bon ton* in the most self-satisfied manner. How these parasites manage to live is a problem that a person not "on" cannot hope to solve. One thing helps them out—they never pay any debts. I have in my mind's eye now a gawky specimen of humanity who has made Asheville his home for some time, and who, I will venture, has not done one good honest days' work since he came here This same "scab on the back of respectability" owes one debt in particular that he would have paid long ago, were he honest, and one that he should be forced to pay by law. Forced honesty is better than none at all. This one fellow is not alone, however. Asheville seems to be afflicted with the animals, and the remedy does not appear to be anywhere in sight. "Oh, society, what cussedness is committed in thy sweet name!"

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Before I get a chance to have another talk in this column with my congregation Christmas will have come and gone, with all its pleasures, its rejoicings, its happy reunions, and its fire-crackers. Speaking of firecrackers, it seems to me that it is not exactly proper to celebrate the birth of Christ, by the popping of cannon crackers and torpedoes, and the firing of guns, and sometimes the rowdyism we see. But then it has been the custom for a long, long time, and it is quite likely to be so for years to come. Anyway, the time has come for all of us to be on our good behavior, and have our hearts open to do good deeds to the many whose poverty will keep them from enjoying the pleasures of the glad holiday. The poor we have always with us, and "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." Everyone of us can do a little toward making some person happy on that day. You'll do this, won't you? Of course.

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The Morning Gazette is a curiosity to Gazette. But it will no doubt be a winner, as it comes not to bury Caesar or to praise him, but to bury the Mountain Hame-Journal and to praise Asheville. It has a good telegraphic (?) service, and the old Journal's stock of errors in spelling, punctuation and composition. It'll do, I reckon.

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Some person in the morning sheet gives a quarter column of praise to Mayor Blanton for putting down a sidewalk on South Main street. This would be all right, if it had been the mayor's work. That official has about as much to do with the street work as I have. The work is done by the street committee, and although the mayor may suggest such work as is needed, I think you'll find that by himself he can no more have street work done than the humblest citizen.

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I have heard it said that it was believed by some that the reckless shooting indulged in by some person on Haywood street last Saturday night whs done by a policeman. I hardly believe it, yet it is possible. A policeman who will shoot off his pistol that way just for fun ought to be locked up.

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Managers Reynolds and Spears never did anything more deserving of praise than when they refused to give the London Gaiety Girls a date. Now, if they will do the same thing for that crowd of females traveling under the name of Duncan Clark's Female Minstrels, theatergoers will be under still greater obligations to them. Asheville gets enough chaff as it is, and doesn't at all need such combinations as those mentioned above. Reynolds & Spears have shown a disposition to "tote fair" with Asheville in cases of this kind, and we will hope that Duncan Clark will be allowed to pass by on the other side and not stop.

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And now, to those who have agreed as well as those who have disagreed, with me during the year about to shut up shop: Here's wishing you, one and all, the merriest kind of a Merry Christmas and the happiest sort of a Happy New Year! *The Tattler.*

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"I can marry any girl I please," was his exclamation, but unfortunately then he did not please any: and there was a plain reason for it. He contracted catarrh of the worst form, and, although a wealthy, educated, attractive person every oeher way, he was positively repulsive to his lady friends, a number of whom rejected his offers of marriage. A friend advised him to use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, He took his advice, and now is the most popular bean in town, and he really can "marry any girl he pleases" to ask. It made his breath pure and sweet, he has no headache, no offensive discharges from the nose, in short is in perfect health and all from using a few bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

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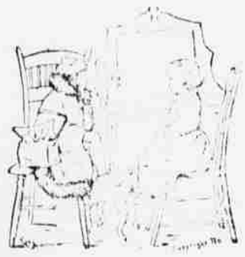

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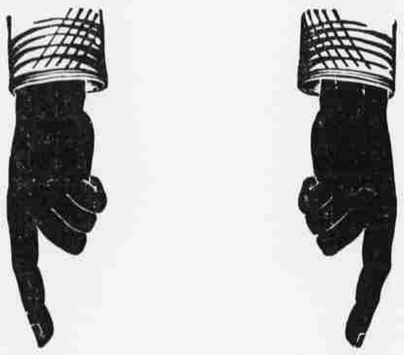

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