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LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Morganton Herald: At the meeting of the town commissioners on Tuesday night a contract was awarded The Morganton electric light and power company for lighting the town for three years with 32 candle power Edison incandescent lamps.

R. K. Montague, the civil engineer who is under arrest at Washington for stealing the past six, this town will be thankful to receive a semi-weekly mail over this road, and will perhaps have to content itself in a return to the "coach and four" which distinguished it before the iron horse passed the summit of the Blue Ridge.

Is the Hendersonville Times still thinks that it is ridiculous to suppose that ex-Congressman Ewart sold his quota of agricultural reports, and "Discases of the Horse," (the latter a most valuable and costly book) instead of sending them to his constituents. The Times will be glad to furnish its convincing as well as interesting testimony on the matter. Please let us know if you want to be enlightened, neighbor.

Congressman Crawford is fulfilling his pledges to the tobacco growers of Western North Carolina, as will be seen in the news columns of THE CITIZEN today. The clause of the law which Mr. Crawford's bill repeals, is a most iniquitous one, making it possible for any internal revenue officer, who felt so disposed, either through malice or otherwise, to put almost any farmer to endless trouble and great expense, as few of them are able to give the information required by the act. It is to be hoped that Mr. Crawford's amendment will become a law.

Magnanimity. Readers of THE CITIZEN will remember the announcement made several months ago of the failure of S. V. White, on the New York exchange. White had undertaken to get up a corner in corn but instead, was cornered himself. His liabilities to the New York exchange aggregated one million dollars. It is a rule of the exchange that no man can be a member who can not pay his obligations. White's creditors, as announced in yesterday's Citizen, have canceled every claim, upon the simple word of White that he would pay them every dollar with interest, as soon as he gets on his feet, and he has been re-elected a member of the body. Such a compliment was never before paid a man in the history of speculation.

These men were all gamblers, but, to aid a fellow who was down, they displayed a magnanimity that might be imitated with profit by some of those who claim to be teachers of men, and professing to stand on a moral structure, the foundation stone of which is clearly. Surely the children of this world never in this generation than many so-called children of light.

The Death of Samson. As THE CITIZEN has said on former occasions, it would be well for Senator David Bennett Hill to read the chapter in the book of Judges which tells of the death of the mighty Samson, the last judge of ancient Israel. At his death Samson slew more Philistines, the narrative states, than had fallen by his hand during the whole of his sanguinary career, but Samson was at the bottom of the heap, dead with them.

Senator Hill is undoubtedly an able man—not prematurely so, perhaps, but no man can rise as he has done, in this or any other country, without being possessed of brains; but while this is true, he is not as big as the democratic party, neither is he big enough to dictate to the democratic party, who shall nominate for president in June.

When it became evident that Senator Hill had made up his mind to defeat the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, THE CITIZEN admitted that it was entirely proper for him to do so, but that in accomplishing it he would destroy his own chances for receiving the prize he so much coveted.

There is hardly a man of prominence in the south that will not say promptly, upon being asked his opinion, that Grover Cleveland has a hold upon the people of this section such as no other man has held since the close of the war. And this hold has been gained because his actions have inspired in the public heart an unflinching faith in his honesty and integrity as a politician of such a name can be given him and as a man.

Now, it is possible that events may so shape themselves that the democracy of the south will see and acknowledge, when the convention meets, that it would be poor policy to nominate Cleveland, but their respect and admiration for him will be such that they will never submit to the nomination of the man who is responsible for the circumstances which make Cleveland's nomination impolitic.

And, Senator Hill may go so far as to say that he will defeat any man the democracy may nominate, by throwing the electoral vote of New York against him, but if that should become the alternative, the democracy would be unworthy of success if it did not accept defeat as the least of the two evils under such conditions.

The Origin of Jingoism. From the Baltimore Sun. "Jingo"—"Will The Sun please explain the meaning and origin of the term 'jingo'?" asks an old subscriber. While Lord Beaconsfield was opposing the dismemberment of Turkey by Russia after the last Russo-Turkish war, and was making a show of force to prevent it a singer in a theatre of London, using the popular sentiment, sang a song affirming that the Russians should not occupy Constantinople—that, by jingo, if they do. We've got the money too."

The liberals being then out of office, and desirous of getting in, took the line of representing Lord Beaconsfield's foreign policy as "aggressive" and "adventurous," though it was the same policy England has always had in the East. The song just quoted was accordingly declared by the liberal and radical press to be offensive, and the Tories who liked it were termed "jingos." The term "jingo" is now applied to an aggressive foreign policy on the part of any country.

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