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BROADEN THE PROPOSITION.
Attorneys for Public Service Corporations Should be Ineligible to Hold Office.

Editorial, Statesville Landmark.
M. Z. V. Turlington, member of the Legislature from Iredell, announces that he will introduce in the General Assembly which meets next month a bill "making it a felony for any person holding an office of trust, profit or emolument within the gift of the State of North Carolina to enter the employment of others for the purpose of bringing suit or action against the State."
Mr. Turlington would do well to broaden the scope of his measure. He should make ineligible for any "office of trust, honor or emolument" any attorney or employee of any public service corporation. The public service corporations make it a business to secure their ends by retaining as attorneys men in public position, or by lending their influence to the election of attorneys already retained to those positions. Any lawyer has a right to accept service with a public service corporation, or any other corporation, but he has no right to undertake to serve the corporation and the people at the same time, for he knows he can't deal squarely with the people in any conflict of interest.

You cannot serve God and Mammon. When Marion Butler, while a Senator from North Carolina, accepted a retainer to bring suit against the State he committed an infamous offense; but his offense was no greater than that of the lawyer who seeks and accepts office as the representative of the people and at the same time is the paid attorney of a corporation whose interests the representative of the people will have to consider in connection with the rights of his constituents.

The Landmark is with Mr. Turlington in this matter, but let's do the business straight. It is folly to beat the devil around the stump. The offense he seeks to make a felony may not be committed once in a generation, but it is wise and proper to make it impossible. The offenses The Landmark enumerates are so common they have ceased to attract attention, and yet no candid man can deny that they are less heinous, and because of their number and the opportunities offered, they are infinitely more dangerous to the rights of the people.

It will be easy to pass the act Mr. Turlington mentions because nobody is directly concerned. There will be much pleasure and much denunciation of Marion Butler, for Marion will have no friends to appear for him. But to introduce a measure such as The Landmark suggests in a Legislature where special interests will be represented by retained attorneys, will take courage and it will mean a fight to secure a consideration. Mr. Turlington has the courage and his experience as a legislator fits him for the work. Here is an opportunity for him, or for some one who would do something worth while for the people.

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Roanoke News.
It has been so long since our town was heard from through your columns your readers might think that we are dead, but we are not; just drop down upon us and see.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sharp of Winston-Salem are visiting the parents of Mrs. Sharp here. Mr. Sharp now holds a position as book-keeper with the Hancock Grocery Co.

Mr. Starkey Jernigan, who has been attending school at Oak Ridge, came home Saturday to spend Xmas with his mother, Mrs. T. R. Jernigan.

Miss Maude Powell returned home Tuesday after spending about six weeks in this State and South Carolina.

Mr. E. M. Wooten and family left us last week to make Ahoskie. "The Coming Town Between the Two Rivers" his permanent home.

Mrs. W. B. Gillam, who has claimed a prefix to her name only a few weeks, is spending some time with her mother in Washington, D. C.

On the evening of Wednesday the 23th., the Masons here will serve a supper, including oysters and refreshments of all kinds, for the benefit of the local lodge. They promise you a good time and the public is cordially invited.

Mr. Grady Askew, who has been attending school for the past session at the State University, returned home Tuesday to spend about ten days.

The Chowan River was frozen over at this point last week for the first time in several years. We are informed by Mr. H. C. Sharp, who is an expert on statistics, that December thus far has been the coldest on an average of any December in nearly a hundred years.

Several of our people attended the land sale in Ahoskie. Mr. H. S. Basnight purchased about 20 lots.

The new mill at the creek ferry is a great improvement. What was a dense undergrowth a few months ago is now a cleared space and several new houses are put down, giving it a look of prosperity.

Our old townsman, Mr. W. P. Sharp, has been spending some time at Hot Springs, Ark., indulging in "vapor baths" and "mud tonics." Billy has not made a report of late and it is not known whether he will spend Xmas at home or at the springs.

Some say Christmas is not like it used to be, but we doubt it very seriously. Human nature, of all things, changes but little, and the same spirit that prompted our forefathers years ago to gather in good cheer at a common fireside clings to us still, and will forever.

The pen is mightier than the sword in getting a man into difficulties.

This would be a sad world if people only laughed when they were care free.

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WINTER THE GREAT SPUR.
John Burroughs Thinks Cold Aids Intellectual Achievements.

John Burroughs, in Country Life in America.
I think all the great intellectual facts must have been achieved in winter, all the great poems written, all the heroic enterprises planned. If you can't make your thoughts weld in winter and your courage stick, how can you hope to in the dissolving and enervating summer? If we grow in summer, we season and ripen in winter. As for my own case, my apples are nearly all winter apples, and late fall apples. Not till the frost comes do they begin to mealy and loosen from the bough. Perhaps with all of us our winter thoughts and purposes and attachments have keeping qualities that belong to those of no other season.

If we could only face our winters in the spirit that some of the wild creatures do—of the snow-buntings, for instance, that call so cheerily out of the driving storm, like children at play, and when night comes dive beneath the snow and are safe and warm there.

On twinkling wings they eddy past
Above amid the drifting,
Or seek the hills and woody fields
Where fast the snow is sifting.

Or like the partridge that, when the storm overtakes her, quietly sits down and lets the falling snow cover her, and with head up, wing is as snug as the traditional beg in a rug. How many times on my walks, the morning after the storm, have I been startled by having this brown ball burst out of the snow at my feet and go humming through the woods like a feathered bombshell—a symbol of hardness and victory.

Most of our native wild creatures that are awake and above board all winter seem to have a pretty cheery time. Food is evidently at a premium with the nut-eaters like the squirrels, and with the flesh-eaters like the fox, the mink, and the weasel, but these animals do not lose heart, and their record upon the snow bespeaks a kind of joyous, not to say hilarious activity. The red fox does not return to his den during the day and walk and sleep; he curls up on a rock on the hillside or under a fallen tree top in the woods, and cheerfully waits for the friendly darkness.

The bud-eaters like the grouse, and the bark and twig eaters like the hare and the rabbit, are not much inconvenienced by deep snows and the cold; neither are the woodpeckers, nor the chickadees, nor the nuthatches; their habits lurk in or under the bark of every tree.

Man wants but little here below and it makes him sore because he doesn't get it.

Notice of Dissolution.

D. N. Stephenson, senior partner, of the firm of D. N. Stephenson & Son, Pendleton, N. C. having decided to retire from business; notice is hereby given that the above firm will cease Dec. 31, 1910. All parties indebted to the firm are requested to make immediate settlement. Business will be continued at the old stand by H. and W. H. Stephenson under the style P. and H. Stephenson.

We also take this opportunity to thank our customers for past favors and solicit for the new firm a continuation of their patronage.
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Express Packages and What They Mean.
Statesville Landmark.

Troutman, Dec. 12.—What is the meaning of "express package?" Half a dozen years ago it might mean anything from a hat from Wannacooper's to a package of notions from Squeers & Sawbuck, but current usage of the phrase has changed its meaning and the definitions now in vogue are so varied and conflicting that a fellow can't tell where he is at. When a man lives down on the creek, where owls and mosquitoes roost alongside one another, where chills are swinging from every bough and when his red corpuscles turn white, Dr. Klutz gives him a prescription which calls for an express package and a pound of quinine. Mix thoroughly and shake well after using. To be taken in doses and broken doses ad lib. and sometimes oftener.

Brother Jeffcoat defines an express package as an insurmountable barrier before the gates of the New Jerusalem. That is, you understand, to the man who gets these packages. He doesn't qualify the character of the packages. To the men in the nearby settlements an express package means bottled elysium. They all join together in giving the package a new significance but no two agree as to the legitimate meaning. To some it implies odium. To others, joy.

Some time ago a notice was sent to Mr. Sheril that there was an express package in the local office for him. He was away when the postal card reached his home and it got noised around that there was a "package" in the express office for him. Several of his good friends volunteered to haul him to the express office after his package. At last he accepted the courtesy of his friend and was driven to the station. He didn't take the trouble to disillusion his friend as to the character of the package. But imagine the disgust of the obliging friend when he discovered that the package was just an old 2x10 catalogue. It did not enter his mind that an express package could mean anything but a blown bottle in a paper castor.

Cotton-Seed Crop of Egypt.

From Consul Dr. R. Birch, Alexandria.
The yield of cotton seed derived from the big Egyptian cotton crop just matured is estimated at 5,250,000 ardebs (1 ardeb = 5 1649 bushels). Last year's seed crop 3,700,000 ardebs.

The figures for the new crop being marketed are based upon the estimated production of 700,000,000 pounds of cotton, which has been semi-officially verified. Seed merchants here say that notwithstanding the larger amount of seed on hand, the probable consumption of local mills will not be much greater than last year, which was considered a record for cotton-seed oil.

The first sales of new seed brought \$4.70 the ardeb. The price on November 12 was \$4.25 the ardeb, and cotton-seed oil \$6.10 per 100 pounds. Seed of the previous crop ranged from \$3.74 to \$6. the hundredweight and oil last year brought \$5.60 to \$8.10.

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REV. P. N. STAINBACK DEAD.

Took Poison by Mistake, Death Resulting a Week Later—Member of Legislature.

A special to the Raleigh News and Observer of Dec. 19th, says: Rev. P. N. Stainback, member-elect from Halifax in the House of Representatives in the next General Assembly, died at his home here this morning at 8 o'clock. He took a deadly poison by mistake Tuesday last, and since that time he has suffered intense agony. His condition was somewhat favorable yesterday, but the end came this morning. Mr. Stainback was a native of Brunswick county, Va., and was born November 7, 1841. He served with conspicuous bravery throughout the war between the states and surrendered at Appomattox Court House on that memorable April 9, 1865.

Mr. Stainback came to Weldon in 1881, and since that time he has been closely identified with the business interests of the town. He was licensed in 1887 a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and in all church work he was ever loyal and active.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at half past one o'clock.

Woodland Locals.

Mr. Isaac Carter spent several days last week in Norfolk, returning Monday.

Miss Mary Holmes, who has been teaching in Mt. Airy Graded School, returned home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Tom Pond spent Saturday and Sunday in Suffolk with relatives, returning Monday.

Miss Mary Hollowell of Goldsboro is making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Purvis, and is expecting to enter school at Oney soon.

The Woodland school will close this (Thursday) afternoon for a two week's vacation.

There will be two Christmas trees given in the auditorium during the holidays. On Saturday evening at 7:30 the members of the Baptist Sunday School will give one and the following Monday evening at the same hour the members of the Methodist Sunday School will give one. The public is invited to attend both.

The vacancy in the Post Office caused by the death of Mr. J. J. Purvis is being filled at the present by Dr. J. L. Outland.

Our community is again clothed in sadness. On last Tuesday night about 10 o'clock the death angel visited our town and claimed for its victim our worthy and highly esteemed citizen, Mr. J. J. Purvis. Surely a good and kind man has been called from works to reward.

Saved from Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption, he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her that she has not been troubled with cough since. Its the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage—all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Rich Squares Drug Co.

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