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DOES "GOOD GOVERNMENT" PREVENT OR PROMOTE CRIME

It is, we believe, generally conceded that crime is increasing in North Carolina to an alarming extent. Indeed, if the record of newspapers is to be believed the year 1902 is the blackest page in the civil history of the State with two exceptions, the first being that brief period of the year 1898, known as the Wilmington massacre period, the other being the first quarter of the present year.

We read that Superior court for trial of criminal cases is now in session at Wilmington with the heaviest docket in the history of the county; not less than 100 cases being set for trial.

Two hundred and eighty-five homicides in the year 1902 is North Carolina's quota. "A fearful increase over past years," as the State papers put it, while the Washington Post observes that "perhaps the accumulation of murder cases may cause North Carolina people to insist upon adequate punishment for those gentlemen who go about pumping cold lead into their neighbors." Hear also the Wilmington Messenger in the following significant wall: "To what length is this wanton taking of human life to extend? Two more homicides were reported in yesterday's Messenger. Conditions in this State are becoming beyond endurance. What is the matter with our people? Has human life no value in the eyes of mankind? Our entire populace seems to have gone mad on the subject of homicide. The conditions are appalling. Society has become honey-combed with the pistol in his hip pocket."

Again hear the Morning Post in the following unique, but melancholy supplication: "May the good Lord stay the passions of our people! Five or six homicides within almost as many weeks." A gentleman of prominence stated to the writer that within a radius of 30 miles with Kinston as the center ten murders have been committed within three years and not one of the slayers has been punished, and these were notably white men's affairs. No negro in it. With the advent of the good government promised by Simmons and Aycock the white man has monopolized the business of killing in that neck of the woods.

A leading State daily says: "The spirit of Cain seems to be possessing men in North Carolina today. Kentucky has the name of the 'dark and bloody ground,' and we instinctively think of her as that State where men go armed, but North Carolina has out Kentuckeyed Kentucky."

Under the caption, "Increase of Crime," the Warrenton Record proceeds to take issue with Judge Brown who in his recent charge to the grand jury at Nashville, attributed the increase in crime to foreign immigration. The Record very sensibly argues that in such States as New York and Texas Brown's statement might hold good, but not so in North Carolina, where foreigners are few and seldom in evidence, and yet the editor adds that there were over one fourth as many homicides in North Carolina as in Texas and half as many as in the great State of New York.

Anent the deplorable conditions now existing, the Democratic bible, The News and Observer, gives vent editorially to the Jeremiah which follows: "However it may be in Northern States which have received a large influx of immigrants from abroad, the increase in crime in North Carolina cannot be charged up to foreign immigration. It has been committed by folks who were born here and are the children of North Carolinians for generations. It is a pity that we cannot saddle it off upon some other people."

So upon what would seem to be the very highest Democratic authority the record is simply awful, and growing worse at a rapid rate of increase, under magnificent Democratic rule, and what is worse there is no scape goat, upon whom to saddle the responsibility. The saddling business will not work. Not foreigners—not Yankees. No, not even the poor negroes can longer be made to bear the sins of these worthy scions of mob ridden Tar Heel aristocracy. No the people have come to themselves to the extent that

just any kind of a lie will not go, and blood. Our beloved native red-shirted Tar Heels at whose door the iniquity lies. We have sown the wind and are reaping the whirlwind, the legitimate fruits of the seed sown in 1898 and 1900 by men now high in authority. In view of all the foregoing the question arises does good government prevent or promote crime? According to our distinguished governor viewed either as prophet or apostle we have good government in North Carolina.

Did he not promise us in 1906 that good government should follow Democratic victory? Did he not in his inaugural address in depicting the horrors of fusion rule say: "Lawlessness walked the State like a pestilence, crime stalked abroad at noonday, sleep we cannot 'saddle off upon' the poor negro everything ugly as in days gone by, but are forced to face the music and admit that it is our own flesh and lay down with alarm, and the sound of the pistol was more frequent than the song of the mocking-bird?" Did he not use these glittering phrases as descriptive of a reign of terror and lawlessness which he attributed to the fact that the wrong crowd held the offices?

And did not this self same governor stump the State in 1902 stating everywhere that North Carolina was enjoying peace and prosperity unprecedented in her annals and attribute the same to the fact that the right crowd now held the offices? The governor must in the nature of things be high authority. No one can question that, and in view of all the facts herein noted it must follow as the night the day, reasoning from cause to effect, that good government intensifies human depravity and aggravates if it does not actually breed crimes of the basest and most diabolical type.

The 1901 Legislature promised the old soldiers that they should all receive pensions and that some of those who were then drawing pensions should draw even larger pensions. The Legislature made a big bluff to make the old soldier think they had kept their promise. They voted to give the old soldiers more appropriations, but failed to provide the funds and when the old soldier came to draw his money there was not more than half enough money in the treasury to pay the pensions, and some of the poor and needy old soldiers received none at all. This proved that the Democrats cared for the Confederate soldier until they got his vote then it mattered not to them what became of him. This last Legislature had the opportunity of voting for two Confederate veterans for U. S. Senator, but turned a deaf ear to both of them. Not that the Senatorship was any fight of ours, but we mentioned the action of the Legislature in regard to Mr. Carr and Mr. Watson simply to show their gross inconsistency.

DEMOCRATIC AND AURISTOCRATIC WHISKEY.

The News and Observer issued a "Legislative Edition" on last Sunday giving the biography and picture of each member of the Legislature. Some of these men are great, but none so great as Glen Williams, manufacturer of old "Nick whiskey." The Observer devoted nearly half a page of its paper Sunday telling what fine whiskey Williams made, and its Democratic and Aristocratic whiskey too. It will be remembered the recent Legislature incorporated the little town of Williams so Mr. Williams could make democratic aristocratic whiskey at the same old place. It was charged by some of the democrats during the last campaign that not a single distillery was operated according to law, Mr. Williams, who by the way is a member of the State Democratic executive committee, was made mayor of the town of Williams, and there is danger that he may find himself running his distillery contrary to law and he will have to call a session of mayors court and send himself to jail. That would be too bad, but then Gov. Aycock would pardon him out, and the News and Observer could get out another special edition showing that the Governor was justifiable in granting the pardon as the people all over the state needed more of old nick whiskey for medical purposes, as the News and Observer said Sunday that it was a sure cure for the headache.

SNOW IN IOWA.

Des Moines, March 23.—Snow, three inches of which fell last night, continues to fall through the Des Moines Valley. Reports from other points indicate that the storm is general.

Sunday issue of the Charlotte Observer contained several photographs of a petrified man found near Hendersonville this State, by two ditchers. The Observer states that it is a wonderful likeness of the man, and the other Western papers make similar remarks about the "petrified man" and we are all expected to believe every word without so much as asking a question. They state that it is, or was a white man. It is stated that one woman has appeared upon the scene and claimed the petrified man as her husband. If this wife can be induced to get a divorce on the ground that this man has a "heart of stone," and of desertion it would be well to bring him to the State Museum that the people East might see and believe.

The News and Observer dated March 20th contained the following bit of sad information:

"The debt of \$200,000 due by the State to the Park National Bank of New York was due yesterday.

The bank continued the loan for sixty days, as it has been impossible for the State Treasurer to have the \$300,000 bond issue prepared."

The question is will the State Treasurer be prepared to pay this \$200,000 debt in 60 days. If not, then when? Our State debt will soon be so large we will not be able to raise enough money to pay interest on the debt much less the principle. This is some of the fruits of Democratic "good government."

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8:56 a. m. No. 107 daily for Greensboro and local stations, connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keyville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, U. S. "Fast Mail" for Washington and all points north. Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York and Richmond; close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108 daily for Goldsboro and all local points, connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, Newberne, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:53 p. m. No. 135 daily for Greensboro and immediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keyville daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill daily except Sunday at Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Pullman sleeper and first class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35 "U. S. Fast Mail" for Atlanta and all points south and southwest, Pullman drawing room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans, day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north bound trains No. 84 and 38 for Washington and all points north. Pullman drawing room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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