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"LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE."

GOVERNOR AYCOCK STATED IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS THAT UNDER AND THEREFORE BY IMPLICATION IN CONSEQUENCE OF FUSION RULE—LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE, CRIME STALKED ABROAD AT NOON-DAY, SLEEP LAY DOWN WITH ALARM AND THE SOUND OF THE PISTOL WAS MORE FREQUENT THAN THE SONG OF THE MOCKING BIRD."

How STANDS THE CASE TO-DAY GOVERNOR? HAVEN'T THE ACTS OF THREE RED SHIRT LEGISLATURES AND MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF YOUR OWN BENEFICENT RULE PASSED INTO HISTORY SINCE YOU PROCLAIMED THE FOREGOING? WHEN YOU ARE CAUVOTING OVER THE STATE WHO FING FOR EDUCATION AND ROADS DON'T YOU HEAR OF MORE CRIMES BEING COMMITTED IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN EVER BEFORE AND DO YOU CONTINUE TO ATTRIBUTE THESE TO FUSION RULE?

If we have correct reports from Johns on county, and we believe we have, that county will throw off the burden some yoke of democracy in the near future. Much discrimination was used in assessing the property of the tax payers in that county. The tax valuation of some property was doubled, while the property of the democratic township politicians was not increased at all, notwithstanding the real value of some of this property had increased. The consequence is the democratic machine has made enemies of those who discriminated against and many of those who have been voting the democratic ticket heretofore declare they will never do so again. Some of the democratic politicians of that county are disgusted with the machine. They say the reason the tax valuation on their property was not raised was because of the work they had done for the party, for what they were expected to do for the machine in the future. But unless these men have a change of mind the machine will have to find other men in these parts of Johnston to do their bidding in the future as these men declare they will not do their work any more.

Day by day the more conservative element in the democratic party are waking up to the fact that democratic "good government" is not a government of the people for the people nor by the people and there will be a great breaking away from the democratic ranks in the next election. Thus ends the first lesson.

FIRST CLEANSE THE FOUNTAIN.

There has been a great stir among the newspapers in Raleigh as to who should manage the whistle business for the city when the dispensary is established Jan. 1st. It first seemed to be a temporary move but it wound up in a great political harangue as to who should have the pie. But then the democrats always get excited when there is any "pie" in sight. The following from the Shelby Aurora gives the News & Observer some very good advice as to the management of the city affairs of Raleigh:

"Speaking of the government of the city of Raleigh the News and Observer remarks that "Where it is not rotten it is inefficient; where it is not inefficient it is rotten."

Everybody knows that Raleigh is a machine ridden city and that the News and Observer is the organ of the machine. The city government owes its being to the machine and as the stream cannot rise above its source, no more can the fruit of machine rottenness be sounder than the parent stalk from which it got its life. If the Observer had spent its years in striving after civic purity and political honesty it would not now be crying out against a harvest that has ripened from seed of its own sowing. Cleanse the fountain and the stream will be pure."

Wonder if Bob Glenn has found that letter he said he received from Grover Cleveland declaring himself to be in favor of free silver?

THE DIVORCE MILL RUNNING OVERTIME.

It will be remembered that among other short comings of the democratic legislature they passed a very lax divorce law. The following from Sunday's News & Observer shows the result of such a law in Wake county:

"Of the fifty-three final judgments entered at the last term of the Wake county court, thirteen were for divorce. Only one was returned, King vs King being entered as a non-suit. There are now said to be on the docket about twelve divorce suits."

This is some more of the (faulty) fruit of democratic "good government" for which the tax payers are forced to pay so high.

The Shelby Aurora thinks that before the democrats ask the people for their votes to continue them in power, they should furnish the voters with a correct statement of the condition of the State Treasury at the time they took charge and now. But the democratic machine has gotten to the point where it thinks it can say the will of people be damned. If it can't get in power one way it will another.

The Last account we had of Locke Craig he was in Asheville. We understand he has abandoned the idea of attending the daily sessions of the United States Senate this winter, as he had intended doing prior to the meeting of the last State Legislature.

As the democratic machine of this state has not rewarded Locke Craig, as they promised to do, for his active part in the impeachment of the judges, he might now apply to the national government for a place as they will need a Lock or two in the Panama Canal.

An exchange says that the democrats who laid the blame upon Mr. Cleveland for all their troubles are now ready to try him again. Yes, but Mr. Cleveland is not ready to try the people again. He would rather duck hunt than face certain defeat.

And now the democrats are talking Mr. Francis D. Winston for Lieut. Governor, but it is not believed by some that he will accept unless Geo. H. White, (col.) is given a position in Raleigh also.

Have you paid your taxes for this year? If so didn't you pay more than you did under fusion rule? Do you feel any richer by the operation? Aren't you ready to side track this expensive crowd?

The Graham Tribune puts it this way:

"It is hard to reconcile the taxpayer to the size of his forced contribution toward meeting the needs of democratic government."

Some of the papers are in favor of relegating the army canton to the rear and to establish the army dispensary "for the moral good of the service."

"If Mr. Walter Henry don't soon go over to the Democrats they will conclude that they have wasted a big lot of sympathy."—Shelby Aurora.

He will not do it. He is too big a man for that.

Cotton sold in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday for 12 cents for the best grade.

WHY SHE LEFT NEW YORK.

The Mother of a Family Expresses Herself About the Modern Young Man.

"I am going to leave New York for good and all, next week," said a well known woman the other day. "There is no place here for me to live my life. I'm not stout enough to stand against the stampede to the east side of the deck. If I stay here I must have more and more money to spend for new things."

"So I'm going away to some isolated place where I can live with my books, and with my ideas, and with my friendly trees. And I shall bring up my babies with a sense of the resources that may be inside of them. I don't know a young man of thirty who has saved his spring and city. Business and rich men's sports have eaten up his soul. He rushes about in his automobile; he rides his horse; he does his dinners and his dances—but I fail to find the strenuous young business man who has any real spontaneity. He has already lost something, a kind of glory, an open vision. He is rich and clever all in one line, but he is awfully incomplete as a man, and I call that poverty. So I'm going."—From "Successful Men Who Are Not Rich" in Everybody's Magazine for November.

A Search For Truth

In speaking of Presidential timber for next year, the News and Observer says Cleveland would do; because they have not tried him; he could not carry the South or North west Bryan went do; because they have tried him; he could not carry a single Northern State. Then the Observer closes by saying: They must run a Jeffersonian democrat. Don't that jar you, though? When Cleveland ran, this same observer, with its same editor, said he was a Jeffersonian democrat. When Bryan ran this same Observer out-fitted him; he was a pure Jeffersonian democrat. The same Observer said both times that their candidate was the greatest man in the party and the only man they could win with. What we want to know is: when did the Observer tell the truth, then or now? For it is evident Cleveland and Bryan have not changed. But the party—oh, well! It changes every campaign. Cleveland sent Mr. Daniels back from Washington to save his State. What Mr. Daniels objects to Bryan is, he couldn't send him back to Washington to save the nation.—History Times Mercury

We have had three legislatures by the "good government" party since the Republicans gave up control in North Carolina. They have given us good government with a vengeance. When the Republicans turned the government over to the Democrats they left a surplus of \$130,000 in the treasury. In three years the Democrats have squandered that and have raised taxes to the highest limit and have run the State in debt—God only knows how much, but the treasurer is calling for a million dollars to straighten up his business. The tax payers have to plank down the cash for this "good government," what else suit you, brother tax payer?—State Republican.

Then They Prayed. A preacher at the conclusion of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child with one exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care worn, hungry looking individual clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it my friend," asked the minister. "That you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who just stood up are my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.—Ex

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 23.—By the wrecking of a freight train on the Murphy branch Sunday night two trainmen were killed and three injured. The dead are Engineer Guy L. Moore of Asheville and brakeman Charles Porter of Andrews. The injured are Conductor J. M. Boone of Waynesville, a nephew of J. P. Kerr of this city, Fireman R. M. Fortune, a brother of Law Agent Fortune of the Southern, and Capt. Flagman G. W. Killiam. Boone was bruised about the head, as was also Fireman Fortune. Mr. Killiam was slightly bruised about the body.

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