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It is well known by those disposed to seek the truth that no political party has a monopoly of criminals, and no party administration enjoys entire immunity from an occasional spasm of lawlessness.

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A deep-laid and most diabolical scheme was first to prophesy a general condition of lawlessness as a result of Fusion rule, then to bring about such condition by inciting their henchmen to provoke as many as possible of the opposite party to violence, and falling in this to do violence themselves.

The plan ought not to have succeeded, but the people in the main were honest themselves and could not see how it was possible for men to be so base and so lost to every principle of honesty and truth as to bring about such a condition for the sole and only purpose of gaining political advantage.

The people forgot themselves and re-instated the hungry gang, and what is the result? If Democratic papers are to be believed conditions were rarely, if ever so bad in this State as now.

We quote below a few paragraphs in proof of this statement. Hear the Salisbury Sun on the subject of lawlessness, and the farcical conduct of the courts, also the Morning Post and the Charlotte Observer on the feud-Vendetta business.

"It seems now that all the murderers of Jones at Wilson have managed to escape. And yet the fact remains, that Jones was in his room asleep and a mob of ruffians came to his door, broke it down and murdered him in cold blood.

Such Democratic papers as the Charlotte Observer and Wilmington Messenger state that the State officials are doing nothing to break up blind tigers and illicit whiskey business in this State and that the Federal officials are the only officers trying to enforce the law.

It has been said that the murderers of Jones gave valuable assistance in the campaign just prior to the murder. Just how much figure this fact cuts with the courts of justice and the officers in that section we do not know, but it is passing strange that none of them was punished and no serious attempt was made to bring any of them to justice.

Read the following from the Raleigh Post of May 24:

"Are we, here in North Carolina, where we boast of law abiding citizens—and we have them—to become the rival of Kentucky in its feudal days, in the vendetta business? God grant that we are not.

In the shooting from ambush of H. Clay Grubb the Charlotte Observer sees signs of a vendetta. Grubb was acquitted in Rowan Superior Court last week of the charge of murdering his brother-in-law, Obe Davis, at Piney Grove church in Davidson County last year.

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A Virginia applicant for license to run a liquor still argued that he ought to have a license because he ran a Sunday-School in his still house. That still was not licensed by the judge. And he did right. A dozen Sunday-Schools would not make a liquor still any better.

While it is true as stated by the Baptist that "A dozen Sunday-Schools would not make a liquor still any better," or at least could not make it a holy place, is it not equally true that a big whiskey shop is not a sacred institution, because operated as an adjunct to the church and Sunday-School and championed by church and Sunday-School people?

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"Alcohol is king!" declared the speaker. "There is the naked truth. You are the subjects of a monarch. His popular levy is \$1,200,000,000 every year—\$14 per capita on every man, woman and child. The church levy is about \$150,000,000, schools \$175,000,000, bread \$300,000,000, meat \$900,000,000. All together will barely foot up to the levy of King Alcohol. His tax gatherers are licensed and protected by state and national laws and take in the tribute over the counters of saloon or dispensary."

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Quails of Interest We Have Gathered With Our Pans-Pot and Shears.

During the short administration of Mr. Roosevelt there have been more prosecutions against persons in the employment of the government than had been for many years preceding—and the frauds had been going on for many years. If there could be a little of this kind of work done in the State government it might be well for the State.—North State.

Many people in North Carolina would be pleased to know if the State's Governor has turned in those free passes he has been using for years, or is he still deadheading on the railroads.—Charlotte People's Paper.

Some candidates are so consistent that they will give a testimonial to a brand of whiskey and a Prohibitionist the "glad hand" in the same campaign.—Staunton (Va.) Leader.

Storm Did Much Damage.

It is reported that the hail storm in Chatham County, near Bynum, last Wednesday evening was the most destructive in the history of that section. The storm was two and a half miles wide. It killed chickens, geese and did much damage to tractors.

After the storm was over men and boys could walk over the fields on ice as in winter. It is also reported from Lolly Springs, Wake County, that the hail did much damage to crops.

From Harnett County it is reported that the western section of the county was visited Wednesday afternoon by a most terrific wind and hail storm. In the section about Barclayville the growing cotton and tobacco was entirely destroyed, and will have to be planted again. At Rawles station, on the Mills road, a small station house was blown across the track for about thirty feet, and was completely demolished. The farmers in that section are reported to have suffered a great loss.

Board of Commissioners Directed to Investigate Legality of the Lease, and if Possible to Set the Same Aside.

New Bern, N. C.—At a meeting of county commissioners to-day a strong resolution offered by M. D. Lane, of Fort Barwell, condemning the lease of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad to the Howland Improvement Company, was carried by an almost unanimous vote. It was directing the board of commissioners to investigate the legality of the lease, and if possible to set the same aside.

Butter Consumed in the United States. Over one and one-half billion pounds of butter are consumed annually in the United States, according to Clarence B. Lane, of the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. Writing in the June Cosmopolitan on "Butter, Cheese and Condensed Milk as Factory Products," Mr. Lane says that factories have now almost wholly transferred the making of butter from the farms. The milk-producers co-operate in organizing, building, equipping and managing the butter factory and disposing of its products. In a factory of this kind all expenses are deducted from the gross receipts of sales and the remainder divided pro rata among the patrons upon the basis of the milk or cream contributed. The use of machinery and of various testing appliances has quite revolutionized modern dairying. The article is fully illustrated.

The work on the new dormitory of the Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, is in progress and the College authorities are expecting soon to have another large dormitory added to their equipment. The building will be a three-story brick structure containing forty-eight rooms with steam heat and electric light. The plans for the building were drawn by Prof. Afam Watson, Director of the Mechanical Department, who is himself a graduate of this school. All the work is being done by students.

Bristol, Va., June 5.—There are ten thousand German Baptists in this city attending the annual conference of the denomination. Today was devoted to devotional service and a discussion of missionary and Sunday-School work, it being shown that the denomination has grown greatly in both.

In a sermon to-day Elder Beahm, of Bridgewater, Va., speaking of the ordinance of kissing observed by the brethren said: "When we get too proud to kiss each other to what extent has God gone out of our hearts?"

Salisbury, N. C., June 6.—What appears to have been an attempt at wholesale burglary developed here last night. No less than seven homes were attacked near the midnight hour. The intruders were fired upon at the home of Mr. Guffy and were frightened away at all other places after the bed-rooms had been entered.

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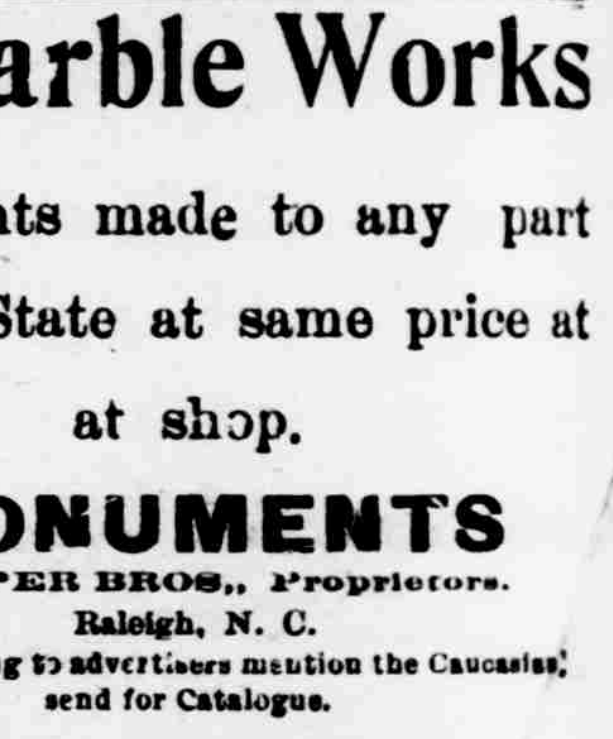
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