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WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES. The following is from the last issue of the Asheville Register:

It is gratifying to see that the Honorable Augustus W. Machen who left the West Virginia penitentiary and donned a silk hat and spike tail coat to stand a second trial in Washington on the charge of defrauding the government has had a couple of years added to his former sentence. The apostle Paul objected to 'wickedness in high places' as being especially inexcusable, and it is well that the men who have abused a public trust are at last getting their dues.

This is the same Machen that was appointed in the Post-office Department by Grover Cleveland and was a civil service hold-over under President McKinley. He together with several other of the post-office grafters have been sentenced to the penitentiary for defrauding the government and there are still others on trial who will most likely land in the penitentiary. This is the way the national government treats grafters.

Not long ago two United States Senators and a Congressman were indicted for certain irregularities. Their cases are under investigation, and if found guilty will, of course, be expelled from Congress.

There is a reported 'leak' in the last cotton report by the government and it is said that certain information was given out in advance to cotton gamblers. As soon as this information reached the department an investigation was begun to find out who was the culprit.

But how is it in our State under Democratic 'good government.' When there is a report or irregularities in the office of any Democratic official the yellow journals of this State try to muddy the waters and cover up the crime or irregularities. When the investigation of corruption of the management of the A. & N. C. road was being held in New Bern last year the proceedings were behind closed doors and the findings of this committee have never been given to the public. While the last Legislature was in session articles were published in papers in Raleigh charging irregularities in the office of Labor Commissioner, yet the affairs of his office were never investigated. And why? Was it because he is a good party worker in the Democratic ranks?

Not long ago a Democratic lawyer, who is holding a lucrative position, who is supposed to help enforce law, used his influence to keep a violator from behind prison bars. And yet very little was said about it in the democratic press and now they are lauding him to the skies.

Why didn't the democrats have an investigation of this case? Was it because he had helped to lead the party to victory by inciting drunken red-shirts to do their devilment? If this had been a Republican official he would have been impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Not many years ago it is said a state official sent a man out over the State, at the expense of the State, to gather statistics as to the cotton mills, the labor employed and the condition that existed around the mills. This information was intended for publication, but the report made by the man sent out to do this work did not please the State official as in some instances it reflected on the mill men and the agent was asked to rewrite his article, as it would hurt the party if he didn't. This he would not do, so the State official wrote in his own office such a report as he wanted to go out to the public and had it printed. And the State had to pay all this expense for a report that did not state the facts. And yet this same man is today holding an office of public

trust under democratic 'good government.'

And when election thieves were indicted the democrats passed a law to protect them in their diabolical crime. This is the kind of 'good government' the tax-payers are paying their hard earned money to support to-day. Tax-payers do you want more of this kind of government?

THE NEED OF HONEST JURIES.

Of late the News and Observer has contained several editorials on the need of revising the jury box, so that the name of every good citizen could be put in the jury box. Not until late have we ever seen one line in the News and Observer as to the need of honest juries. Haven't we needed them for the past eight years just as much as we do now? Why didn't the News and Observer favor honest juries in 1898 and 1900? Was it afraid that if all the juries were honest that some of its party henchmen would now be safe behind prison bars?

Of course it is better late than never, but again we ask why hasn't the News and Observer been in favor of honest juries for the past eight years. There must be a reason. The following on this subject from Justice in the last issue of the Union Republican strikes the keynote:

'Bro. Josephus Daniels and I have gotten together at last, or nearly so on at least one subject, and that is honest juries. I have been wanting them all the time. I wanted them when we had that travesty upon justice, the Teague and Boyer trial. I wanted them when I helped to pass the law in 1897 to revise the jury list. I wanted them when the Ku Klux amnesty act was passed. I wanted them when Sec. 1090 was repealed to save election thieves. I wanted them when the election cases from this county were not prosessed. I wanted them to investigate and try the Wilmington murder cases. I wanted them to investigate and punish the assault on Seawell, when he was assaulted and driven from Laurinburg. I wanted them to try all outrages from ballot-box-stuffing to murder, that have cursed our State since the war, but up to this time while I was wanting honest juries for the above purposes, the News and Observer and other Democratic papers were upholding and applauding criminals and helping to pass laws to protect them, such as statutes of limitation, amnesty acts, or the repeal of criminal laws. Bro. Daniels has seen a new light or something has gotten right or wrong in him as will more fully appear from the following taken from his editorial of June 3rd:

'The name of a bad man is out of place in a jury box. His interest is to protect crime, to let fraud go unrestrained, to let down the bars; take off the lid, have a wide open county, every man looking out for himself, Satan taking the hindmost. The man who runs a blind tiger or a blockade still ought not to be on the jury list. The vagrant, bum or loafer, who has no visible means of support and relies upon his wife and children to support him, has no business being on the jury. Neither the man who gives nor the man who receives bribes or graft has a place in the jury box. Men who encourage violation of the laws they don't like are not good and lawful men and ought not to be in the jury box.'

As I said in the beginning we are getting pretty close together on this subject, but I would add to his list a few more classes whose names should be left out of the jury box. I would say leave out the name of every man who ever bought or sold a vote directly or indirectly; the name of every man who cast or procured the casting of an illegal ballot, or who kept a legal vote out of the box; the name of every man who filled out and certified to a false election return, and as the receiver is as guilty as the thief, the name of every official who held an office procured by such fraud; the names of every editor, owner, or correspondent of a newspaper that condoned, upheld or encouraged frauds and crime of any character; the names of every man who ever wore a red-shirt or broke up a political meeting; the name of every man who took the Ku Klux oath, or who appeared as witnesses to prove allib's for Ku Klux, or to put the matter, or any idea of the matter, in a few words, leave the name of every man out of the jury box who has failed to keep his oath in the past, whether it be a witness, a juror, or a citizen, in which is included his oath to support the constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina and of the United States, which gives to every man equality before the law in everything.'

One of our readers at Magnolia, in a letter to the editor of The Caucasian a few days ago said: 'I can't do without the Caucasian, or some paper that tells the truth, and it does it up right.' Get in the habit of reading the Caucasian and you will find you can't do without it. Try it.

LAWLESSNESS—CAUSE AND EFFECT.

The following item is from Webster's Weekly, published in Rockingham county:

'We must confess that Rockingham county for the past six or seven years has been establishing an unenviable record for murders and homicides. There is something wrong with the administration of justice in our county; human life is held too cheap.'

The editor of the Weekly should first look at the cause and then the remedy.

Six or seven years ago we had red-shirt rule in North Carolina, and isn't it possible that Rockingham county is now reaping the results of such rule. Aycock, the great 'Educational Governor,' said that 'under Fusion Rule 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.' But what was the condition during his administration? The records show that more crimes were committed in this State during his term of office than ever before for the same period since Reconstruction Days. And could anything else have been expected when we consider the condition of affairs that were brought about in this State to put him and his crowd in office. When the lives of Populists and Republican speakers were threatened if they filled their appointments, when the speakers stand was torn from under them, when stale eggs were thrown at them, when their rooms were broken into at the dead hour of the night and the speaker forced to leave town at the point of pistols and when even men were shot down by rowdies, is it any wonder that we have had a reign of lawlessness in this State ever since.

These crimes were committed by drunken red-shirt and rowdies, armed with pistols and winchesters, which crimes were, in some cases instigated and in most all, countenanced by the leaders of the Democratic party. It will certainly take a 'Campaign of Education' to teach these fellows that it is not right to shoot down their fellow-men. And as a further remedy it would be well to revise your jury box.

In our news columns this week will be found an account of the proceedings in the Federal Court at Raleigh. This article tells how a 'neighborhood' distillery was operated, for about six years near the sheriff's home in this County, with out molestation until a dozen of the operators were bagged by the Federal officers, and are now resting behind prison bars.

Now the news comes, from a democratic source, that an application will be made to Judge Purnell to change the sentence so these men can go home and work their crops. And why? Is it in order that they may return home and make more corn to run another neighborhood distillery? Men who desire to work their crops should do so while they have the opportunity, instead of operating blockade stills, which is supposed to be a violation of the Watts law, as well as a violation of the Federal law.

Since when has the News and Observer been in favor of honest juries in this State? If its editor was in favor of honest juries in 1898 and 1900 he did not say so by word or action. And why? There must have been a reason.

Can any one approximate the date when the editor of the News and Observer had a change of heart as to the need of honest juries in this State?

Democratic Good Government

In commenting upon the 'comprehensive review' of the financial condition of the city of Charlotte, the Charlotte Observer charges 'looseness, wastefulness and extravagance.'

We can hardly expect city authorities to do much better than the State authorities when they are in line politically and get their 'theories of government' from the same source.—Union Republican.

Roosevelt's New Orleans Date.

New Orleans, La., June 12.—A letter from Secretary Loebe to the Progressive Union fixes October 24 and 25 as the days upon which President Roosevelt will visit New Orleans. Arrangements are already underway to make the President's reception a brilliant affair.

PROCEEDINGS IN FEDERAL COURT

A FLAGRANT FAILURE OF STATE OFFICERS TO ENFORCE THE WATTS LAW.

A Neighborhood Distillery Operated in Wake County Near the Sheriff's Home, Church Members Were Stockholders—Other Cases Disposed of in Federal Court.

Federal Court has been in session in Raleigh for several days and many violators of the law have been put behind prison bars, and still others to follow. The most sensational case that has been before the Court was one from Cedar Fork township, Wake County. The evidence in Court showed that a neighborhood blockade distillery had been in operation about six years within a short distance of Sheriff Page's home, and that the operators talked about their still on Sundays at Sunday-school. Yet it remained for the Federal officials to bag the crowd.

The following is an account of the case as taken down by a reporter of the Post: 'The fact that a 'neighborhood' blockade distillery has been in operation for three years past in one of the most thickly settled sections of Cedar Fork township came to light yesterday in the federal court and elicited a sharp criticism from Judge Purnell, who said in passing judgment on the offenders:

'This case is proof of what the newspapers have been saying and what is generally reported, that the state officers will not enforce the Watts law. Here was a distillery operated for three or four years in the township where the sheriff lived, surrounded by constables and magistrates whose duty it was to enforce the state law, and yet not one of them took any steps to break up the distillery which, according to the testimony, was talked at the Sunday-schools, churches and other meetings of the township and seems to have been notorious. And yet they left it to the federal officers to break up what is a nuisance to any community. This court is not called upon to enforce the state law but it will enforce the federal law.'

The judge then sentenced the prime movers in the scheme to four months in jail and fines of \$100 and costs each, and their hirelings and stockholders to thirty days and \$100 each and costs. The evidence showed the remarkable state of affairs the distilling outfit had been bought in Durham County by MARSHALL HOWELL, brought into the Cedar Fork neighborhood and operated by him through the two negroes, Dan Jones and Andrew Shaw. The testimony was that whiskey was not distilled for sale but only for consumption by parties having distilling done. Anyone who desired and would take as much as one dollar's worth of stock in the distillery, this being to make him personally liable as a distiller, could carry meal and have it distilled into whiskey, paying the two negroes 50 cents a bushel for operating the distillery.

Each of the men implicated in the case made statements to the court, acknowledging his connection with the distillery and appealing for mercy.

Several of the men testified that the existence of the distillery was generally known, and in answer to the question by District Attorney Skinner as to whether sheriff and other county officers knew of it, said it was generally talked of in the neighborhood, at Sunday school, church and other public gatherings. Andrew Shaw, one of the negro operators, testified that several of the church members of the neighborhood had stock in the distillery in order to have the whiskey made for their personal consumption.

The men implicated and sentenced in the cases are: J. Henry Watkins, Sidney Moring, J. Cephus McGee, James W. Watkins, Sidney Watkins, Marcellus Moring, Joe Arnold, Dan Jones, George Stone, Andrew Shaw.'

Other Cases Disposed of in Federal Court

George McDermid, Moore county, retailing; case continued to December term.

Marshall Howell, Johnson county; sci fa dismissed.

Alonzo Cox, Wake county; retailing; pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs. Alfred Warren, Wake county; illicit distilling; pleads guilty. Judgment 30 days and pay \$100 and costs.

Bud Johnson, Johnston county, pleaded guilty of working at an illicit distillery. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs and fine of \$100.

H. G. Moore Harnett county, retailing. Pleads guilty; judgment suspended.

Hamlet Distilling Company; continued to December term, pending compromise.

Victoria Moore, Wilson county; destroying letter taken from post-office. Pleads not guilty; verdict guilty, but without criminal intent in getting possession of the letter and its destruction.

Dock Hales, Wilson county, perjury. Affidavit filed and motion of J. A. Farmer, Esq., attorney for the defendant, case was continued to

December term; bond to be filed.

Lewis Roulas, Bertie county, overcharge of pension fee. The defendant having paid \$250 on account of costs in the case, upon motion of the defendant's attorney, Hon. F. D. Winston the balance of the costs was remitted and defendant discharged.

C. C. Forbes, et al., Bertie county, sci fa, case continued to December term.

H. G. Bauham, Northampton county, retailing. Upon motion of Col. J. C. L. Harris, attorney for the defendant, the court allows defendant to pay \$50 on account of the balance of costs and be discharged.

Y. A. Tart, Johnston county, illicit distilling. This case the defendant pleads guilty at the December term and case was continued for costs, and is again continued for costs. Bond for appearance and the costs to be filed.

Jerry McClain, Harnett county, retailing. This case came over from Friday and was a jury trial and the defendant was acquitted.

Henry Dake, Warren county, violation postal laws. This is a case where the defendant as postmaster at Kidegway increased his cancellation of stamps for the purpose of increase of salary. Pleads guilty. Judgment, pay a fine of \$150 and costs.

George McLamb, Johnston county, forging name to money order. Jury trial, verdict guilty; judgment and sentence of five years in penitentiary.

Clarence Morris, Durham county, violation postal laws. Continued for the United States.

Marshall Howell, Johnston county, two cases: one for illicit distilling, one for intimidating United States witnesses; convicted on Thursday. Judgment and sentence to two years at hard labor and pay a fine of \$200 and costs in the case for illicit distilling. Judgment suspended in the other case.

United States vs. Irvin Hayes, Nash county, illicit distilling, plead guilty, jury trial. Verdict guilty; judgment three months and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

United States vs. J. C. Burns and A. B. Hunter, Wake county, obstructing U. S. mails. Continued by consent to the December term.

United States vs. Onnie Denton, Nash county, retailing. Defendant pleads guilty; jury trial. Not guilty.

West Davis, of Warren county, charged with retailing, plead guilty and prayed for judgment which was 30 days and pay a fine of \$100 and costs. The defendant was allowed to pay \$75 on account of fine and costs, and the case was continued for the balance until the December term.

John Boyd, of Warren county, charged with retailing, entered a plea of not guilty, a jury being impaneled, and verdict was not guilty.

In the case of J. M. Thornton, of Johnston county, charged with illicit distilling, the defendant plead not guilty, the verdict being not guilty.

Horace Liggins, of Halifax county, charged with taking a letter from the post-office unlawfully, plead not guilty, but a jury being impaneled, the verdict was guilty, two years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Atlanta.

Dick White, of Nash county, charged with illicit distilling, entered a plea of not guilty, and the jury sustained the plea.

J. P. Warren, of Wake county, was found guilty of illicit distilling, the judgment being thirty days in jail and pay a fine of \$100 and costs. The sentence of imprisonment was suspended upon the payment of the fine and costs.

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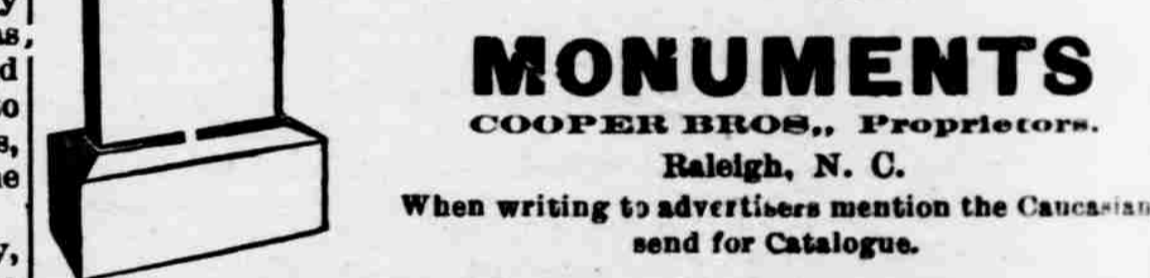
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