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REFORM NEEDED AT HOME.

The following is from Tuesday's issue of the Wilmington Star: "The Keep Commission which President Roosevelt appointed several months ago to investigate the Departments with a view to reforming methods, has reported. The commission mused around in the Agriculture Department, recommended some improvements which Secretary Wilson thought of first and already had in effect, and also recommended two or three things that a tea year old boy's judgment wouldn't stand for. The best way to improve methods in the Department is to put practical men in charge of them instead of politicians and henchmen."

Well, we would like to have a "Keep Commission" in North Carolina that would do even as well as the Commission in Washington. But the fact is, as we have before stated in these columns, that this Commission has done a great deal of good. They have caused certain reforms in several of the departments. One of the latest is in the Government Printing office where they found that a great deal of time and money was being expended on certain documents that were of little value. The matter is now under investigation and if acted upon as suggested by the Keep Commission it will mean the saving of many thousands of dollars to the government each year. While in this State if a committee is ever appointed to investigate the management of affairs under democratic "good government" the findings of such committee are never made public, and why? Simply because they would create such a stench in the State that it would hurt their party. Take the investigation of the management of the A. & N. C. Road which was held behind closed doors, at the expense of the tax-payers, but the tax-payers have never been permitted to know the findings of said committee. Take the cases of social equality between the races in some of the jails and workhouses and County homes in many of the counties in this State. The cases have all been whitewashed and the democratic machine has declared they were not bad at all. And many other cases that we could mention, which if it had happened under Fusion rule, the democratic papers would have declared them a great scandal and a disgrace upon the name of this good old State.

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAW.

A divorce Congress will be held in Washington City, February 19th, to discuss a uniform law governing the so-called divorce evil, to be general all over the United States. It is stated that about 150 delegates, representing nearly all the States, will attend the congress, with data in regard to divorce litigation, its causes and effects. The action taken by the Pennsylvania legislature some time ago and the President's action in calling the attention of Congress to the divorce evil, gave this congress its origin, and the governors of each State and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia were asked to appoint delegates. Women, lawyers and governors will attend the congress and papers will be read dealing with every phase of domestic troubles. Figures will be shown from the records of the courts in the various States. The outcome of this congress will be watched with interest.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature to repeal the act that provides that a man must pay his poll tax before he can vote. The Virginia law in regard to the poll tax qualification is similar to the law in force in this State.

Gov. Glenn is reported as saying: "I have but one ambition, and that is to make North Carolina a good Governor."

But of course if his friends were to force the United States Senatorship on him he could not have the heart to refuse it.

A bill has been introduced in the Mississippi legislature to amend the Constitution of that State by providing that no children shall be admitted to the public schools where the parent is liable for the poll tax for the current year. This bill is intended to deprive the negro children of that State of an education, but it will also debar thousands of poor white children from the advantages of an education. Poll taxes should be paid, but there should be some other means of collecting them other than denying the poor white children of the State of the advantages of an education. It should be the object of all the States to hold out inducements to attend school to the poor white children instead of debarring them by legislative enactment. Remember the young white man who cannot read and write cannot vote in the South.

A Cincinnati couple has decided to go to the North Pole, accompanied by two pet cats. Those are two cats that will never come back.

Eleven new companies were chartered in Secretary of State's office Saturday. Another sign of prosperity.

The average Democrat doesn't want office—so long as he is holding one.

Is This "White Supremacy"? Shelby Aurora.]

Where are the "white supremacy" fellows who, a few years ago, wore badges lest their identity might be doubtful? Have they departed for parts unknown, or are they just sleeping?

The State Board of Charities has submitted a report to Gov. Glenn relative to the insane and charitable institutions of the State which reveals a situation which is a shame and disgrace to the State. White and black prisoners are confined in the same room and sleep in the same apartment, and in some instances are chained together in twenty of the convict camps of North Carolina. There are 32 of these convict camps accommodating 1,350 prisoners—white males 612, colored males 722, and colored females 16. Twenty out of the thirty-two camps are the scenes of forced social equality made compulsory by a party that had for its battle cry in former campaigns "white supremacy."

The report shows further that there is no distinction made in the treatment of prisoners—those who were sent there for vagrancy, drunkenness, or for not paying fines, are treated like those who are convicted of more serious crimes. Where was the News and Observer, the self-constituted guardian of the State's morals, while this conduct was going on? Has it lost all regard for State pride and common decency since the Fusionists went out of power and the Democrats came in? Under the former administration it pounced upon every individual case where a Republican had erred in any way, and branded it as a "Fusion Scandal." Now, when helpless prisoners of both races were being chained together and forced to sleep and occupy the same apartments the News and Observer was silent as death till the Board of Charities revealed the fact to the world.

Where are the two-by-four politicians who ran about over the State yelling "Nigger" during recent campaigns till the blood would almost gush from their nostrils? They are as silent as death, too.

COLLECTOR KEITH ENDORSED.

The Dispatch Says He is Endorsed by Every Leading Business Firm in Wilmington. Wilmington Dispatch.]

Mr. B. F. Keith has been receiving the congratulations of his many friends today upon the news that he will be reappointed to the office of Collector of Customs at this port, a position which he has well filled for the last four years. It is known that Chairman Rollins, of the Republican party of North Carolina, has recommended Mr. Keith's reappointment, and that the President will heartily comply with the recommendation.

Mr. Keith was seen by a Dispatch representative this morning and he stated that he is now certain of his reappointment, although he had never doubted but what he would be reappointed, as he had been so assured by the influential Republicans of North Carolina in Washington. He stated that he only spent four hours in Washington relative to his reappointment, leaving the matter entirely in the hands of his friends, with the record of his administration to back him. And, by way of parenthesis, it is well to state that Mr. Keith was endorsed for the position by certainly ninety-nine one hundredths of the business people of Wilmington. It has not been made public heretofore, but Mr. Keith has a petition such as probably was never obtained by any man here before. It is many typewritten pages in length and is signed by every one of the leading business houses in Wilmington. Mr. Keith appears as proud of this as he does of a reappointment.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squibs of Interest We have Gathered with our past-pot and Shears.

Tom Dixon claims that somebody has pirated his play. That some sort of foot ought to be punished severely.—Ex.

Mississippi's legislature has passed a resolution barring all lobbyists. This seems unnecessary as the Mississippi treasury is empty.—People's Paper.

While it is being talked about, who knows that the Watts law was made to be enforced?—Durham Sun.

Japan has adopted our pension system. She will have a chance now to find out how much more expensive peace is than war.—Greenville Reflector.

Some men are butt-headed. They have to get floored before they can realize that they are up against it, Senator Tillman for instance.—Wilmington Star.

Watch This Trio.

It's a crime for Republicans to want pie and work for leadership, but alright for Democrats. Watch Aycock, Simmons and Glenn.—Hickory-Times Mercury.

Office Hungry Democracy.

In this county once, it's said, forty Democrats scrambled for a dead Republican's office before the flowers on his grave could wither.—Hickory Times-Mercury.

If Senator Tillman would put forth the same effort to have the rotten dispensary investigated that he does to have everything investigated in Congress the Palmetto State would be better off.—Shelby Aurora.

It is claimed by some parties that the Bertie county murderer, Jesse Mitchell, is insane because he named a child after Grover Cleveland. Bryanites would probably take it as evidence that he should be burned at the stake.—Wilmington Dispatch.

It is stated that R. E. Baker, of Four Oaks, Johnston county, N. C., has bought a farm in Chesterfield county, Va., on which he will establish an industrial training school for homeless boys. Why not locate the school in North Carolina?—Union Republican.

The Durham Herald truly remarks: "The people cuss the trusts but when a trust cuts the price on an article in order to drive an independent concern out of the market the people are not slow to give it their patronage." That is what they do and then get paid back for it when they help to crush competition.—Wilmington Star.

It is now "social equality" in the county convict camps, and Democrats control affairs in the State, and most of the counties. With the poor devil who wears the stripes it is a matter of force not choice. Yet, for the past thirty-odd years Democratic politicians and newspapers have "nigger" suffrage, social equality and other rackets. Truly Democratic consistency is a jewel of rare commodity on this race question with the "negro in the wood pile," dressed up as a scarecrow to suit occasions and the furtherance of political ambition.—Union Republican.

Governor Glenn is the chief executive officer of this State. The sheriffs and other executive officers of the counties are his subordinates. It is his duty to see that they enforce the law. Has the Governor ever attempted to have his subordinates carry out the Watts or the Ward law in their counties? Federal officers are discovering and suppressing violation of these laws right under the noses of the Governor and of his deputies, still we never hear of any steps taken by the Governor or his subordinate executive officers to aid the Federal authorities. We think it would be better for Gov. Glenn to make a show, at least, of enforcing the existing laws before sounding the loud trumpet in favor of still more stringent laws along these lines. He would better show his sincerity in his advocacy of prohibition by aiding the true prohibitionists in enforcing the laws we have than by advocating other laws which even the prohibitionists are not now urging.—Wilmington Messenger.

When To Judge.

McClure's Magazine for February contains a thoughtful editorial on the exercise of judgment between men, "Judge Not" is the title, and it shows how this maxim may be misapplied. If the individual citizen does not judge, the condemning voice of the court means little to the criminal. Each man should clearly express himself on all questions of politics, business and law; and in this way help to replace crime and corruption by honesty and justice.

GERMAN WORKMEN INSURED.

A Compulsory Insurance System Securing Great Gain to Wage-Earners.

Charles Edward Russell, in the February instalment of "Soldiers of the Common Good," in Everybodys Magazine, describes the following interesting institution:

"The German Government also conducts a Working Man's Insurance Company in which membership is not voluntary but compulsory. All wage earners must take out a policy in it and all government officers with a smaller salary than 2,000 marks a year. Others may come in if they wish, but these have no choice; the government enforces providence upon them, willy-nilly. The insurance is against incapacity, sickness, and accident. The premium is a weekly assessment of not more than four per cent. of the average weekly wages, two-thirds borne by the insured and one-third by the employer. The government collects the assessment and holds the funds. Ten million persons are policy-holders in the enterprise, and the payments amount to \$50,000,000 a year. When an insured workman dies the government pays his funeral expenses from this fund, allotting therefor a sum equal to twenty times his daily wage. In case of sickness payment is made at the rate of 66 2/3 per cent. of the annual earnings of the insured. The government also conducts 351 industrial courts for settling disputes between workingmen and employers, and these courts have considered 90,000 cases in a year. They have never amounted to much in settling strikes actually begun, but they have prevented many disputes from growing into strikes."

NEGRO KILLS AN OFFICER.

The Killing Followed a Fierce Fight in the Road Near Farmville.

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 22.—Constable W. J. Lovitt, of Farmville, was shot and killed Saturday night while in the performance of his official duties, says the Reflector. Saturday evening, about sunset, Messrs. John Chase and W. H. Smith started on a wagon from Farmville to their homes about five miles distant. When they reached the cross roads not quite two miles from Farmville, they met several negroes on foot in the road, who refused to get out of the road so the wagon could pass. Mr. Chase picked up a shovel that was in the wagon and got out to make the negroes give room. Jerry Cobb, assisted by Sylvester Barrett, got the shovel away from Mr. Chase when Mr. Smith jumped out of the wagon to go to his assistance. Cobb broke Mr. Smith's arm with the shovel and also struck Mr. Case, while Barrett cut Mr. Case's clothing with a pocket knife.

A GRIM TRAGEDY

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she got Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by all druggists. Trial bottle free.

The Adelbert Ames Labeled.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 22.—The schooner Adelbert Ames, which went ashore last week on the Cape Fear bar and became water-logged, has been labelled by the Wilmington, Southport and Little River Transportation Company for a salvage claim of \$15,000, the tug Blanche having pulled the vessel afloat with the revenue cutter Seminole. The schooner is nine miles down the river beached to prevent her from filling entirely with water.

Gen. Wheeler Very Ill.

New York, Jan. 23.—Brigadier General Joseph Wheeler is seriously ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. He has been confined to his bed for three days with a bronchial affection following a stubborn cold.

SICKENING, SHIVERING FITS

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Monday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At all druggists; price 50c., guaranteed."

GOVERNOR KICKED A CONVICT.

Then Called for an Inquiry into the State Convict System.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 18.—Gov. Vardaman in a recent message to the legislature, charged that body to make a thorough investigation of the State convict system. Rumors that Gov. Vardaman had recently thrashed a convict at the executive mansion, resulted in an interview with the governor in which he admitted that he had whipped the convict, who, while shining the governor's shoes, had made an impudent remark. The governor said he kicked the convict, then taking a broom, had given him a sound thrashing. This act is to be investigated by the legislative committee, which was appointed on the governor's recommendation. The affair added its publicity have created a sensation.

The governor has stirred up considerable surprise in the House by sending in a message recommending that trusty convicts, instead of hired laborers be used as porters around the capitol. The recommendation has already aroused violent opposition. The governor wants the convict porters "uniformed in gray or some other agreeable color."

CHOSE HUSBAND BY LOT.

Wanted by These Brothers—Youngest Mock Wins Miss Irene Dewey.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 19.—After making a choice of a husband by lot from one of three brothers the marriage of Miss Irene Dewey and James William Mock, of Mocksville, N. C., is announced.

Mrs. Mock, a well-known beauty and social favorite, is reported to have determined the choice of three brothers, all of whom had been paying marked attention to her for years by ballot. She allowed all three to draw lots and the youngest Mock won. The bride's lottery consisted of three small pasteboards on one side of which was inscribed her name. The other two were blanks. She declared that she had been for months unable to determine how to settle it, and that she did not want to wrack the lives of the other two by choosing one.

Miss Dewey is said to have received proposals from every young man in the village. Her wedding soon followed her decision by ballot.

Cotton Worth \$750,000 Burned at Jackson, Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 23.—The Mississippi Compress with 9,500 bales of cotton was destroyed by fire this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$750,000 with insurance of about two-thirds that sum.

"CUT IT OUT" advertisement for Wine of Cardui, claiming to cure womb disease and various ailments.

One Cent a Word advertisement for Rubber Stamps and safe investments, including contact information for R. O'Sullivan, Broker.

5000 TELEGRAPHERS NEEDED advertisement for Morse School of Telegraphy, offering training and employment.

Scientific American advertisement for Ez-zine, a skin medicine, with a \$50 reward for testimonials.

Every Heart-Ache advertisement for Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, featuring a globe and testimonials.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS COMPANY advertisement for a representative position, offering \$50 a week.