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THE WATTS LAW A FARCE.

At present Morganton has saloons. Not long ago that town voted on the whiskey question, and the majority of voters were in favor of open saloons and license were granted the barkeepers. However, a bill was introduced in the house a few days ago to make Morganton a dry town without a vote of the people. The democratic member from that county claiming he was elected on that issue, that the County people did not want the saloons but could not vote on the question. Now, so far as we are concerned, it does not affect us whether Morganton has saloons or not, but the point is these democrats are not living up to their much coveted Watts law. The Watts law, which the democrats are sworn to support, does not give the country people a right to vote on the question. But the member from that County has reversed the matter and will drive the saloons out of Morganton, because he claims the country people do not wish them, and disregards the wishes of the citizens of Morganton.

We are not saying a word against the country people, we have always been their friend, and we are their friend still, but we simply wish to show that the Watts law, which the last democratic State Convention endorsed, is a farce.

The democrats should abide by their own laws or they should abolish them. We do not think that either the country or town people should be discriminated against.

GOVERNOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer informs us that Governor Glenn went to the White House Friday to see President Roosevelt to urge him to have withdrawn the prosecutions against North Carolina mill men charged with violation of the alien contract laws in getting girls over here to work in factories. While at the White House the Governor invited President Roosevelt to come down and join him in a bear hunt. The correspondent says:

"While at the White House the Governor extended an invitation to the President to join him in a bear hunt in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Mr. Roosevelt at once began to take notice, and soon exhausted Governor Glenn's supply of information on the subject of bear hunting in the State."

We know that the little bear at White House hid in the waste basket, if he did not die of heart failure when he heard the Governor invite the President to North Carolina as his guest, after Glenn had abused and vilified the President at every opportunity during the campaign of 1904. Has the Governor changed his opinion of the President? If so, he should publish the fact in the democratic dailies in the State, which papers published his vile epithets against Mr. Roosevelt in 1904. Surely, the Governor did not extend the invitation with the hope of influencing the President in his decision in favor of the mill men.

MANDAMUS TO FORCE CONNECTION AT SELMA.

Some days ago the Southern Railway moved up its schedule for the afternoon train between Goldsboro and Greensboro, thus breaking the connection with the Atlantic Coast Line at Selma. The Corporation Commission has proceeded against the Southern by mandamus proceedings to compel it to keep its former schedule or at least wait for the passengers from the Atlantic Coast Line at Selma. The Commission has also brought suit against the Southern for \$1500 in penalties. The outcome will be watched with interest. Will the railroad obey the order or will the Railroad Commission back down?

A "weather prophet" in western part of this State says we will have two killing frosts in May, and nine snows before the winter is over.

We fear very bad weather for the next two or three months, but we hope this weather man was only talking for excitement.

The following is from the Hickory Times-Mercury:

"If the General Assembly is for the people, it will give the people the right of local self-government, the right of electing their magistrates, school boards and county superintendents."

And we will add that the legislature should also allow the Counties, whether Republican or Democratic, to elect their own County Commissioners and County Treasurers. Heretofore the legislature has appointed extra County Commissioners after the number required by law had been elected by the people of said Counties. This is done to prevent Republican Counties from controlling their affairs in the County, and democratic Counties extra Commissioners are appointed to carry out the bidding of the machine. The last legislature created the office of County Treasurer in Henderson, a Republican County, and then appointed a democrat to fill the job. Is it fair, is it just? The people of the State should demand local self-government, and not stop until they get it. Any other form of government is tyrannical.

When the vote for United States Senator was taken in the House Tuesday Speaker Justice voted for Judge Adams but quickly changed his vote for Simmons. Mr. Justice was doubtless thinking of the day he met Judge Adams in joint debate at Albemarle last fall, and was possibly convinced that he should vote for Judge Adams for Senator, but the thought of what boss Simmons would say might have caused him to so quickly change his vote. And a vote for Judge Adams might not have pleased the Fifth District Combine.

THE NALL CASE.

The Nall case, which consumed most of the week in Wake Court last week, came to a close Thursday evening when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the defendants were released. The defense claimed that the patient Nall fell and his head hit a stone, causing the wound on his head, and that he afterwards died of heart failure. However, the Judge said that Nall was treated horribly cruel.

Is there no law against cruel treatment of a helpless human being?

When the legislature was in session two years ago a bill was passed to prevent goats from going under the churches in Pitt County. Monday a bill was introduced in the House to prevent mischievous stock running at large in Pitt County. All the dumb animals had better leave Pitt, or they will soon have no rights at all in that County.

Bills were introduced in the House Monday to appoint more justices of the peace in Orange and Catawba Counties. Evidently, some of the democrats in those Counties are hard up for a job. Is crime on the increase in these democratic Counties, or why is it they need extra justices of the peace?

Last Saturday was observed as a holiday throughout the State as the centennial anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, the noted Confederate General. It is needless for us to expatiate on the life of Lee, for even every school child in the State is familiar with his history.

The democratic members are introducing all kinds of laws in the legislature against the railroads. But this is done only to fool the voters. When the legislature has adjourned it will be found that the railroads have not been hit hard enough for them to feel a bruise.

We have laws against cruelty to animals, but if we have any laws against cruelty to human beings they are not receiving much attention from the courts these days.

Judges of This Kind Should Be Barred from Office.

One of the best of the many suggestions made to the legislature is that the law be amended so as to stop the exchange of circuits by Superior Court Judges. One paper, the Roanoke-Chowan Times, says "it has been charged that exchanges have been made to give a judge a chance to punish his enemies and to favor his friends in cases pending in courts." We have never heard of this before, but whether or not there is any basis for it, the fact that any such suspicion could arise is of itself sufficient warrant for a change of the system.—Charlotte Observer.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squibs of Interest We Have Gathered with our Paste-pot and Shears.

If the soldiers who "shot up" Brownville had been white soldiers their dismissal would hardly have been noticed. It is time to "let up" on that matter.—Raleigh Enterprise.

Democracy, debt and bonds—watch the present General Assembly hand down its Democratic heirloom.—Union Republican.

There may be no corruption in the matter, but we are getting mighty tired of this thing of changing school books so often.—Shebby Aurora.

Senator Tillman continues to let his personal hatred of President Roosevelt overrule his good judgment.

Think of Senator Tillman, the Southern extremist on the race question, condemning the President for discharging the negro soldiers who shot up Brownville, Texas, and defending the soldiers! This is what he did in the Senate a day or two ago.—The Weekly Jeffersonian.

The Nall Case Ended.

The Nall case in which the attendants at the Insane Hospital at Raleigh were charged with causing the death of Thomas Nall, of Chatham, came to an end last Thursday evening when the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. It will be remembered that in our report of the case last week several witnesses swore to the cruel treatment of Nall by attendants after he was captured, and another witness heard the licks and heard Nall say he would give up—but did not see the scuffle. While the defendants swore they did not beat Nall and that the gash on his head (which the doctors say caused his death) was caused by Nall falling on a stone.

The attorneys for the State showed that the patient presented eleven symptoms out of twelve of concussion, and we failed to understand that the attorneys for the defense so completely made out their case.

In June before Nall's death, Dr. Ferrebe, one of the physicians at the asylum, discovered that patient Nall had a heart disease.

Dr. McKee, the Superintendent, testified before Coroner's inquest that Nall left hospital in good physical condition. Dr. Jenkins, another physician at asylum, had Nall under observation while Dr. Ferrebe was on vacation just prior to Nall's death for several weeks, and he had discovered no heart trouble. Now which physician knew most about the case. Dr. Ferrebe had made no report of Nall's condition to his superiors—and no record had been entered except in a vest pocket memorandum produced late in the investigation by the board of directors. Was his vacation trip so absorbing that he left unreported the condition of a patient under his charge so long?

Strange.

In that part of the Governor's message in regard to salaries he says the Governor's salary should be raised to six thousand dollars a year and the other State officers' salaries proportionately raised. He tells the boys he has lived economically, and it has cost him \$5,500 a year, or \$1,500 more than his salary. He says some of the employees and some of the State officers are not able to live upon the salaries they get. With all these things staring them in the face isn't it strange that so many men will work late and early and resort to all kinds of methods, fair or foul, abuse their superiors in many cases, just to get one of those offices which the Governor says they are unable to obtain a living from.

In the last State campaign these same State officers, who are not getting a living out of their salaries, junketed the State from Dan to Beersheba, in the interest of their party, and it's to be supposed they paid their own hotel bills and railroad fares. Guess that patriotism and love for their country.—Charlotte People's Paper.

A Letter from Richlands.

We are receiving many letters like the following, which are always encouraging to the editor as well as the business manager:

Caucasian Pub. Co., Raleigh, N. C.
Dear Sirs:—Find enclosed (\$2) two dollars to set me up for paper till April 4, 1907, money order. I like the paper, it is doing good work in this county as well as others. The people are waking up and seeing where their interest is more than I ever saw before. With my best wishes for your success,

Richlands, N. C., Jan. 10, 1907.

Democratic Scramble for Office.

Our State Legislature meets this week. The scramble for the Speakership is disgraceful. We would be glad to see all engaged in it passed by and a modest man of ability elected.—Greensboro Church Record.

And, by the way, Mr. Justice, a Greensboro lawyer, was elected.—Union Republican.

NORTH STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Gathered from all over the State.

Sylvester Barrett, a negro, was hanged in Greenville, Pitt County, Thursday for murdering Constable Lovit in January, last year. He ate a hearty breakfast the morning before he was executed, and his last request was for a drink of whiskey, which was given him.

Bill for Relief of Irvin Nall.

A bill was passed in the House of Representatives a few days ago for the relief of Irvin Nall, the father of the former patient of the State Hospital who, about a year ago, escaped from the asylum in Raleigh, and received injuries while being captured from which he died.

Dr. McKee, Superintendent of the Hospital here, wired to Mr. Nall as to the disposition of the body, and Mr. Nall directed that it be shipped to him at his home in Chatham. But it was necessary to embalm the body, it being in August, and very warm weather, and the charges on it, including expressage, amounted to about sixty dollars.

Mr. Nall is an old Confederate veteran, about seventy years of age with only one leg, and in very reduced circumstances. He had to mortgage practically everything he had and borrow what he could from friends in order to get the body of his son from the express company. The remains lay for several days unburied on that account, and the affair created much sympathy among Mr. Nall's friends and neighbors.

The bill authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Mr. Nall.

Oldest Legal Practitioner in the State.

Troy Montgomery, Jr.
The Troy bar has the distinction of having perhaps the oldest member of the legal profession in the State. Half a century ago Colonel Allen Jordan appeared before the Supreme Court of North Carolina, passed the required examination and secured license to practice law in both the County and the Superior Courts of the State. Being a matter of County if not State-wide interest he has kindly agreed to let us publish copies of his license, there being at the time he passed the examination two distinct classes of courts in the State—the County Courts and the Superior Courts.

Below is a copy of his license to practice in the County Courts:

State of North Carolina
To the Justices of the Several County Courts within the Said State:

Whereas, Allen Jordan hath applied to us, Frederick Nash, Chief Justice, and Richmond M. Pearson and Will. H. Battle, Judges of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, for admission to practice as an attorney and counsellor at law, in the several county courts within the State as aforesaid, we do certify that he has produced to us sufficient testimonials of his upright character, and upon an examination before us, is found to possess a competent knowledge of the law, to enable him to admission, according to his said application.

Given under our hands and seals, at Raleigh, this 30th day of December, 1856. F. NASH, (seal)
R. M. PEARSON, (seal)
WILL. H. BATTLE, (seal)
E. B. FREEMAN, Clk.

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Given under hands and seals, at Raleigh, this 15th day of June, 1858. F. NASH, (seal)
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Tax Paid.

E. B. FREEMAN, Clk.
[Col. Jordan is not only an excellent lawyer but is a politician of note. He has been a Republican ever since the party has been in existence, in fact he was present when the Republican party was first organized and helped to give it its name. There are possibly other Republicans as old as Col. Jordan, but none any older.—ED. CAUCASIAN.]

Arrested for Burning Barns in Mecklenburg County.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 19.—Gary Castle, a negro tenant, was today arrested on the strength of the fact that his shoeheel marks correspond with those found near one of the three barns burned in Mecklenburg county, this week. He is being held for the crime. The arrest was brought about by a committee of farmers who were considerably stirred by the three incendiary fires, and with other evidences in hand, the negro's arrest was brought about. The reputation of the negro is not of the best.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from First Page.)

The following bills were introduced in the Senate Tuesday:

Seawell—To regulate and fix time for transportation of freight and providing forfeitures. Committee on Railroads.

Burton—To prohibit the sale of toy pistols, fire-crackers, etc.

Breeze—To prevent intoxicated persons from traveling on railroad trains, steamboats, etc., and for the better protection of the traveling public.

Burton—To provide for better care for the indigent, aged and infirm of the State.

Burton—A bill to be entitled an act to prevent discrimination in freight rates by railroads against points in North Carolina.

Daniel—To reduce the number of challenges in both civil and criminal cases.

Mitchell—To make it unlawful for a tenant to leave his landlord until all debts are paid and to make it unlawful for other landlords to contract with tenants who have not complied with this proposed law, etc.

Long—Providing for the separation of prisoners suffering from tuberculosis.

At noon the voting for United States Senator by each branch of the legislature separately (to vote jointly tomorrow, was proceeded with, it being the special order.)

Senator Simmons was placed in nomination by Drewry, of Wake, and seconded by Mitchell, of Bertie.

Judge Spencer B. Adams was nominated by Senator Carter, of Surry, and seconded by the Senator from Mitchell County, Mr. Burleson.

Following is the vote for Senator: For Simmons, 33; for Adams, 8. Fourteen Senators were absent and did not vote.

CALENDAR—BILLS PASSED.

Passed second and third reading and ordered enrolled for ratification: S. B. 114, H. B. 66.—For the relief of juries in Chatham county.

S. B. 176, H. B. 89.—To prohibit the sale of liquor in Burke County after July 1. (This is the Morgan prohibition bill which passed the house a few days ago.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Joint resolution to ascertain value of certain stock in North Carolina and Atlantic & North Carolina Railroads.

Gilliam—Establish dispensary in Windsor, Bertie county.

Kitchin—Make ten years' separate separation cause for divorce.

Barnett—To elect County Board of Education and Superintendent of Instruction in Macon.

Price, of Rockingham—Increase appropriation for indigent Confederate soldiers and widows.

John—Amend law against hunting on lands of another in Robeson.

Gallert—Regulating railroad companies in State and prescribe rates for transportation of passengers.

Mr. Justice's bill to enlarge the powers of the attorney general, to control corporations, to destroy trusts and to put solicitors of the State on salaries and require them to act as assistants to the attorney general under certain circumstances, came up with a favorable report from the committee on public service corporations.

First Aid.

Johnnie—Papa, papa, come quick! Mama has fainted.

Papa—Here, put this ten-dollar bill in her hand.

Johnnie (a moment later)—She says she wants ten more.—Translated for Transatlantic Tales from "Flegende Blätter."

Historical Facts.

The highest monument in the world is the Washington monument, being 555 feet. The highest structure of any kind is the Eiffel Tower in Paris, finished 1889, and 989 feet high.

It is claimed that crows, eagles, ravens and swans live to be 100 years old; herons 59, parrots 60, pelicans and geese 30, skylarks 30, sparrow hawks 40, peacocks, canaries and cranes 24.

The first English newspaper was the English Mercury, issued in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was issued in the shape of a pamphlet. The Gazette of Venice was the original model of the modern newspaper.

The largest producing farm in the world lies in the southwest corner of Louisiana, owned by a Northern syndicate. It runs 100 miles north and south. The immense tract is divided into convenient pastures, with stations every 50,000.

A "monkey wrench" is not so named because it is a handy thing to monkey with, or for any kindred reason. "Monkey" is not its name at all, but "Moncky." Charles Moncky, the inventor of it, sold his patent for \$2,000, and invested the money in a house in Williamsburgh, New York, where he now lives.

The city of Nineveh was fifteen miles long, eight wide and forty round, the wall around 100 feet high, and broad enough for three chariots abreast. Babylon for fifty miles within the walls which were 350 feet high and eighty-seven feet wide with 100 brazen gates. Yet we think we are some little village.

—Architect and Builder.

Million Dollar Diamond in a Mail Bag.

The American Magazine for February contains an account of the world's greatest diamond—a stone worth millions dollars recently found in South Africa. In connection with the description of the finding of the gem the following interesting facts about transporting it are brought out:

"This record stone was not, as might be supposed, sent to Europe in a ship of its own. So precious is the civilized commerce of today, that this vast treasure was merely sealed up in a tin box registered as a 'postal packet' and sent through the mails as though it were a worthless geological specimen! It was received at the London office of the Premier Diamond Mining Company, Ltd., and measures were taken at once to insure it for about half its approximate value—say, \$2,500,000.

Two Reasons for Consulting Your Wife.

The author of "The Autobiography of a Business Man" in the February Everybody's evidently writes from personal experience.

"I had gotten so that I kind of liked to consult my wife for two reasons," he says. "One, I had found in the past that she was pretty level headed. The other reason was, that if I consulted her and I had made a mistake, she could not tell me afterward 'I told you so.' Most women folks have far better business judgment than they are given credit for, and the majority of men, in my estimation, would be better off if they would consult their wives. Their bump of cautiousness is very large, and that is what most men need."

"Do you believe that a man can love more than once?" "He is an awful liar if he can't."

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-titled remedy, Mrs. WINKLER'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

In the Sanctum.

Post—What do you think of this little poem of mine, "She Would Not Smile."

Editor—I think if you had read the poem to her she would have smiled.—Translated for Transatlantic Tales from "Le Rire."

THE RIGHT NAME.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c. by all druggists.

In New York City there will be \$180,000,000 paid in interest and dividends this month.

CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had a run down in weight to 110 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

In Jerusalem a girl who is not married at 20 is regarded as an old maid. Some marry when only 10.

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