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AN UNWORTHY FLING.

The man who will hear a slight rumor, concerning something or somebody, and on the strength of this rumor, will proceed to build a structure of vituperation and abuse, is still to be found once in a while. Thanks to the sweeping progress of an elevating and broadening civilization such characters are not numerous. Godspeed the day when they may live but in memory.

Troy, N. Y., is the home of a newspaper, which if its general nature, is to be judged from a recent editorial, quoted below, is of the narrow type above-referred to. We trust when this puny little insult at our state was penned, it was the product of some wharf rat who had strayed into the editor's chair, and that on the return of the real editor due apologies will be made.

The editorial in question is in reference to the proposed payment, on the part of the railroads of \$17,500 to the state, in connection with the rate litigation matter. We quote the first part of the editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the Northern Budget, under the heading, "A Mean Position for a State," as follows:

"There is one provision in the recent railroad legislation of the state of North Carolina which is admitted on all sides to be erroneous and improper. Just what the provision is does not matter now, for it is not under discussion. The suggestion has been made that an extra session of the legislature of the state be called in order that the erroneous part of the law may be repealed or modified. Objection has been made on account of the cost. The railroads of the state have offered to pay the cost—about \$17,500—of the extra session, and it is likely that this offer will be accepted.

"This will bring about a condition disgraceful to any state in the Union. Every individual and corporation is entitled to justice without money and without price. The idea of railroads financing a session of the legislature of any state is repugnant to the right minded inhabitants of all."

To simply say that the above article is based on a misstatement of the case absolutely is sufficient. Every person who knows the situation knows full well that there never has been either suggested, or even intimated any such proposition, and that the statement of our contemporary, that, "The railroads of the state offered to pay the cost of the extra session," is absolutely and unequivocally false. The railroads have never offered to pay the cost of the special session, neither has the state thought of asking them to do so. Such an offer would, of course, as every person knows, be spurned by the state.

The railroads defied a state law, thereby precipitating a fight. The honor of the state was at stake. To press the fight or to back down, it was necessary to go outside of state officials and employ counsel to defend the state. This was done, and the cost of this outside counsel amounted to about \$17,000. Later the railroads realized that in defying a law of a sovereign state, before the supreme court had passed a decision, was wrong, and the roads agreed to accept the rate until a decision could be had. Later the roads agreed to compromise, and offered to pay the \$17,500 cost to the state for the fight which they had foolishly caused. It is not a question of the justice or the injustice of a 2 1/2 cent rate. And certainly it is not a proposition whereby the railroads "finance the legislature," in order that "justice may be done." On the contrary, it is a simple offer of the roads to pay the state the cost of a litigation, which they (the roads) now admit was wrong. Whether or not the members of the legislature accept the payment of costs remains to be seen. Some members favor acceptance, some oppose it. This part does not concern us.

One thing is certain, however,

namely, that the members of the general assembly are men of sufficient intelligence, and of ample realization of the sense of justice and fairness, to both sides to decide the matter, which is very immaterial; and which has only assumed notoriety through the attempt of certain radical newspapers to bring into evidence a looming mare's nest, and they will settle the matter without resorting to other states for alms or advice.

But, we return to the Northern Budget, quoting the remainder of its editorial utterance, which is as follows:

"If North Carolina is too poor or too parsimonious to call a session of its legislature to do away with an injustice it might better appeal to the people of the other states for contributions than to take the money of the railroads."

Waiving the matter of the wisdom of accepting or refusing the proposed payment of \$17,500 by the railroads, the above fling is unworthy of any newspaper that lays any claim to fairness and magnanimity. The force of the argument of our New York contemporary is lost in the disgust over such a cheap and one-sided reference to a great state.

It is pertinent here to remark that as yet North Carolina has never sought alms from her sister states,—and in every good and noble work her record has not been foreshadowed by that of any of her neighbors. Only the small and biased mind could give expression to so unworthy a sentiment as the above.

Papers of the north, as well as the south, have passed the stage where the bitterness of sectional feeling rendered them blind to the virtues of their contemporaries in other states, but here and there, as in the case of the paper referred to above, we find an instance of the old narrow and bigoted spirit of reconstruction days.

The press of New York state, as a whole, we feel sure, would resent the above dirty little thrust at a proud commonwealth as heartily as do we of this state who have been made victim of the spleen of a very small mind.

Those parties who predicted the sudden dissolution of Savannah, Ga., when prohibition carried, are now confronted with the problem of explaining why that town is still on the map.

Vehicle manufacturers from all over the south met here yesterday and we are informed that there is an unprecedented demand for water wagons in every section.

"Military rule" never did sound good to an American citizen, and especially to one hailing from Mecklenburg county.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

January 31.

- 1655—Cornwell dissolved parliament.
- 1677—Arrival of royal commissioners to investigate the causes of the rebellion in Virginia.
- 1745—Marquis de Marbois, who sold Louisiana to the United States, born in France. Died there January 14th, 1837.
- 1752—Gouverneur Morris, American statesman, born. Died November 6th, 1816.
- 1863—Confederate gunboats attacked blockading squadron at entrance to Charleston harbor.
- 1891—Jean Louis Ernest Meissonier, French painter, died. Born 1811.
- 1898—Great strike of engineers in England came to an end.

THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY.

William Henry Roberts.

Rev. William Henry Roberts, D. D., moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, was born January 31st, 1844, at Holyhead, Wales. He was a young boy when his father brought the family to America and settled in Utica, N. Y. After graduating from the college of the city of New York, Mr. Roberts entered the service of the United States as a statistician in the treasury department, afterward becoming assistant librarian in the library of congress. He decided to study for the ministry and went to Princeton seminary. After serving in one pastorate he returned to the seminary as librarian, remaining for nine years, until, in 1886, he was made a professor of Lane seminary, Cincinnati. In the meantime he had become stated clerk of the general assembly, which position he filled for 20 years, or until he was elected moderator at the Columbus session last year.

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Editor Kickers' Column:
 The crossing at the corner of Mr. J. C. Burrough's lot and the new Y. M. C. Burrough's lot on the w. Y. M. lot for ladies to walk across.
 It could be easily remedied by laying a couple of planks over it.
 There are plenty of planks lying around there loose, just fitted for the purpose.

Kicks From Belmont.
 Editor Kickers' Column:
 Belmont, N. C., Jan. 31.
 Belmont needs a board of public safety of our own. Otherwise we should be granted Beligerent Rights.
 Every time it rains our nights become dark the motto of the Municipal League buttons loom up before our eyes in box-car letters.

Mr. Bryan may never be president, yet he is a great man and it troubles some newspapers much.
 What we need in Belmont is an Independence Square, with officers to keep people moving to the right.

We would like to suggest elevated cars crossing the Square. It would be in touch with the sky scraper and we could watch Charlotte grow with better view.

The recently-organized Law and Order League over in the fifth ward might get some charter members over in the Bloody Sixth provided the charter is not closed.

One of our grocery men's delivery horses fell on the street twice yesterday and was helped up by kind friends. We are not informed whether it was fainting or acute indigestion.

We hail the Kickers' Column with joy. Now, let people record their kicks!
 Our town is waiting patiently for the organization of a Humane or a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to People and Animals.
 Respectfully,
 OLD KICKER.

Above Cop's Reach.
 It has been rumored that the city has leased the top of the 12 story building, so that people can wait on the cars and not obstructing passage.
 J. S. M.

Blood Poison Caused by Slight Hatchet Wound

Special to The News.
 Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Richard Henderson is quite ill at her home in this city from blood poison in the left arm caused by a slight wound inflicted three or four days ago while handling a hatchet. Mrs. Henderson is one of this city's most lovely women. She is a daughter of Maj. N. E. Scales and her husband, Capt. Richard Henderson, is a retired naval officer, who served 33 years in the U. S. navy, and was on the Indiana with Schley's fleet when the great Santiago battle was fought. He is a brother of Hon. John S. Henderson. A coincidence in connection with this affliction is the fact that Mrs. Henderson's little niece, a daughter of Mrs. W. B. Brunson, of New Bern, last year was compelled to have an arm amputated on account of blood poison. All Salisbury hope for a speedy recovery for this good woman.

Fires Rifle Through Window at ex-Sheriff

Special to The News.
 Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 31.—Wednesday night while ex-Sheriff D. R. Julian, with several grandchildren gathered about him, were sitting in the room at his home on East Innis street some one fired a 22-calibre rifle ball through the window, and a tragedy was narrowly averted. There is no evidence that will even furnish a clue to the guilty party. Mr. Julian, who is one of this city's most prominent and wealthy men, offers a liberal reward for any evidence that will lead to the arrest of the culprit.

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Reed—Rhodes.
 Special to The News.
 Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 31.—Mr. Will Rhodes, of Iredell county, and Miss Anna Reed, of Pilot Mountain, were married in this city yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. J. H. Fletcher, on Liberty street. Rev. R. R. Hackson officiated. The young couple left this morning for Pilot Mountain where they will reside.

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