

WILL NOT SOME ONE MOVE?

That is a sad case reported elsewhere in this paper. It appeals for the heart of charity and mercy, on its face. Will not some one move in this matter? See that the facts as given in this issue are not substantially correct. The boy must not be more than 17; at any rate his size suggests one much younger. He was sent here from Cleveland county to the chain gang for two years, of this he has served sixteen months. The boy is dying of consumption—the sands of his life are running out fast and thick. My God, shall a youth, who has served 16 months of his 24 months sentence, die in jail of consumption when the ends of justice have been met? Were it in the power of the county commissioners to pardon him, we doubt not that they would do it. It is the Governor's power alone. Will not some one become interested enough to lay the facts before His Excellency, Gov. Carr, and secure his release from prison. Let the poor boy go home to his mother, his father, the scenes of his home. Let him die on his native soil and not a prisoner in jail, with no loved ones present. Mark you; this is a youth, not a hardened old criminal and chronic law breaker. He's some one's darling boy, or has been once upon a time.

A DEAD JOB

WITH ONE ACCORD THEY BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSES. If it were not so serious a matter it would be ridiculous to see Republicans and Populists rising on the floor of the house denying that they voted for Douglass resolution. Mr. Ewart succeeded in proving an alibi. The rest of the offer nothing but their personal testimony. Thirty-four voted for it, but when they get home, there will not be half a dozen who will not vehemently deny it. But, while only thirty-four actually voted for it, the fusionists will probably hold all the fusionists responsible because it is the legitimate outcome of fusion unless they promptly repudiate by quitting alliances with those who are directly responsible for the resolution. "I am three-fourth white and one-fourth negro," said Fred Douglass. "We are three-fourth negro and one-fourth white," say the fusionists. Populists who denounce this action, and we are glad to hear from all sections that many denounce it severely, owe it to themselves and their families to separate themselves permanently from the men who bring reproach upon them and shame upon the State.—Raleigh News & Observer.

PREPARING FOR DOOMDAY.

COMING events cast their shadows before. The fusionists already feel that the actions of the Legislature have met with public condemnation. Some of them are trying to improve their own records, and in other ways trying to make a soft place upon which to fall. This was evident yesterday when Mr. Paddison introduced a resolution to the effect that the country would breathe easier now that Congress, which had done nothing but evil, would adjourn at 12 o'clock. Mr. Parsons, of Hyde, offered an amendment, in substance, that "whereas, we, the Senate, do not know how much we have done that does not meet the approval of the people, therefore be it resolved, that we bow submissively to the yoke of public condemnation." Mr. White, of Alexander, who was gagged by the caucus order to support the bill to make Chas. A Cook, of Warren, a Judge, that he was excused from voting, said that his body should judge not lest it be judged with that judgment it measures to Congress has done pretty bad, we are bound to admit, but in comparison with the Legislature it has been a shining light. We are glad the one has closed and that the days of the other are few.—Raleigh News & Observer.

A COSTLY EXPERIMENT.

THE Legislature has made a costly and an unwise blunder in abolishing the old rule that the State Boards of Education shall select the books for the public schools, and that the county boards in each of the ninety-six counties shall select the books in their respective counties. There has never been a complaint against the present system by any except the agents of unsuccessful book companies. There has been no clamor for a change. It has been brought about by the attorneys and agents of book companies, and is in their interest and not in the interest of the tax-payers. The result of the change will be expensive, and open to grave evils. Book agents, who are known not to be over-corpulent, will be active to secure the adoption of their special books, and will be willing to give a consideration for their adoption. Changes, unnecessary and unwise, will be made, and the children will have to foot the bills. This is "Reform."—News and Observer.

OUR CHARTER CHANGED.

Count Government Bill Passed—Proceedings in the Senate and House. In the Senate bills were introduced defining fraternal beneficiary societies, and to increase the number of directors of the penitentiary. The bill to allow oyster dredging which was tabled yesterday passed. The bill to allow the people of Richmond county to vote on the creation of school and county passed final reading. The bill to provide for county adoption of school books passed. Bills passed amending the charter of Asheville, to incorporate the Morganton and Shelby Railway; to incorporate Peoples' Fire Insurance Co.; to amend the charter of Concord; to change the county seat ofutherford from Rutherford to Forest City. In the House, a resolution adopted...

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your 'Hubby' in a good humor trade at Beck's market every time. Uncle Josh turned to his niece and said, "Polly, I know you to be too sensible and industrious a girl not to want a sewing machine. How would you like to have a Singer? It has got all the latest improvements, you know." Why, Dear Uncle, you couldn't please me better. I always have been partial to the Singer, they are such nice machines to work with," the girl replied. "Lucky, Lucky answered the generous old man, and Mr. J W Walker is the agent for that very machine." Sell her a Singer, Mr. Walker, and I'll foot the bill." En route home the party called at the Standard office. "You will want the news every day," said Uncle Josh, and I will subscribe for the Daily Standard. I hate to see people borrow newspapers. It is one of the meanest habits on earth, and what's more its downright robbery, I want to see you all start out right and pay for what you get." Upon rejoining Polly she began to volubly express her thanks. "You have bought us everything," she exclaimed. "Only one thing," replied Uncle Josh, Cannon, Fetzer & Bell always have a nice line of them and you can get one wherever you want it; I'll pay for the best." "Why," exclaimed Polly with great surprise, "Uncle, what can it be?" "Well, it's a baby carriage, and—"

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