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### A SERIOUS BLUNDER.

The homicide in No. 9, if such it is, or accident, if that, is deeply to be deplored. As to whether poor Hood is guilty or not the public will do well not to pre-judge the case, but when the story involves a man that everybody thought was with the county chain gang the public have a right to inquire by whose authority a convict is receiving such lenience, that is, too, so nearly a reversal of the sentence passed by a high court. We have no disposition to rob Mort Petrea of a single pleasure in life, but if engaging in violations of the law till in the interest of the peace and dignity of the State he is denied by its laws the freedom secured to all law abiding citizens he is deprived of the benefits of free citizenship in a State whose laws he defies, we do not see who has the right practically to nullify the verdict of court and unlock the shackles from off his feet and send him home on parole.

The act is without precedent, we believe, and marks a bad start from the new regime that seemed not to tire of unfounded criticisms of former administrations. An effort is made to say that it conforms to former usages. We have enquired and ex chairman of the board, J. Dove, says no convict under his direction or with any knowledge of his was ever allowed to leave the guards save trustees and they were sent on business strictly and never on pleasure. It becomes a serious question and one vital to the interests of good government whether the courts or the executors of the courts mandates are to shape the punishments thought necessary to suppress violations of law.

We are not disposed to lay the responsibility of Honeycutt's death at the door of the author of this blunder that we believe was an error on the side of a good heartedness, for death is but the natural consequence of a drunken group, but this is the very evil which Petrea's sentence was intended to suppress and his release was calculated to promote and did promote to the effect of Honeycutt's death, the widows and the orphans' bereavement and the anxiety and distress of Hood.

### A CLEAN SWEEP.

Governor-elect Russell is reported as saying that no amount of sentimentalism is to prevent the Republicans and Populists from having all the appointments to positions within the State. Nothing more noble

could be expected of course, but integrity and efficiency must give way when the spoils system comes along. That all our State institutions are to suffer the inconvenience, not to say the damage, of a change from those who have the work well in hand to those who must learn to adjust themselves to the work connected with these positions is not very pleasant to contemplate.

We freely admit that an administration should not be hampered by opposing policies near its centre, but where the policies represented by those elected to office are not involved there is no stimulus to improvement by change, rather the very opposite.

Changes in appointments except for purposes of improvement in service works a downward tendency and must lead to official spoliation rather than to official probity.

We repeat that nothing more noble could be expected from the source but surely North Carolina can do better than to foster the ignoble sentiment that public office is a public reward for partisan zeal.

### HOLIDAYS HERE.

The holiday spirit is in the very air. The people are casting about for mementoes with which to gladden the hearts of dear ones, the merchant's anticipating the public wants, have laid in an increased stock of goods to meet the demand. Gay parties are moving to and fro among the nice things from which to choose and many a precious package is selected to be stuffed snugly down into somebody's stocking tonight. There is loveliness about the very thought of Christmas and its anticipations are always inspiring. Dull drudgery is laid aside for the time and there is one common glad exclaim at the return of the season of joyfulness. It is well. How could it be otherwise? Those who know and ponder well the significance of Christmas with its dawn of hope and gladness to a world of dark and gloomy forebodings may well raise the sweet acclaim; the dear little ones, typifying Him whose birth we celebrate, perfect the praise, and the world, without knowing why they do so, and, unable to enter into our joys, yet emulate the worshippers of the new born babe of Bethlehem in imitating a joy they cannot feel. God pity the hearts and the homes where Christmas brings no joys and sheds no rays of hope and gladness.

### VETERINARY SURGERY.

Veterinary Surgery is only beginning to find its way into practical application in our community. We have long been infested with vague notions of maladies to which our domestic animals are subjected and the modes of treatment have often been the most absurd and often the most injurious. But in this as in every department of practical science we are gaining new light and adopting improved methods. Much loss of service from animals afflicted with curable diseases is now being saved by enlightened methods.

We know of but one who practices veterinary surgery near and can do no one any injustice to present to the public notice Dr. B. F. Griffin. On Wednesday morning he removed a very large tumor from the shoulder of a mule belonging in Salisbury. The tumor necessarily made the mule worthless but with

small cost he will be well again, and at his best for service.

Intelligent professional aid is one of the needs of our stock owners and is a means of saving the earnings invested.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

We call attention of the letter today by J. O. Fink, W. M. of Stokes Lodge A. F. & A. M. The cause is good and appeals to everyone generally and to the Masonic fraternity particularly, as especially appropriate for a Christmas work. While the Oxford Asylum receives the special attention of Masonry over the State, its benefits have no boundary lines among orphans, and much praise is due this mother of secret orders for its fostering care over the Oxford Orphanage. All of a willing mind are invited to join in contributions to this noble cause.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair; While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will Sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

### Ayer's Cathartic Pills

were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with griping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

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### BARGAIN IN FURNITURE.

I have now in stock in the Morris building opposite the Court house, a nice line of and all grades of furniture, and more coming suitable for holiday presents and every day use and can sell it as low as anybody.

Respectfully,

J. T. POUNDS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 1, 1896.  
The Southern Express Company will sell, at public auction, at D. P. Dayvault's store for charges, about three hundred freight packages, being on hand six months and over, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. unless called for, charges paid or otherwise disposed of before day of sale.  
D. P. DAYVAULT, Agent.  
O. M. SADDLER, Superintendent. j98

### NOTICE.

I WANT every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., Box 332, and one will be sent you free.

# THE RACKET STORE

Big lot of books, including padded poems, handkerchiefs, fancy celluloid boxes from \$3.50 down. Doll trunks, guitars, mandolins, handkerchiefs, mufflers, boys' workboxes, drums and more Xmas goods than all Concord put together. Come early to avoid the rush. At the Racket. Games of all kinds.

Very Respectfully,

B. J. Bostian.