

The Messenger.

A TURN IN THE TIDE

There is one sign discernible of returning reason among some of the officials connected with the present unholy, unjust, wicked and depraved state administration. The Messenger has pointed out the senseless war waged by Russell and his tools upon the great railroads of the state that are indeed such blessings and conveniences to the people. It has shown the most unwise, oppressive and unconstitutional discriminations against the railroads in the way of taxation. We do not believe any thing more iniquitous and vile has ever been undertaken in North Carolina by public officials. Nothing the railroads could do or have ever done would compare with it in positive injustice and sin save to withhold from stockholders an equitable share of their earnings. The conduct of Russell and those who have acted with him in the war upon railroads in this state, has been without justification and with much serious injury. There has been a spirit of wanton persecution in the whole proceedings that has been as disgusting as violent and unreasonable.

We said above there was a change visible, a sign of promise of better and wiser things. There is an indication that the railway commissioners are now being flooded with new light. They are perhaps tiring of the vicious and implacable antagonisms of the burly governor who thinks that the chief duty of man is to hate something—either God or man, either the democratic party or railroads or all combined. The commission should seek to secure and hold the good opinion of the better class of people, the intelligence, the virtue, the patriotism of a state. It is a singular fact that the violent antagonism to the railroads has been a manufactured sentiment altogether. There has been no spontaneity in the opposition, but it has come from a comparatively small class who have worn collars around their necks and had rings in their noses and who have capered when Butler and Russell cracked their whips and said move. The Raleigh Post is precisely correct in saying this:

"On this passenger rate question, not a single complaint has ever been made by the people or travelling public demanding a reduction, save by Governor Russell and his little coterie of purblind malignants, who are actuated not by a high or honorable public purpose, but to wreak personal and partisan malice against one corporation and its chief officer in this state. The motive which has prompted and the viciousness which has characterized this crusade, begun and prosecuted by the Russell-Butler combination is without a parallel in the history of judicial or executive proceedings in this state."

The proceedings have been lamentable, most unwise, most hostile to the real interests of the state. The spirit has been despicable from first to last, and Russell has been the "chief cook and bottle-washer" in the entire wrong doing. The Post says wisely: "But the despicable pretensions of the Russell proceedings are more than a hollow mockery. Coming from the chief executive, the man above all others sworn to execute fairly, justly and impartially, the laws, which laws are made as much, and are as sacred, for the protection of property as of liberty or life, it creates, disgust, disorganizes business, and brings the entire administration of public affairs into disrepute."

It is high time that the end came. It is surely a right thing for the commission to do now—to cease to be the agents of Russell & Co., in their wild, mad war upon corporations. If they will exercise the functions of their office with wisdom and honor—with an eye single to the good of the state, and not for revenge or to serve a bitter, implacable demagogue, they will deserve the confidence and approval of all good and true North Carolinians. Let all purposes to punish go. Let all narrow and impertinent partisanship be thrown to the winds. Dare to do right. Dare to seek the ends of justice and they will sleep better and command more of public respect.

THE CASTLE HAYNE PROPERTY

Democrats will have to be diligent for awhile in keeping up with radical falsehoods and slanderous charges and rebutting them. No one will believe any one of the gang who writes of democratic management without positive proof that will stand cross-examination. The lies told as to democratic contracts, will be all exposed and refuted. Mr. A. Leazer, who had charge of the farms and whose management was judicious and efficient we have understood, has promptly written to Chairman Simmons in reply to Russell's letter of billingsgate and false indictment, signed Mewborne. Mr. Leazer shows that the Castle Hayne farm investment is misrepresented. In 1890 the farm was rented at \$400 for 600 acres. The phosphate mine was also worked by penitentiary. For the last four years the entire

profits for farming and mining aggregated \$20,524. This is profits remember. Mr. Leazer says: "If the uncollected notes, two of them amounting to about \$9,000 instead of \$16,000 as per Mewborne, and these secured by collateral, which carried a mortgage on the whole property, had never realized anything, there was nevertheless a clear profit in the four years' operation of \$10,000 or \$11,000."

That was truly most creditable and satisfactory management, and the gang ought to stop lying about it. They will not turn on the light as to their own bad doings and take it out in defamations and false statements. Beware of liars. Suit was brought in Wake court to sell the Castle Hayne property to satisfy penitentiary claims. The democrats had refused to enter a contract with the phosphate company for 1897, because of its insolvency. What followed think you when the combine got in? They knew all about the situation and yet they at once made a contract with the insolvent company. What followed next? They put convicts to work and when the property is sold by order of court, is bid in by fusionists board of penitentiary directors for \$16,000; then after a time this bid is forfeited, the property is again sold, is bid in for \$8,000 by Chadbourne, a member of the board at that time, I think, and by him leased to the penitentiary, nobody can say at what price."

We tell you that is a fragrant bribe. And this is the true statement as to the Castle Hayne matter. The rascals are run to cover.

THE REAL CAUSE OF WAR

There has been so much slobbering in the north over the cause of the Cubans and making war on the score of benevolence and sympathy that it is a cheerful indication to find a paper now and then that takes the commercial view of it. That the north, that made the war, for the south was not favorable to it outside of revenge for the Maine, did it more on business grounds than in behalf of suffering humanity is no doubt true. There was a good amount of the sentimental rot indulged, as was the case over the Armenians by European powers, but there would have been no war if the commerce of the north had not been so much interfered with by the war raging in Cuba. It was the pocket nerve that was struck. The New York Times sensibly and frankly says:

"First of all we went to war in our own interest, to restore peace and tranquility at home and to safeguard them against the danger of repeated interruption. That was, in fact, our only strictly legal ground of intervention, as the Times demonstrated before war was declared. But this was a motive of self-interest. So viewed, the war was not mainly a war of humanity, but a war to suppress an international nuisance that had become intolerable and dangerous to ourselves. Self protection first."

The Messenger consistently insisted that the one cause of war was not sentimentality or materialism but purely to punish the bloody and treacherous Spaniards for their infernal work in their harbor in destroying an American naval vessel, and murdering 266 Americans, resting under the American flag in fancied security. We never saw an hour when we would have sent a southern company to fight for the rascals who disgrace the very name of soldiers for liberty. The Times speaks words of soberness when it says: "It is well not to forget fundamental facts, not only because we ought not to let an admiring world go unwarned of its mistake when it praises us for wagging a purely altruistic war."

BREVITIES

In New York antagonism to the nigger runs so high it provokes a riot. And it all happened in "Hell's Kitchen," a very proper place.

The Prince of Wales is a gay old fellow and hard to live with. His once handsome wife once left him and it is reported she has gone to her native Denmark. Wales is an immense gallant of the royal kind.

The machinery of the cruiser Raleigh is said to be quite defective, so much so it retarded Dewey's advance upon Manila. The Texas was at first much condemned, but Captain Philip took her in hand and had changes made, and now she is the equal of any war ship in the navy.

The staid Philadelphia Ledger, republican in good standing, says Secretary of War Alger, a federal general, is the weakest brother who has had charge of the war portfolio in a long time. And yet this warlike simpleton directs armies in the field. Great is humbug!

There are 3,000 Baptists congregations in Texas and half of them have no house of worship.

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HOME FOLKS

Durham has a new daily—The Record. Mr. W. B. Holland is editor. It is published by the company that issues the weekly Record. It is for a white man's government and belongs to no clique, faction or combination. Success to it.

Lieutenant Henderson, U. S. navy, and a native of Salisbury, has written a letter in which he gives Sampson all the credit for destroying the fleet of Cervera, and says the "Brooklyn kept so far off shore she hardly had any hand in the fight." That will be news to the marines. Cervera and the Spanish captain tell a very different story. Sampson was not even in the fight. Lieutenant Henderson is on the Indiana. He has undertaken a big job to discredit the gallant Schley and give the honors to the jealous Sampson.

A North Carolina excursionist by name of C. H. Howerton, found it rather warm for the season at Norfolk. He was arrested twice for debts by the sheriff, being in prison for one night. He paid \$379.20, besides cost and lawyer fee.

The letters of Chairman Simmons and young republican Bailey have had a very disturbing effect among the Russell gang. A terrible explosive falling suddenly in a camp would not provoke more alarm and a greater "plutteration" than these missives in the shape of loaded epistles caused in the camp of the Russellites. One result is no little lying and denying, dodging and perverting.

The Democratic Hand Book prepared by Captain Samuel A. Ashe and Governor Jarvis, will be ready for distribution by 14th inst. It will prove a great help and should be wisely distributed—placed in the hands of those who will know how best to use it. Copies will be sent to county committees at four cents per copy. Each county can have twenty copies.

It is believed to be a fact that Judge Adams, who will oppose Kitchin for congress, is a pronounced goldbug. Just now he wears the silver button and flaunts the free silver flag. He will hardly fool the democrats or Tom Settle.

Major W. M. Robbins, ex-member of United States house and a democrat of real ability, recently delivered an address at Gettysburg to a lot of northern people. He stated plainly the cause of the south in the great war. His remarks were in excellent spirit, and while he did not cover the entire ground what he said was interesting and convincing. He presented views that must have awakened the attention of his hearers for to them they must have been novel, however well known to southern men who lived before and in the war. He left thoughts with his northern friends to be considered at their leisure. Among these was the following:

"Another point: In the convention of 1787 it was proposed to stop the African slave trade immediately upon the adoption of the constitution and the formation of the union but a substitute proposition was carried to extend the African slave trade for twenty years after the ratification of the constitution; so that this slave trade was not forbidden and did not end until June, 1808.

"By whose votes was this proposition carried to extend that horrid traffic twenty years? My friends, it was by the votes of northern states. Only South Carolina and Georgia voted for it among the southern states. Delaware, Maryland and Virginia voted against it; North Carolina was evenly divided and her vote was blank. The votes that was necessary to carry it came from New England and the middle states. Glorious old Massachusetts alone, I believe, voted against it in New England. This was a point of history which came to our minds and made us feel how unfair it was that we should be denounced as we were on account of African slavery."

Professor Charles E. Norton, is a gifted professor in Harvard University. He is not much in love with American character. Whether it is the "Down Easter" or the "Western Hoosier" or the "infernal southerner" who moves his anger and evokes his contempt we know not. Probably it is a general dislike of all sorts and conditions of Americans. He has said:

"I feel, with Horace Walpole, that I should be proud of my country if it were not for my countrymen."

Is he really so much better than his fellows? It would be interesting to know what his "countrymen" think of him. In the Richmond Dispatch there appeared some stanzas addressed to this conceited and superior mortal. It rebuked him properly, pointing to the recent deeds performed in the present war. In the last stanza but one it is said:

"Read how for conquered foes the victors mellow grim defeat, How grand nobility did there with generous deeds compete; Let these courageous acts of rescue open to your ken, And, if you love your country, then you'll love your countrymen."

STATE PRESS

For the first time in the history of Haywood county there were negro delegates in the republican convention. "There will be more negroes in office," said Congressman White. "They are being made to order." The white folks, who have been shutting their eyes to these facts, must help their white neighbors redeem the state from radicalism and negroism, or they will debase Anglo-Saxon civilization permanently.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The ignorant and vicious brute who in his degradation and depravity, stalking the highway in some lone and fated spot, brutelike pounces upon an innocent and unsuspecting woman and accomplishes his crime, has the palliation of his brutal ignorance and savage nature to plead his mercy. But the man who under the guise of professional duty, commits, a like crime deserves the halter for his deed, the rack for his brutality, the stake for his fiendishness and at last the most intense tortures of the fanatics most vividly pictured fiery lake forever hereafter. And there are such men. If you know your man and likewise his guilt, the sooner you assist him to the enjoyment of those infernal ecstasies the greater the duty you have discharged.—Elizabeth City News.

It is of the utmost importance, in every point of view, that North Carolina should be relieved of the incubus of misgovernment which fusion has put upon her. The reign of corruption, extravagance and incompetency which prevails is not only intolerable in its immediate results, but it affords a spectacle which cannot but have an evil effect upon the youth of the state. The case is one which rises above party politics; the peace and prosperity of all the people and the good name and future well-being of the commonwealth are involved in the contest of this year. There is no safety for our people, no hope for the future, apart from the success of the democratic party. Let us hope, therefore, that this party will be wise in its nominations and in all respects so demean itself during the campaign as to arouse the enthusiasm of its own voters and command the respect of its enemies.—Charlotte Observer.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte's mortality for July was 41, of which 27 were negroes.

Murphy Scout: A novel sight was seen on our streets last Friday afternoon, says The Elijah Courier-Sentinel. It was a man who said he was from Asheville, N. C., and was moving himself, wife and three children to Marietta. The man was working himself to a cart, pulling one of the children and what seemed to be their luggage. The woman and other children were walking. He had pulled the cart all the way from Asheville.

Asheville Citizen: Criminal court proceedings were made interesting today by the effort of Jesse R. Starnes to secure the release of ten negroes who had cases in court and who wanted to join the volunteer army. Mr. Starnes cleared fifty and they will go to Fort Macon to join Captain Leatherwood's Maceo volunteers. The court agreed that the remainder of the prisoners could go if the costs could be arranged with the solicitor.

Raleigh Times: Judge Clark was given forty days by the board of trustees of Trinity college. This, however is not the final decision of the "court." The judge intends to turn the tables and inflict the costs on the prosecution.

Mr. Will Worlds, a young Raleigh citizen is on the United States auxiliary cruiser Howard. A letter dated Santiago was received from him a few days since by an old acquaintance. Mr. Worlds witnessed the destruction of Cervera's squadron from a distance.

Charlotte Observer: Yesterday morning an Officer Black went to put his pistol in his hip pocket, he dropped it. The hammer struck the floor, and the pistol was discharged, the ball entering Mr. Black's leg, passing through the flesh, and striking the bone.

Saturday night as one of the melon vendors from the country was coming up West Trade street a crowd of pickaninies held him up, surrounded the wagon and took every melon he had. The house of Mr. Wiley Clark, at Crouse's, Lincoln county, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire was discovered barely in time to save the occupants. Mr. Clark and three aged kinswomen, who are invalids. The contents of the house were burned. Parties in on the Air Line last evening brought news of a killing which occurred near King's Mountain yesterday. A negro named Harrison Blacklock was shot and killed by Will Ware, a bar keeper. The ball took effect in the back of the negro's head. He died almost instantly. The shooting occurred before 12 o'clock.—Mr. H. H. Winchester spent Sunday in Monroe. He was telling yesterday on his return of a serious affair which happened at Mr. Elias Stancil, an aged citizen of Union. Mr. Stancil was out in the field when he was attacked by an ox that belonged to Mr. Frank Hana, neighbor. The animal gored him in the stomach and head. Mr. Stancil is the grandfather of Superintendent Stancil, of the convict camp. He is 80 years old, and his recovery is not looked for.—Mr. A. Kraus lives on Mr. Willis's property in his place, near the city. Last week Mr. Kraus had some trouble with a negro who was working for him. They had some pretty hot words, and Mr. Kraus ordered the negro to leave. Saturday night about 10 o'clock as Mr. Kraus was sitting in his house near an open window two negroes came up to the window and threw rocks at him.—During a severe storm which visited Lincolnton and surrounding country Saturday afternoon, lightning set fire to the work at Mr. Thornberg's who lives several miles from town. Mr. Thornberg, wife and child, were in the room. The child was sitting on its mother's lap. Mr. Thornberg was in the opposite part of the room. The pictures were hung with wire. The lightning followed the wire and finally dug a hole in the wall. Mr. Thornberg and the child were badly stunned. He regained consciousness that afternoon; the child not until last heard, but was not rational when Sunday, but was that afternoon.

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