## The Messenger

A TWO-EDGED SWORD.

A two-edged sword has this Watts law become—and it behooves the conservative, patriotic people of the state to see to it that its slaughter of the hopes of continuance of good government and democratic rule in our dear old state shall cease. A two-edged sword it is, and both edges are being used to dismember the democratic party. Between the advocates and the opponents of this measure there is crimination and recrimination. Neither side can lay the blame on the other, for both seem to be determined on the wreck and ruin of the only party which can save the state from return to the extravagance, debauchery and disgrace of the days of fusion-

to be trying to secure the political advantage of the other. In the fight between the two, what is going to become of the democratic party, on which depends so much of the prosperity and advancement of our people in wealth, education and moral improvement? Both sides seem to have lost sight of everything but whether there shall be liquor sold in certain localities at all or not, or whether from private or munici-

pal saloons.

ism and carpetbagism. Each side to

what is called this great moral issue,

which, while it is called a moral issue,

is brought directly into politics, seems

In some counties, because the men nominated by the democratic convention are not prohibitionists, the ticket is considered no good by a minority element, and it meets and launches into the already disturbed ranks of that party a full county ticket composed of men of its own views on the liquor question. Can anything be more absurd? Can men who do this call themselves democrats? In other counties men who opposed the Watts law declare they will not vote the county ticket because some of the party's nominees favor that law. Do you call such men democrats? A democrat is a man who stands by his party platform and votes for the candidates his party men in convention nominate by a majority

There is plenty of time after the political issues have been settled and the party candidates have been elected to settle the question as to local option dispensary or open saloons. Keep these out of the political contest. Nothing can be gained by bringing them into it and a great deal can be lost.

Let's all unite as we have done here tofore in electing the democratic candidates and save the state from return to republican rule, then take up this moral question. For heaven's sake do not bring it into politics. You men who stood by the democratic party in those days when it was in a life and death struggle and who have stood by it from the day it hurled the republican party from power, with its fraud corruption and rascality, pause and consider before you now bring upon i defeat and submission to the dark forces which once humiliated you and ground you in the dust. Pause before you take the fatal step, and consider whither you are drifting. Don't let your opinions on a mere moral question, which, if you must taint with politics, can be settled within the party, lead you to desert that party which has made our glorious old state what

In this fight over the liquor question, if brought into politics at the approaching election, the democrats have everything to lose and nothing to gain -the republicans everything to gain and nothing to lose. The republicans know that in a fair fight on the political issues they have no chance of winning, and therefore it is to their inter# est to stir up strife in the democratic ranks. They wish to divide the party against liself, and every move toward independentism because of difference of opinion on this loquor question is fostered and encouraged by them. Every move of this sort plays into their hands. If we are to be defeated in this election, let it be by the enemy and not by men within our own ranks. Stand by your party until after the election; then, if you must, divide on the questions of the Watts law.

Maine, Vermont and Arkansas vote for state officers today. Of course everybody knows how they will result still there is some interest in the vote in the two New England states, be cause the democrats are trying to reduce the usual republican majorities in these two.

### A FACT **ABOUT THE "BLUES"**

What is known as the "Blues" is seldom occasioned by actual existing external conditions, but in the great majority of cases by a disordered LIVER.

> THIS IS A FACT which may be demonstrated by trying a course of

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TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE.

MR. BECKWITH'S STATEMENT,

We take the statement of Mr. B. C. Beckwith, given below, from the Morning Post of Sunday. Now that the question of lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad has been settled and the contract made, we think it is time to stop discussing the merits of the question. Two members of the board of internal improvements, nine out of ten of the directors, and a large majority of the private stockholders favored acceptance of Mr. Howland's proposition, and they have the approval in their action of a large majority of the people of the state. The matter is settled and let it drop. We think, though, we should in justice to The Messenger, publish Mr. Beckwith's statement and make reply to one or two of the assertions contained therein. The Post savs:

Mr. B. C. Beckwith of the state board of internal improvments, who returned yesterday morning from Morehead City was asked by The Morning Post if he had anything to say about the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. He sat down and wrote:

"No, not now; but I must congratulate The Post. You and the Charlotte Observer and the Wilmington Messenger have accomplished that which you undertook. You've forced a lease of the road. You are IT-no doubt of that. Your guns have silenced the others or captured them, and knocked

"I see that my colleague, Mr. B. W. Ballard, has received the formal thanks of the Charlotte Observer for standing with Governor Aycock, without which the lease could not have been affected It took his vote and the governor's to authorize the state's proxy to vote for a lease. Without his vote it could not have been done-I opposing. Well, 1 am glad to see The Observer has so completely changed its opinion of my friend Ballard, and now thinks so highly of him, for it held him and the board of internal improvements in mighty low contempt in April last, during the investigation of the affairs of the road-and so did the Messenger. You knew better, or at least your manners were finer.

"Well, you've been persistent, insistent and consistent in your efforts to force a lease, and you've won. I like a fighter. I despise a quitter.'

This paper has not taken part with any other in attempting to force a lease of the road. It has thought all along that it would be better for the road and also for the state that it should be leased, and we have persistently urged that the state authorities should take this course. We have not attempted to force any one to this course, because, in the first place, we knew that should we desire to "force" any line of action on the men who had this matter in hand we would utterly fall, for they are not the kind of men to be forced by newspapers; in the second place, there was no occasion to attempt to force. What we undertook to do and we are glad to see that Mr. Beckwith gives us credit for having succeeded in our endeavor, was to convince those in control of this matter, and the people of the state, that the property should be leased. We acted for what we thought the best interests of the state and the railroad. If our efforts have been effective, as Mr. Beckwith says they have, we rejoice in the knowledge that we have been of some benefit to the state.

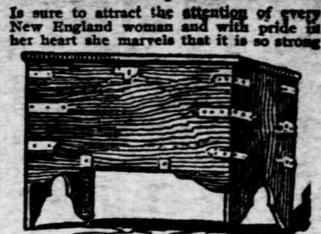
In reference to Mr. Beckwith's statement that The Messenger "held tha board of internal improvements in mighty low contempt in April last, during the investigation of the affairs of the road," we make positive denial and assert that not a line can be found in the columns of this paper during the month of April last, or at any other time in which The Messenger used any language contemptuous of the board of internal improvements, or of any member thereof.

During the whole time of contention over this road. The Messenger has done what it conceived to be its duty to the People of North Carolina, and it has no apologies to make for the course pursued. If our efforts have been in the least degree instrumental in convincing those whose duty it was to pass upon the question of lease of this property, that such course should be taken then, we feel repaid for our labor and cheerfully submit to adverse criticism from those who refuse to yield to the verdict in this matter of the overwhelming majority against

If the Messenger has been partly instrumental in bringing about this lease, as Mr. Beckwith says it has, we feel well repaid for our labors in knowing that we have brought about a condition which will bring into the state treasury thousands of dollars yearly, where heretofore there was an annual drain to keep this property afloat-to say nothing of the dividends which will for the first time in the history of the road annually drop into the pockets of the private stockholders. Twenty-five years or more ago the state had an opportunity to lease this road to entirely responsible parties at a rental which would have placed in its treasury about ninety thousand dollars a year, but refused, Had this lease been made the private stockholders since then would have received in dividends more than the face value of their stock and still own the stock, which would today be worth far above its present value, but the road was a good political lever, and that it might be kept in politics there was opposition, and still is from some quarters to its lease on terms advantageous to all concerned except those politicians who object to its going out of their hands.

It was to put an end to such conditions that The Messenger advocated the lease of the road. The lease has been made. Now why not let the matter drop. Nothing can be gained by further discussion. We would not have again alluded to the subject except for Mr. Beckwith's statement.

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### THE CLARKTON TRAGEDY.

Up to this writing the two men who are accused of the horrible crime at Clarkton last Saturday are safe in the county jail in Elizabethtown. There was a crowd of fearfully wrought-up men at the scene of the tragedy Saturday night and Sunday, and as the evidence against the men is so conclusive it is remarkable that the county officers were able to prevent a lynching and to get their prisoners away. That they did so shows great coolness and determination on their part and they deserve all praise for their conduct. When we consider the nature of the crime and all the surrounding circumstances, had the friends of the dead and the living who have so suffered at the hands of these brutes visited summary furnished on them, who is there who would have the heart to say that they should be punished? Lynching, we 'rnow, is a criminal offence. It is technical murder. Mob law is a dangerous thing because of the precedent it sets for violence and defiance of law and order, but then we are all human, with a large mixture of brute nature in us and when such crimes as this are brought home to us-are committed against friends or perhaps relatives we have little thought of any but the one law of quick and just punishment. Had the friends and relatives of the poor dead mutilated woman taken these flends from the hands of the officers and riddled their bodies with bullets or hanged them to the nearest tree their conduct could not have received severe condemnation from public opinion. It is true that if these men are guilty they will suffer death by the judgment of law. Nothing can save them. This is the right and proper course for the case to take, but what we want to say is that under the cricumstances no one could severely censure the people of Bladen county if they took the law into their own hands and executed the guilty parties.

Sunday's dispatches brought no news of consequence from the seat of war in Manchuria. The first Russian corps which was in danger of capture has succeeded in joining the main body of troops. The authorities at St. Petersburg seem to be in the dark as to General Kuropatkin's movements. There is great disappointment that after making the stand that he did at Liao Yang he should have been compelled to retreat before the Japanese forces, after destroying and abandoning his immense army stores at that point.

The Charlotte Chronicle does not seem to have been much impressed with Hon. F. D. Winston's speech at Concord last Friday.

Judge Brown will secure a well deserved rest from October 7th, to the first of next year, when he will take his seat on the Supreme Court bench. He will go to this court with a reputation earned upon the Superior Court bench, which any member of the court of last resort might envy.

The officials of the agricultural department dismiss in a very cavaller manner the charge that there was information secretly given out before the official report was made public. They seem to think that all that is necessary is for them to deny the positive statement that the figures were in the hands of certain persons in Savannan before the department report was published. This may satisfy the depatment men, but hardly those who have made the charge.

The gathering and marketing of crops seem to be more important to the North Caolina farmers than politics these days. Our people should not lose sight entirely of the great stake issue in the November elctions.

Did you have a good time yesterday and enjoy the Labor Day exercises, or are you glad that the next celebration is twelve months off?

GEORGIANS TO VISIT ST. LOUIS. Governor Terrell and Staff and the Legislature Will be Present on Georgia Day.

Atlanta, Ga., September 5.-Extensive preparations are being made among the Georgia state officials to represent the state at the St. Louis World's fair on Georgia day, which is set for September

Governor Terrell and his staff, and the Georgia legislature in a body, will leave Atlanta on a special train over he Southern Railway at 4:30 p. m. Monday, September 26th and will arrive in St. Louis at 2 p. m. the following day The train will go via Rome, Dalton and over the Queen and Crescent to Lexington, thence to Louisville and St. Louis. This train will carry a large number of prominent Georgians, and will ensure the success of the day chosen in Georgia's honor. Special trains will also be run from Brunswick and Macon to Atlanta, bringing prominent citizens from the southern part of the state who will be with the party to visit St. Louis on Georgia day.

A Labor Saving Idea. Eva Ryland-Gaillard in National

Magazine.) Realizing the fact that the cutting out" of round cookies was the main part of the work because it necessitated handling and rolling part of the dough over again, as well as making hundreds of other useless motions, decided that an easier way was good nough for me and abandoned the cookie cutter" at once, and forever. Nowadays I roll the dough into a thin sheet and with a thin knife cut it into bars or squares. The cookies are certainly as pleasing to the eye; as easy to bite or break and in every way as desirable as the round ones, while they have the advantage of requiring less space when put away. The change from round to square cookies proved the biggest "little help" toward saving time, strength and patience that I have found in a long time.

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In the Garden of Eden.

Among the stories told by Dr. Emmons, a well known clergyman of a former day and generation, there are many which show his keen wit. In the Iowa town where he was pastor there lived, according to the Youth's

Companion, a physician who was a pantheist, and took pains to let everyone know it. He had made frequent boasts that he could easily conquer Dr. Emmons. He and the doctor met at the house of a sick man. "How old are you, sir?" asked the

physician, brusquely. 'Sixty-two," replied Dr. Emmons, quietly, although his eyes showed his surprise, "May I ask your age in turn?" "I've been alive since the creation in one form or another, said the physician, curtly.

"Ah, then, I suppose you were with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden?" inquired the doctor.

"Certainly," came the reply. "Um," said Dr. Emmons, placidly, meditating on the other's face. "I al ways thought there was a third person there, but some have differed from me."

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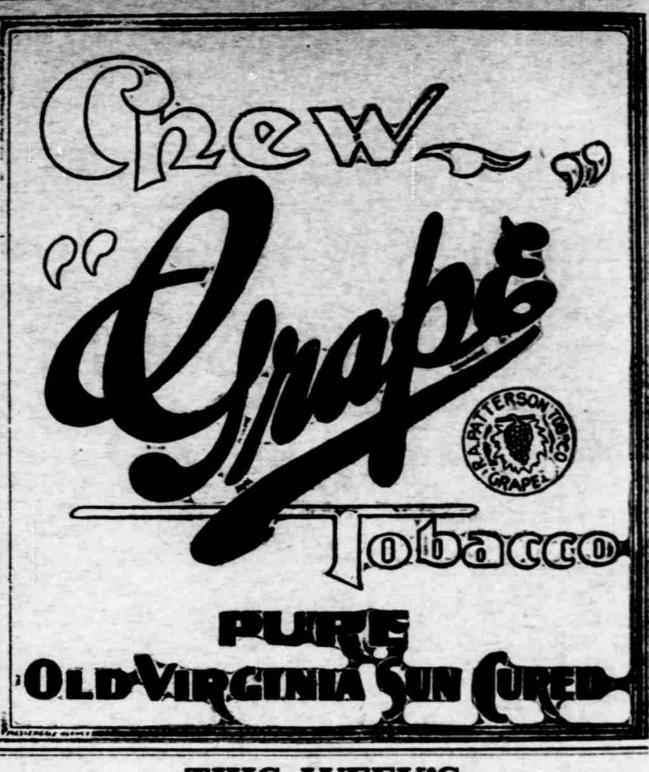
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