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"RETRENCHMENT OR RUIN."

The Messenger is not a special admirer of ex-Secretary Morton. He is given to extremes. The most sane and sensible production we have seen from his pen is in The Forum for April. It is entitled "Retrenchment—Or, Ruin."

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Governor Russell was criticized by The Asheville Citizen for making the people pay for his staff's junketing to Carr, but admits that he did wrong and that if he had looked into it he would not have sanctioned the payment of the expenses of this junketing trip.

We would not do Governor Russell a deliberate wrong, however much we may antagonize his course in several particulars. But he has pardoned one scoundrel upon a false plea. He turned out a black rascal from Granville county by the name of Henry Harris, and said it upon the ground, we believe, that he was an innocent victim of political persecution. The information we received was that Harris assaulted a boy and then interfered with turned

ment of waste of paternalism, of class favoritism—a government of the office holders and for office holders and for office holders, for the benefit of themselves and the rich class they serve. Let us again hear from the ex-Secretary at this point that should really interest all burden-bearers. He says: "Americans, if they sincerely wish to perpetuate the republic, must return to the ancient faith, that the sole business of the government is to protect life, property, and liberty. They must spurn the doctrines of communism, which would have the government do everything for everybody."

The tendency to depend upon government for favors—in the distribution of prize package gratuities in the form of printed books and cent-a-package garden seeds to the disbursment of millions of dollars upon harbors and rivers, the waters of which are never stirred by a paddle wheel—has been growing enormously in recent years.

The latest results of pharmaceutical science and the best modern appliances are used in the treatment of a disease called arsenarthritis. Hence, though half a century in existence as a medicine, it is fully abreast of the age in all that goes to make it the standard blood-purifier.

A MODEL NEGRO SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. In the south the negroes are faring a great deal better than northern religious and anti-southern papers will have you believe. They are not being oppressed, denied their rights etc. In truth Sambo is on top of the fence, straddling and whooping and enjoying himself in a very hilarious way. The north some how manages to waste a great deal of sentimental sympathy at long range.

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upon Mr. Landis, a young white man of character, and came very near killing him. If this is correct, the rascal deserves no sympathy, much less the interference of the governor in his behalf. He is a very bad, dangerous rascal, and it is wonder that a race war of wide results did not follow his infernal attack on Mr. Landis. If we are mistaken in anything given we will correct. We hope The Oxford Leader will give the exact facts and handle the governor as he deserves for any abuse of power.

North Carolina has living at least three men who have written poetry. One of these is in press a small volume, price \$1. We wish we could introduce young men who love literature, or give to the appreciative North Carolina people, to each of these poets. The Teacher—When a woman's husband dies, Patsie, what is she called? Patsie—a widow.

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HAR HUNTERS. There was a time when the approach of Easter aroused more or less forbidding, colored eggs caused so much fuss and trouble. It is different now.

FUN. Willie—I told her my love was so great that my brain was on fire. Charlie—Did she say to that? Willie—Told me she had better blow it out—Yale Record.

Wallace—I believe the business revival is already on its feet. Perry—it only seems that way. Many of the fellows we saw hunting jobs are gone to Washington—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Chicago girl fell from her bicycle last night, and the man who helped her to remount has since become her husband. The tumbling habit may now be expected to spread with great rapidity.—Boston Herald.

Second Editio—I'd open an employment agency. It would be so nice to be getting out of bed to work without having any temptation to do any yourself.—Boston Transcript.

SNAPS. The Greek-Turkish trouble is spreading and the outlook grows more serious. The nations may yet be involved.

They are growing tobacco in Florida successfully, and it is stated that the tobacco grown at Fort Meade is wholly different from the tobacco grown in any other part of the country. It is inferior from what the experts say that in flavor, and in every other respect, it is fully equal to the best quality of Cuban tobacco.

The president has done what was his duty in appointing three commissioners to attend an international metallic conference if one is ever called, which is perhaps very doubtful. Two are for bimetallism and one is for gold. The only question is if the men selected in ability are equal to the places assigned? If the governments of Europe send delegates they will probably be very able men.

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