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## THE WATTS LAW AND THE ANTI-JUG LAW.

The Watts law and what is known as the "anti-jug law" seem to have become veritable firebrands in democratic ranks. They are disturbing elements from one end of the state to the other. It is unfortunate for the democratic party that the liquor question should have been taken from the domain of morals and transplanted in that of politics.

That the principles of local option and prohibition are spreading in this state no one can deny. That is all right. If the people want prohibition they are entitled to it as a moral and non-political measure. But it is also patent that many politicians seeing the growth of these ideas have seized the opportunity to attempt to ride into office and political prominence on the popular wave. They-some politicians -have brought these questions into politics for their own advancement and in doing so have jeopardized the democratic party. It is hard to keep any such movement out of politics, and, knowing this, the leaders of the two sides in this issue should have taken extraordinary precautions that the welfare of the party should not be endangered by it. But the mischief has been done. There is no denying the fact that already a breach has been made in the party from one end of the state to the other -a breach that will be hard to close on election day. In fact, there is danger of its growing wider and wider each day. The press of the state chronicles this growing hostility among party men over the Watts law and the anti-jug law. Two instances come under our observation in looking over our exchanges today. The Charlotte Chron. icle says:

## THE LION AND THE LITTLE LAMBS.

We were in hopes, when we heard that the governor of the state had received a proposition for the lease of the 'Atlantic and North Carolina railroad which he and his advisers considered advantageous to the road, to its private stockholders and to the state and that

they had accepted such proposition, after a large majority of those private stockholders had declared in favor of it, that the Lion of Mecklenburg and the little lambs of the press of the state might lie down together in peace but alas, we were doomed to disappointment. The Lion is still rampant and still shows desire to devour the poor little lambs. He has even stopped his refrain of "Me Too" as accompaniment to the song of "the organ"' at the capital and goes counter to its views on the results of the meeting at Morehead City on the 1st instant of the stockholders and directors of the corporation. And in so doing the Lion of Mecklenburg incidentally and we suppose, accidentally, gives under credit to the influence and weight which the little lambs have weilded in this matter.

The News and Observer seems well satisfied with the results of the meetings of the stockholders and the directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. The Post of the same city and also The Chronicle and The Observer, of Charlotte think the governor has done well. The News of Charlotte evidently does not agree with them. In its issue of the 2nd, in speaking editorially of the contract made with Mr. Howland it says:

While we doubt that the full value of the road has been obtained, considering the splendid devolopment of the section through which the road passes, a development which is just beginning, yet considering the persistent hammering, hammering, hammering, of the property by certain newspapers in North Carolina and the necessary depreciation of the property from these clamorous attacks, together with the insistent cry that the state was bound to lease the road and was utterly unable to conduct it propertly-considering these things we suppose the management has done the best that could have een done for the state. The injury done by this course can hardly be estimated. If there could have been an assurance against the continued clamor it would have been better to postpone a lease for a year or so. It might have been better to accept the fifteen-year offer. But those on the inside knew best and have no doubt acted for the best under the unfavorable conditions with which they had to contend. There are two points in the above to which we want to call attention. The News speaks of the persistent "hammering" of the property by certain newspapers of the state. We claim to keep up pretty well with what-is-being said editorially by newspapers of the state and we must say we have failed to note any "hammering" of his property by one of them. If there has been any attempt on the part of any of the papers to "hammer" down this railroad stock it has proven a most signal failure. A few months ago, about the time Finch brought his suit for the appointment of a receiver the stock of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad could be bought at thirty-five or thirty-seven and a half cents on the dollar Now holders are refusing sixtyfive cents for their shares. A bank in this state has a standing order to buy for a patron at the latter figures and cannot get any. So much for the re-

# The Deadly Trail

Of disease is often the trail marked by a woman's gown. A recent investigation showed a horde of microbes, including those of influenza, consumption and a dozen other varieties, gathered in the trail of a woman's dress.

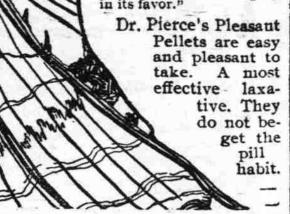
The microbe is everywhere, but its prey are the weak and feeble people whose blood is "poor" and digestion

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bullied, frightened or cajoled; and when, following the vote of the private stockholders he voted to instruct that, the states's interests be cast for the proposition of Mr. Howland, he felt that he had reached that point in which all safety.

Where are The News' contentions that the value of the road was injuriously effected by the "hammering" of certain papers or that their action caused the governor to lease it at a sacrifice of the state's interest?

## ANOTHER BATCH OF LAWYERS.

#### Supreme Court Grants License to Forty-Six Applicants.

(Special to The Messenger.)

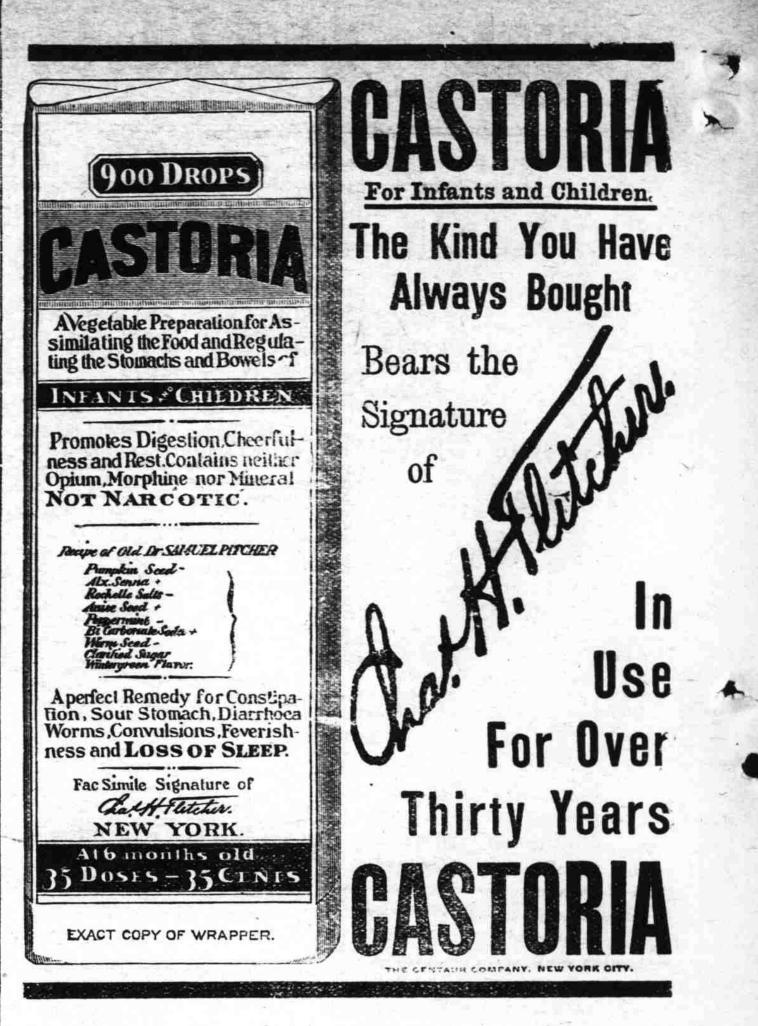
Raleigh, N. C., September 3 .- The Supreme Court this evening announced that it had granted license to forty-six of the fifty-two applicants who were examined last Monday. The lucky ones are:

John B. Anderson, Medison, Hugh Johnson, Halifax; Percy J. Olive, Wake; Edward G. Roberts, Buncombe; Evander M. Britt, Robeson; Burrous A. Critcher, Martin; Ralph B. Fortune, Union; John W. Gulledge, Anson; Lorenzo Medlin, Union; Robert K. Bryan, Pender; Andrew C. Honeycutt, Stanley; Winston M. Jackson, Surry; Joseph R. Morgan, Haywood; Romulus L. Sigmon, Caldwell; Harry Skinner, Jr., Pitt; James R. Barbour, Johnston; Offie A. Barbour, Johnston; Frederick L. Black, Mecklenburg; Sydney G. Brown, Guilford; Thomas D. Meares, Jr., New Hanover; Simon J. Everett, Martin; James D. Mallone, Macon; David P. Stern, Halifax: Claude W. Rowe, Union; John C. Gibbs, Caswell; Eugene M. Rollins, Wake; Preston Cumming, Jr., New Hanover; Erasmus A. Daniel, Halifax; James T. Dortch, Wayne; William Dunn, Jr., Craven; Thomas J. Gold, Cleveland; Charles L. Holton, Yadkin; Andrew H. Johnston, Buncombe; John H. Matthews, Bertie; Robert R. Williams, Catawba; Joseph M. Umstead, Durham; Wade H. Phillips, Davidson; Fred. W. McBrayer, Rutherford; Logan C. Sinclair, McDowell Charles E. Taylor, Brnuswick; Maurice A. Lambert, Wake; Henry S. Boggan, Anson; Champ F. Rich, Durham; Humprey W. Wilson, Pitt; William A. Field, Halifax; Samuel C. Williams, Montgomery.

#### Dr. Roper's Book.

NORTH CAROLINA. A Study in English Colonial Government. By Charles Lee Raper, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Economics and History in the University of North Carolina.

In this book Dr. Raper has given us the result of much careful work and study. 'Before treating the subject of interests were best conserved, that he North Carolina as a colonial province, had brought the road to a haven of he very properly and helpfully gives a brief treatment of the immediately preceding proprietary period whose "economic, political, and social forces continued on, to a very considerabl extent throughout the royal period." In dealing with the subject proper, one chapter is devoted to a full discussion of the Governor under the Crown, his relations to the crown, his Already are there evidences of de-, territorial, administrative, military, law-making and judicial powers and duties; the character and administration of Burrington, Johnston, Dobbs, Tryon, and Martin. The other subjects



ADIES STORE THE

Brunsick is another county where the democrats are having internal troubles. It appears that the Watts law is the disturbing element, and because they are dissatisfied with the nominees for county offices, certain adherents of the measure have called a convention to put out another ticket.

The other is mentional in the Statesville Landmark. From that paper we gather that the democratic party is badly divided on the question in Mc-Dowell county. There the regular party nominee for the house of representatives is an anti-prohibitionist. A prohibitionist has announced himself as an independent candidate againsi him and has declared his platform to be an amendment to the Watts law which will allow the voters of the whole county to pass upon, at a special election, the question of prohibition in Marion, the county seat. It seems that an effort heretofore to vote liquor out of this town by the vote of its electors failed, and now the intention is declared of attempting to induce the legislators to submit the decision of whether the town shall have saloons, dispensary or prohibition to the people of the county.

There is a heavy demand for amendment of the Watts law. This demand comes from both the advocates of that measure and from its opponents. The one side wants stricter legislation. The other wants it modified. Still others demand the repeal of the law. Between these what is going to become of the democratic party? Is the importance of its remaining in power to Mr. Howland says: be lost sight of by the two factions in this contention over the question of regulating the sale of liquor? Are w to return to the days or fusionism because a few politicians prefer office and power for themselves to the best interests of the state? It looks that way and it is pretty apt to come, too, unless the democrats and patriotic North Carolinians arise and determine that such shall not be the case. We have no reference herein to those conscientious laborers for the supprescion of liquor drinking or liquor traffic whose aim is to accomplish a moral reform. That is a question entirely aside from the one which today the democratic party confronts through the scheming of a number of small calibre politicians.

"certain papers." Then The News "doubts that the full value of the road has been obtained." We will let The News and Observer of Raleigh reply to this proposition.

The editor of The News and Observer. as every one knows, stands very close to the governor of our state. He is one of his "right hand men" and chief advisors. As the governor himself said during the Finch-MdBee trials, he has always stood by him, and that paper has most vigorously championed the cause of the state and of the private stockholders of the road ever since there began what it termed a conspiracy to rob the state of its property in that road, and it must be remembered also that up to the acceptance of the Howland proposition The News was an echo of the strong language coiltinually being used by the Raleigh paper. But it seems that they have come to the parting of the ways. The News and Observer in commenting editorially on the consummation of the deal with

The lease made on Thusday night was in full accord with the promises Acid Dyspepsia a Very Common Dismade by Governor Aycock, and in con formity with his views as expressed by the vote of the state's proxy in the meeting. In voting to accept the offer made in what is known as the "Howland Proposition" Governor Aycock maintained the position he has consistently held that when the terms offered were such as to satisfy him that a lease was for the best interests of the property, and approved by a majority of the private stock, he would give his approval.

velopment of the section of the state adjacent to the line of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad because of its lease. The first move effects New Bern or its immediate section. The Journal der the Crown, the Lower House of the of that city, says that already has Mr. Howland received letters from proprietors of two large northern cotton mills | the System of Defence, the Conflicts asking what are the prospects for es- | between the Executive and the Lower tablishing cotton mills in that section

If the News and Observer is satisfied with the contract of lease the governor has made with the Howland syndicate no other paper in the state ought to kick.

We publish in another column this morning an interesting article by an tion of facts unadorned,, uncolored, Englisman who says he has been with both the Russian and Japanese armies and made a study of their strength. We hope he is not correct in his views and that his predictions will not come true,

It is claimed that the democratic party is better organized for work in the state of New York, especially outsults of the "hammering" tactics of side of Greater New York, than ever before. It is said that every one of the five thousand voting preceincts has a wide-a-wake committee at work within its borders.

> An exchange in noting the fact that a man a few days ago set his clothes afire by striking a match on the seat of his pants, remarked that this manner of securing a light was the sole prerogative of the male sex. That editor surely has forgotten Dr. Mary Walker.

If New York's "Black Hand" is re- | This event was the feature of the day. sponsible for all the murders the policemen of that city attribute to it, they | Dickentmann, of Holland, the holder, should change the society's name to were Walthour, America; Gerbi, Italy; "Crimson Hand."

Turn out tomorrow and give Hon. R.

B. Glenn a big and enthusiastic aud-

ience. The Wilmington people should turn out en masse to hear Hon, R. B. Glenn tomorrow. There is not a more eloquent speaker in the state. He is not a stranger to our people. We should receive him as an old friend.

## treated at length are. The Council un-Legislature under the Crown, the Territorial System and Administration, the Fiscal System and Administration, CARPENTER House, and the Downfall of the Royal Government. The book contains much valuable matter and every statement

to authority. Although the period treated, especial ly the later portion of it, is a most attractive one to readers of our early history, yet Dr. Raper never for a moment yields to its charms but contents himself with a progressive presentaand unaccompanied by deduction of speculation.

in it is backed by a marginal reference

Dr. Raper's contribution will prove of much interest and help to those seeking information relating to the royal periods in our state, that is, from 1729 to the flight of Martin in 1776.

The book is well printed by the McMillan Company, of New York and should be in every collection of North Carolina writings.

### WALTHOUR WINS RACE.

Atlanta Racer Won 100 Kilometre Motor Paced Race for World's Championship.

London, September 3 .- "Bobby"

Walthour, of Aulanta, Ga., won the 100 kilometre motor paced championship of the world from Simar, from France, at the Crystal Palace today by 4 3-4 lengths. The time was 1 hour, 33 minutes and 57 3-5 seconds. The starters, who did not include Hansen, Denmark: Simar, France; Von DerStuft. Belgium, and Andemars, Switzerland. Simar led at the start, but was overhauled and passed by Walthour at the twentieth lap, notwithstanding the fact that at one time the Frenchman had a lead of a lap and a half. Fro mthis point it was evident that the race lay between Walthour and Simar, who clung together, alternately taking the lead. Six and two-third miles were covered in 9:56. Walthour led at the end of the hour. having covered 40 2-3 miles. The Frenchman then was one-third of a

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Mr. Roosevelt in his speech of accep. tance forgot to say anything about the many strikes now on. Wonder if he will touch them up in his letter which is to be given out next week?

Are you going to stand by your party or are you going to let your personal feelings on the liquor question-one side or the other-influence you in stabbing your own people in the back?

This does not look like the governo: was "hammered" by certain papers into accepting a lease which was not advantageous to the state. And, by the way-while speaking of hammerming the property, we have never seen any published article that so "hammered" the value of this property as the annual report of its president made in September of last year. But to return-It seems from The News and Observer that the governor got for the road just what he had set his fingers at all along, though The News is not satisfied with his action, for the former the direct management of Jake Wells. again says of the governor:

in his contention that better offers for manager. The new organization will the lease of the Atlantic and North be known as the Leath Theatrical Carolina road would come. He was not | Company.

ease.

sometimes constipated. Persons suffer- Belgium, was third. ing from Acid Dyspepsia are usually thin and bloodless. Sometimes the sufferer is fleshly, but the flesh is flabby and unhealthy. A Radical cure of this disease can be effected in a short time by taking one or two Rydale's Stomach Tablets after each meal and whenever the stomach is out of order. They are harmless and can be taken at any time and as often as is necessary to relieve

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Circuit.

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and riding gamely, fell when he had covered fifty miles. He was not seri-It is indicated by sour stomach, heart- ously hurt, but retired. Walthour held burn, tongue coated and flabby, stom- the lead, with Simar pushing him all ach tender and bowels sometimes loose, the way to the finish. Von DerStuyft, The contest was conceded to be one of the finest long distance cycle races seen in England,

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