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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.

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.

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.

Brusick 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 mentioned in the Statesville Landmark. From that paper we gather that the democratic party is badly divided on the question in McDowell county.

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.

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 lease made on Thursday night was in full accord with the promises made by Governor Aycock, and in conformity with his views as expressed by the vote of the state's proxy in the meeting.

This does not look like the governor was "hammered" by certain papers into accepting a lease which was not advantageous to the state.

Mr. Roosevelt in his speech of acceptance 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?

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 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.

While we doubt that the full value of the road has been obtained, considering the splendid development 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 properly—considering these things we suppose the management has done the best that could have been done for the state.

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.

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Mr. Wells Will Manage the Leath Circuit. Richmond, Va., September 3.—It is announced that arrangements have been made between T. G. Leath and Jake Wells, whereby the Leath circuit of theatres, consisting of Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Charlotte, N. C., will hereafter be under the direct management of Jake Wells.

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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 "weak." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition and purifies the blood.

Please accept my thanks for the good Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has done for me. I had nervous headaches, an unpleasant taste in my mouth in the morning, and my blood was very poor. I tried different medicines but to no avail.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take. A most effective laxative. They do not get the pill habit.

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?

Already are there evidences of development 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.

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 this Englishman 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.

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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.

John B. Anderson, Madison, Hugh Johnson, Halifax; Percy J. Olive, Wake; Edward G. Roberts, Buncombe; Evander M. Britt, Robeson; Burrous A. Crichter, Martin; Ralph B. Fortune, Union; John W. Gullledge, Anson; Lorenzo Medlin, Union; Robert K. Bryan, Pender; Andrew C. Honeycutt, Stanley; Winston M. Jackson, Surry; Joseph R. Morgan, Haywood; Romulus L. Sigmom, 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, Brunswick; Maurice A. Lambert, Wake; Henry S. Boggan, Anson; Champ F. Rich, Durham; Humphrey 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 Roper, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Economics and History in the University of North Carolina.

In this book Dr. Roper has given us the result of much careful work and study. Before treating the subject of North Carolina as a colonial province, 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 considerable 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 territorial, administrative, military, law-making and judicial powers and duties; the character and administration of Burroughs, Johnston, Dobbs, Tryon, and Martin. The other subjects treated at length are: The Council under the Crown, the Lower House of the Legislature under the Crown, the Territorial System and Administration, the Fiscal System and Administration, the System of Defence, the Conflicts between the Executive and the Lower House, and the Demerol of the Royal Government.

The book contains much valuable matter and every statement in it is backed by a marginal reference to authority. Although the period treated, especially the later portion of it, is a most attractive one to readers of our early history, yet Dr. Roper never for a moment yields to its charms but contents himself with a progressive presentation of facts unadorned, uncolored, and unaccompanied by deduction or speculation.

Dr. Roper'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 Kilometer Motor Paced Race for World's Championship. London, September 3.—"Bobby" Walthour, of Atlanta, Ga., won the 100 kilometre motor paced championship of the world from Simar, from France, at the Crystal Palace to day by 4 3-4 lengths. The time was 1 hour, 33 minutes and 57 2-5 seconds.

This event was the feature of the day. The starters, who did not include Dickenmann, of Holland, the holder, were Walthour, America; Gerbi, Italy; Hansen, Denmark; Simar, France; Von DerStuyf, 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 mile behind. Gerbi, who was third, riding gamely, fell when he had covered fifty miles. He was not seriously hurt, but retired. Walthour held the lead, with Simar pushing him all the way to the finish. Von DerStuyf, Belgium, was third.

The contest was conceded to be one of the finest long distance cycle races seen in England.

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