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## Zeb Vance and Blockade Running.

As Governor of North Carolina during the pinching period of the war, Zeb Vance exhibited foresight and sagacity not invariably shown by the statesmen of that day. Indeed one of the rocks upon which our Confederate ship of state went to pieces was the inability of most of our leaders to realize that the struggle would be a long and desperate one.

By the time that the second year of the war was upon us the Confederacy was well nigh stripped of such supplies of manufactures as we had been depending upon the North for. The consequence was that most of the soldiers in the Confederate Army in time got to be very ragged. Many regiments wore clothes as tattered as may be found upon the average tramp of to-day. Here and there, indeed, there were commands which were fairly well-dressed, but the reverse of this was the rule. After awhile, however, the whole of the immense body of North Carolina troops became an exception to the rule and appeared comfortably clothed while their fellow-soldiers generally were in tatters.

The reason of this change was that Governor Vance acting under authority granted him by the State Legislature, bought a steamer and proceeded to run the blockade of the port of Wilmington, carrying out cotton and bringing in military clothes, shoes, medicines, food etc., etc., on account of the State of North Carolina.

Not only was this enterprise of North Carolina sufficient to provide for the comfort of all her troops, but was extended so as to be of great service to other States of the Confederacy, and to the Confederacy itself.

It is scarcely possible to make the people of the present day comprehend the value of this service, because they cannot imagine to what dire straits the people of the Confederacy were reduced.

The example of North Carolina finally stimulated other States to import such goods as they needed, and so gradually there was much improvement in the quantity and quality of uniforms issued to our army.

Had the policy which was inaugurated by Governor Vance been vigorously inaugurated by the Confederacy at the beginning of the war our soldiers in the field would have been saved much discomfort, but for a long time the exportation of cotton was secretly, if not openly, discontinued. It was generally thought that there would be a "cotton famine" in the manufacturing towns of England and that thus that government would be forced to "recognize" the Confederacy—a mistaken idea, which we learned after long and costly waiting.—*Richmond Dispatch*.

## A Colored Preacher Adds Another Tribute to the Great Man.

A grand and great man he was. Honorable Zebulon Baird Vance's death is greatly lamented by hundreds of my race in the State of North Carolina. He was a man of strong convictions and had the courage and fortitude to carry out his convictions.

Mr. Vance very soon after the close of the late war, saw the ignorant and poor condition of the negro, and be-

came one of the strongest advocates of negro education. He said that the negro should work, save his money, buy land, take care of his morals and educate his children." It was when we read his inauguration address as Governor of North Carolina in 1876, that many of us were made to have faith in the promises of our new Democratic Governor. Bishop J. W. Hood, Prof. Robt. Harris and others of the colored race requested Governor Vance to establish schools for the higher education of the negro. Their request was very soon granted. He established the State normal schools for the blacks as well as for the white people. With grateful remembrance of Senator Vance, we extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

We would be pleased to know that Hon. T. J. Jarvis could receive the appointment as Senator by Governor Carr.

R. H. SIMMONS,  
Pastor of Zion Church,  
Charlotte Observer, April 24, '94.

Programme of closing exercises of Miss Bettie Johnson's School at Salem Church April 26th.

Opening Speech by Jimmie Galloway. The Old North State by the class. Dialogue by the little ones. The Flag by Miss Hellen Galloway. Teachers Public School by Miss Mamie Buck. What I'd like to see Dialogue. Carolina by Harvey Elks. If I Were A Girl by Walter Buck. The Bright New Cent. Dialogue. Speech by Oscar Edwards. Seeds of Kindness by Mason Edward. Robbie's Complaint by Sheppard Buck. Speech by Jimmie Edwards. An Indignant Scholar by Cleveland Buck. The Figure Card by Jimmie Galloway. Unfaithfulness by Fred Elks. The Silver Lining Dialogue. Speech by Bessie Pugh. Speech by Fannie Pope. My Dollie by Hellen Galloway. When Women Have Their Rights, Dialogue. Speech by Lucie Galloway. The Sick Dollie by Dora Elks. The Wicked Little Girl by Mamie Galloway. The Floa Powder Dialogue. The School Exhibition by Miss Lovie Buck. Don't Look For The Flaws by Mattie Buck. The Little Girls by Sallie Galloway. The Bargain Hunter, Dialogue. The Soliloquy Or A Young Lady by Deane Gray. Cherish Kindly Feelings by Mamie Pope. I Wouldn't Be Crooked by Mamie Buck. Reason For Educating The Farmer's Boy by Major Buck. A Summer Vacation by Alice Buck. A Good Time Coming. Song Closing Address by Walter Buck.

## Our Law Makers.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21th., '94.

Trouble is brewing in Washington for Coxey and his army, and those who haven't money enough to provide for themselves would better think twice before starting to join him. There are daily conferences of officials, civil and military, which are surrounded by a mystery that bodes no good to the Coxeyites. It is impossible to get officials to say what they intend doing, but the impression is growing that Coxey's army will not be allowed, as an organized body, to enter Washington.

The House Coinage Committee this week considered Representative

Meyer's bill for the coinage of the seigniorage and the issue of three per cent bonds, but did not arrive at a decision. Notwithstanding the statement of Mr. Meyer that the bill was endorsed by Secretary Carlisle and that it would certainly be signed by President Cleveland, if passed, there was no enthusiasm shown for the bill.

Senator Smith's speech against the tariff bill was neither sensational nor specially eloquent, but it was plain to the point of bluntness and left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he was willing to go as far as Senator Hill in his efforts to defeat the bill. He threw this bomb into the camp of the democratic free traders: "The democratic party is not a free trade party, and the mere fact that an insignificant number of free trade theorists have ingrafted themselves upon it cannot make it so." Taxes collected at the custom houses have been the chief source of Federal revenue, and such they must continue to be. Nor can the utterance of a Congressional convention in Missouri nor the ascension of its candidate that an income tax is justly a controversy a principle decreed by Thomas Jefferson and confirmed by every national convention since the organization of the party. Mr. Smith also served notice on the democrats of the South that they were driving the democrats of the North into the republican party and that it will be, in his opinion, impossible to pass the tariff bill as it now stands.

Whether the action of the House in adopting a rule authorizing the counting of a quorum was a triumph for Hon. John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, who advocated its adoption by the House in 1830; for Senator Hill, who put the rule into practice in the New York legislature while he was Lieutenant-Governor of that State, or for ex-Speaker Reed, who gets the credit for its adoption by the House of the Fifty-first Congress, is immaterial. The new rule was necessary to put an end to the absurd filibustering by refusing to vote, which has been such a conspicuous feature of the proceedings of the House during the present session, the democrats having demonstrated their inability to keep a quorum of their own hand to do business, and its adoption was merely a bit of applied common sense, and it was really surprising that as many as 47 democrats should have been willing, under the circumstances, to go on record against the rule.

It is now regarded as good as settled that the fate of the income tax depends on the votes of republican Senators. If the republicans vote as they think this would mean that the income tax would mean that the income tax would be struck out of the bill, but they may vote to keep it in the bill for the purpose of forcing democratic Senators who oppose it to vote against the entire bill.

Governor Jarvis obtained the Senatorial seat without solicitation on the part of himself and friends. The office sought the man and found him. Our Raleigh correspondent reported that letters favoring twenty gentlemen were received by the Governor asking him to appoint their respective friends to the vacant Senatorship. There were others spoken of whose friends did not write. "The woods are full of 'em,"—*Messenger*.

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