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DOUBTFUL.

Man's capacity for self government is still questioned, and rightly too, it to be judged by some examples. The Wilmington Messenger in an editorial says:

"The United States threw off the burdens of monarchy more than one hundred years ago. It is a question in 1895 that is open to discussion, 'Are the American people yet capable of self-government?' It is at least doubtful. Look at Raleigh now, and when the Black Republicans lay the destructive axe to law and precedent and valuable and well-tested institutions and systems, it is easy to see the spirit of unrest, of ignorance, of unbridled passion, of revolution and anarchy asserting itself."

We cannot agree that North Carolina must be judged by the present Legislature. To be true? there are a few able Republicans, but we would be willing to wager that the majority never read any laws don't know anything about the Constitution, and really care nothing except the gratification of a few small political desires.

COL. J. S. CARR.

This gentleman having amassed a fortune has directed his ambition into other channels also. He has for some time posed as a possible dark horse in the Democratic State Convention for the nomination for Governor. There is not the least doubt that he wants to be Governor of North Carolina, and that mighty bad.

Well, now Col. we see that you have just helped Treasurer Worth to the amount of \$35,000 on his bond. Is that your Democracy? We eastern Democrats don't like such Democracy. No. We won't take any Col. Carr for Governor in '96, if that is his way. It may be an elongated application of the golden rule, but it won't work down East.

JUDGMENT SUSPENDED.

The usual method of suspending "judgment upon payment of costs" has proven to be very dear for the taxpayers. The

amount paid by the county last year, when a fine accompanied by a slight sentence of imprisonment to force the payment of the cost and fine or a part thereof, was very heavy. Our courts are what hurt the county financially. And our last court has not proven an exception to the rule. It ended with eighteen prisoners in jail, fifteen of whom the county will in all probability get little benefit from. If they were all put in to hire out for payment of costs and fine, the punishment would be greater and the county protected.

Something must be done to protect the county from such cases.

HON. W. B. SHAW.

Every lover of law and every one who wants to see the guilty punished and the innocent protected, will regret that Mr. Shaw will not come again as Solicitor. He has shown himself to be an able, diligent and discreet prosecuting officer. He sought to give the crime the punishment it deserved, and no more. He did not prosecute, where the best ends of justice could be secured without it. He made a host of friends here.

OUR IMMORTAL VANCE.

Last Saturday was the day set apart in the Senate for the last sad tributes to our lamented Senator Vance. It was a sad and solemn occasion. Many of the Senators lightly eulogized him paying worthy tributes to Carolina's greatest son.

We have not read the addresses in full. From the Richmond Times we get the following of Senators Ransom and Jarvis's.

"The greater part of the day in the Senate was devoted to the delivery of eulogies on the life and character of the late Senator Vance, of North Carolina. Resolutions expressing the profound sorrow of the Senate were adopted. Then Mr. Ransom opened the series of eulogies on the dead senator. He recalled the scene in the Senate chamber on the 16th of April last, when the Senate 'lighted its black torches around the lifeless form of that most honored and most beloved son of North Carolina, and when his mortal figure, covered with the bright flowers of Spring and hallowed by the sacred devotions of religion, passed, amid tears, like a shadow, from this portal forever.'"

"To-day," Mr. Ransom continued "his associates on this floor are here to place on the ever-living annals of the Senate the record of their admiration of his virtues."

After a sketch of Mr. Vance's boyhood and manhood, including his service in the Confederate army, and his three terms in the Governorship of his State, Mr. Ransom spoke of his position in the Senate, where his record was a part of the

national history. He was, Mr. Ransom said, a dutiful and devoted senator, aspiring and laboring for the welfare and honor of the whole country. He was at all times on the important committees of the Senate and took a prominent part in the discussion of every leading question.

BELIEVED WHAT HE SAID.

He was an unceasing advocate of reform and the uncompromising opponent to civil service reform. He was the ardent friend of silver men and free coinage. He desired all the world to know his opinion and position, and never hesitated to avow them. His heart was every moment with North Carolina, and his devotion to that State and her people was unbounded. He was an uncommon orator. He spoke with great power; his style was brief, clear and strong; his statements accurate, and his arguments compact. His illustrations were unsurpassed. His wit and humor were waiting and handy. He always instructed, always interested, always entertained; never wearied or fatigued any audience. The Senate always heard him with pleasure. The galleries hung on his lips, with bended bodies and outstretched necks, to catch his every word as it fell. His wit was as exhaustless as it was exquisite. His humor was overflowing, and his phrases sparkled like bubbling drops of wine. He was master of irony and sarcasm, but there was no malice in his words. His shafts were never poisoned. It was the strength of the bolt and the skill of the archer which sent the steel to the heart of his victims. He believed what he said. He knew that it was true, and he felt its force himself. His heart was in his words. For thirty years he had stood by the people of his State. He was to them a brother, a defender, a preserver, a deliverer.

SENATOR JARVIS' TRIBUTE.

The last speaker was Mr. Vance's successor in the Senate, Mr. Jarvis. He said he had regarded Mr. Vance more like a brother than a friend, and he told a characteristic anecdote of him. He had been returning from Washington, where he had been vainly for the removal of his political disabilities, and for his being sworn in as senator. In the railroad car he had been amused and interested in a theological argument between two clergymen on the doctrine of "Election." Finally they appealed to him for his opinion. "My experience," said he, "is that an election is not worth much if your disabilities are not removed."

Mr. Vance was, Mr. Jarvis said, an intellectual giant, and could easily have reached the foremost rank in any department of life. He gave his life to the public service and to the people. His successes were their successes; his glory their glory. They shared in all his trials and in all his triumphs. No man in public life ever stood so steadfastly by and for the people. Mr. Jarvis described the mountain tops of North Carolina, prominent among them for its magnificence and sublimity being Mount Mitchell, and said: "North Carolina has had many great men, but it is no disparagement to them to say that Zebulon B. Vance was the Mount Mitchell of all our great men, and that in the affection and love of the people he towered above them all."

Mr. Ransom stated that it had been the purpose and desire of Mr. Hawley and Mr. Daniel to speak in affectionate remembrance of Senator Vance, but that their absence to-day was unavoidable.

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