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WHY NOT?

Domestic infelicity and infidelity is a sure cause, sooner or later, of scandal and very often crime. The husband generally figures in the role of an injured hero, and the world applauds when he puts the fatal bullet into the despoiler of his peace, home and happiness. And though Cæsar sins Cæsar's wife must be above suspicion.

Why should it be thus? Is not the husband bound by the same ties to the wife that binds her to him? Such seems the case to us, and why should the wife be blamed for doing what would make the husband a hero? Are not they both subject to the same moral, spiritual and common laws?

The only answer, can be yes. Then is Mrs. Chaffin, who put three balls into a woman of bad repute, at Huntington, W. Va., a few days ago, who had alienated the affections of her husband, any more guilty of a crime than her husband would have been in killing his man under corresponding circumstances? We say not and it heralds the dawn of a new day when women have the same marital rights accorded her as her husband, and it is but right for her to have them.

Being a man is no license to sin. Being a woman is no cause for submitting to wrongs, but being husband and wife is cause for faithfulness unto death.

FUSION! NEVER!

We do not understand how some of the Democrats can talk so much fusion. Every few days some prominent (?) office wanter of course, Democrat has his little say on fusion with the Populists and favors it for next year. Why don't he fuse and let others suit themselves. Democracy, pure and simple, is what we want.

Let Democracy return to its pristine principles, getting rid of the innovations of the office agitator. Give us the simon

pure articles. All who will may return, but it must not ally itself with any of the strange doctrines of the land.

Democracy can win on principles. "Democracy is immortal, and can not die," and must never, never, no never, fuse.

WE see that Librarian of Congress, A. R. Spofford, is wrong or behind in his accounts. Or at least he has failed to send in his accounts as required by law. His account for the quarter ending March 31st, 1895, and that for the quarter ending June 30th, 1895, has not been sent in and he has been paying employees without legal authority. We know nothing of these matters, but must say that he is slow and very unsatisfactory in matters in which he should be prompt and plain, after twenty-five years in office. Wouldn't a change sometimes be for the better anyway? Our business relations have made us think Mr. Spofford has been there too long. We do not think he pays the proper attention to inquiries.

THIS is a free country some say but freedom is becoming abridged in many instances. For example. The Episcopalians have been holding services in the court house at Baskerville, Mitchell county. Their success was a thorn in the sides of the Baptists and Methodists. They combined and succeeded in having the County Commissioners close the court house against the Episcopalians. So they had to look for other quarters. Those Commissioners should read the Constitution of the United States and those Methodists and Baptists should take a few lessons on brotherly love. Intoleration is the worst form of tyranny, and we regret to see such a state of affairs in this state.

THERE has been much said about the enrollment of some of the bills or laws of the last Legislature as being spurious or forged. The charge has been made. If true the parties should be held responsible if not, an investigation should vindicate them. And an indictment against clerks Brown and Satterfield, which has been made by the Wake County Grand jury, is the proper thing. If guilty, properly punish them. If innocent let the people know it.

WE have been hoping the late unlamented Legislature would get a rest. But there is no rest. Added to its so very great many blunders is that of the Machinery Act, but that will probably stand. And now it is said the whole crew drew pay for four days more than the law allows. Well that is a small matter, about \$1000, for the Populist finance. He's not troubled at all.

A LOT of negro colonists in Mexico are in great distress being worked like slaves and held like prisoners, with a death rate that is appalling. Experience should teach their educated men to learn them better. But they will follow designing white men, when they will not listen to their own counsel.

A CASE is to be started in Rowan county to test the legality of the Machinery act. That is the way to do. Don't kick up too much about a thing without doing something. Make a test and let the matter be settled.

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