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MEDIATION REFUSED.

THE REJECTION AS SET FORTH BY MR. BALFOUR.

Great Britain Will Not Accept Intervention of any Power in the Settlement of South African Affairs—The Correspondence Between Secretary Hay and Ambassador White—Lord Salisbury's Answer—The Rejection.

London, March 15.—In the House of Commons to-day replying to Mr. William Redmond, Nationalist, who asked whether the Government of the United States had offered its good offices to Her Majesty's government with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa, the Government leader, Mr. Balfour, said: Her Majesty's government would not accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs. Mr. Balfour's reading of Mr. Hay's dispatch conveying the intervention requested aroused cheers from the Irish members.

Continuing, Mr. Balfour said: "Lord Salisbury requested Mr. White to convey the sincere acknowledgment of Her Majesty's Government to the Government of the United States of the friendly tone of their communication and to say that Her Majesty's Government does not propose to accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs."

Loud and prolonged cheers followed the statement.

Washington, March 15.—In response to a resolution the President to-day sent to the Senate the correspondence relating to the requests for mediation in South Africa.

The first document is a dispatch from Pretoria, dated March 6th, which states: "An ultimatum is presented by the governments of the 2 republics to urge your intervention with a view to cessation of hostilities; similar request made to the representatives of European powers. Answer, confirm receipt."

"AMERICAN CONSUL."

Mr. Hay responded: "Your telegram asking offices of United States to bring about cessation of hostilities has been made subject of friendly communication to British Government with expression of President's earnest hope for peace. HAY."

Secretary Hay telegraphed Mr. White, secretary of the American embassy at London:

"By way of friendly good offices you will inform the British Minister for Foreign Affairs that I am to-day in receipt of a telegram from the U. S. Consul at Pretoria reporting that the governments of the two African republics request President's intervention with a view to cessation of hostilities and that a similar request is made to the representatives of European powers. In communicating this request, I am directed by the President to express his earnest hope that a way to bring about peace may be found and to say that he would be glad to aid in any friendly manner to promote so happy a result. HAY."

Mr. White replied to Mr. Hay under date of March 13: "I communicated yesterday to the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, having been unable to see Lord Salisbury, the contents of your telegram, dated 16th instant; today I have had an interview with his Lordship who requested me to thank the President for the friendly interest shown by him and to acquaint Her Majesty's government cannot accept the intervention of any other power.

"WHITE."

Mr. Hay telegraphed the consul at Pretoria, under date of March 14th, the following:

"Your communication of request of republics for intervention of President to cause cessation of hostilities, was at once conveyed to British Government with expression of President's gratification could he aid to promote peace. Our embassy London replies that Lord Salisbury thanks President for friendly interest shown and adds Her Majesty's Government cannot accept the intervention of any other power.

"HAY."

The President's message is simply one of transmittal.

THE QUAY CASE.

A Statement from Senator Penrose Causes a Sensational Retort from Senator Gallinger.

Washington, March 15.—"I assert most emphatically that when the Senator says I told him I should not speak on this subject, he does not state the truth."

This was the sensational retort made in the Senate to-day by Mr. Gallinger, Republican, of New Hampshire, to a statement just made by Mr. Penrose, Republican, of Pennsylvania, who was seeking consideration of the Quay resolution.

Senators were astounded, and the audience in the galleries quivered with excitement. There had scarcely been the slightest intimation that the debate would take such a turn. For nearly three hours the Senate had had under discussion the bill appropriating $2,095,000 for the benefit of the people of Porto Rico.

"I do not know whether I do speak the truth," hotly replied Mr. Penrose, "or whether the Senator from New Hampshire failed to tell me the truth."

Mr. Gallinger retorted that the whole proceeding of Mr. Penrose was unmanly and beneath his notice.

The proposition to fix a time for a vote was postponed until to-morrow, but it was some time before the excitement subsided.

The debate on the Appropriation bill developed a decided difference of opinion, as Mr. Jones, Democrat, of Arkansas, offered as a substitute for the measure a bill to return the duties of those who had paid them and providing for absolute free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. The bill had not been disposed of when the Quay case was called up.

THE HOUSE.

Washington, March 15.—The District of Columbia Appropriation bill, carrying $6,608,378, was passed by the House to-day. The bill was first read for amendment under the five-minute rule and its consideration occupied practically all day. A few minor amendments were made. At 4:30 p. m. the House adjourned.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Baxley, Ga., March 15.—King and Lewis Goosby were convicted of the murder of Mr. Dan Mims, a prominent farmer of this county, and his child, on March 5th, and sentenced to be hanged April 6th.

To an honest mind the best perquisites of a place are the advantages it gives a man of doing good.—*Addison.*

That is why so many men want office, the opportunity of doing good—to themselves.

"STEER THOU MY BARK."

(Albert H. Hodges, in London Methodist)

The night is dark,
The track I cannot see,
And unto Him, the Light of lights, I pray;
Steer Thou my bark,
A pilot be to me,
Turn Thou my darkness into open day.

The waves beat high,
And break upon the deck,
And unto Him who slumbers not I call,
Hear, Lord, my cry,
My little bark protect,
Or else beneath the angry waves I fall.

On rolls my bark,
Upon the billows wild,
My strength and patience, Lord, are almost gone;
Lord, while 'tis dark,
Be near unto Thy child,
And bring me safely to my friends and home.

Thus prayed my soul,
When, lo! the dawn appears,
The light of heaven breaks o'er all the sea,
Waves cease to roll,
Dispelled are all my fears,
My Father through the sunshine speaks to me.

DR. LAFFERTY ON SUFFRAGE.

The Fifteenth Amendment a National Scandal Which Ought to be Expunged From the Statute Books.

Dr. J. Lafferty, editor of the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, who is one of the best and brainiest men in the United States, has the following editorial which bears on the negro suffrage question in the South. It is worth reading and studying:

"A commission of wise men were sent to the Philippines to learn and suggest the best government for the people. These scholars and statesmen let us know that the population of the largest island, of which the city of Manila is the capital, have intelligence, decency, and many fine qualities, that there are thousands of refined and cultivated citizens, quite a number educated in Europe—jurists, scholars, authors, physicians, statesmen, merchants, up-to-date people. One correspondent reported that the latest magazines were seen in their libraries.

"Shall such a people have control of their country? Neither the President nor Congress dream of allowing this nation to manage its own political affairs.

"Contrast the Congo slaves of the South, barely a generation or two from cannibalism (for a living Virgisian anthor relates that certain ancient negroes, early importations, used to smack their lips when they passed by a fat black baby) with these brave, patriotic intelligent men who drove a Spanish army from their country and cooped it up in Manila, who established a government, with Congress, Cabinet, courts and war department, ammunition factories, who have fought our forces of sixty or seventy thousand for a year or more.

"These plantation negroes, with the mud of the rice swamps yet upon their 'ebon shins and gizzard feet,' were made the rulers over the culture, wealth and civilization of many commonwealths! The decrees of Congress for the government of Luzon by a semi-military arrangement is an indictment of the 'Reconstruction Era' and a confession before the world of an infamy never paralleled in modern centuries. How can brilliant men of letters, the wealthy citizens, the refined classes of Manila be turned over to the rule of the bayonet, while the low grade Africans of the Atlantic coast hold the 'balance of power' in great States? Is there not enough political honesty in Congress and the President to say that negro suffrage is a crime against Anglo-Saxon civilization? This wrong has been a national curse. Poor old Sherman gnashed his toothless gums and blasphemed because rotton beef Alger bought the negro delegates to the Republican President Convention whom Sherman had paid for months before. So, a job of venal ex-slaves, sold and re-sold, determined the Chief Magistrate of this Republic.

"The Fifteenth amendment ought to suffer the fate of the Jackson resolution in the United States Senate—expunging by a black parallelogram of heavy pen marks drawn around in a veritable coffin of ink! Let the parchment be purged of this national scandal."

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The beautiful new town and winter resort, Southern Pines, is a community of Northern people almost exclusively. And all are Republicans in politics. The *Free Press*, published at that place, says scarcely without exception, the people of that town, while in no way renouncing their Republicanism, favor the adoption of the constitutional amendment, realizing from their experience and observation that it is best for all. The *Post* has insisted all the while that every good citizen, regardless of his party affiliations or his race, who had the welfare of the State and all her people at heart, must support this amendment. And every day gives evidence that it is fast coming to this point.—Raleigh *Post.*

If Assistant District Attorner Spencer Blackburn succeeds in getting in some of his work—the like of which was practiced on Governor Goebel in Kentucky—and if Mr. Butler's plan to band the negroes together and drive the white people out of the Stste, together with some other schemes that have been suggested, are attempted, a hot summer time may be expected.—Lexington *Dispatch.*

FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

AMENDMENT DISCUSSED FROM EDUCATIONAL STANDPOINT.

An Able and Interesting Article by a School Teacher—Why Edcators and all Interested in Education of the Masses Should Support the Amendment—Will Stimulate Education Throughout the State Thereby Proving a Blessing to Rising Generations.

One of the best things in the proposed amendment to our Constitution is the educational qualification. It is so arranged as to prevent temporary injustice to anybody, and to accomplish lasting good for all. By promoting and stimulating education, it will prove a blessing to the rising generation. Meanwhile it takes away the ballot from nobody that is worthy to vote.

The educational qualification is contained in sections 4 and 5 of the proposed amendment.

"Section 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language."

This section makes reading and writing a permanent qualification for voting in North Carolina. If it stood alone without modification or exceptions, it would disfranchise all voters who cannot read and write. But very many voters in our State, although illiterate, are qualified by character, experience, political education and general intelligence for the use of the ballot. They grew up without opportunities for education. It is not their fault that they cannot read and write. They have already demonstrated their fitness for suffrage by intelligently and courageously exercising the right of the suffrage. They are justly entitled to vote, and their children who have grown up under similar conditions are also entitled to vote. Therefore all persons belonging to this class are exempt from the operation of the educational qualification prescribed in section 4. These exempted persons are carefully enumerated and generously provided for in section 5, as follows:

"Section 5. No male person who was on January 1st, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908."

There are two parts to the educational qualification. First, the qualification itself; second, its exemptions. Let us look first at the exemptions and see whether all classes are exempted that should be?

1. Uneducated whites (natives).

All uneducated whites, natives of North Carolina, who are now twenty-one years old are exempt.

All uneducated whites, natives of other States in the Union, now twenty-one years old, who could have voted under the laws of those States prior to January 1, 1867, are exempt.

All uneducated white boys, natives of North Carolina or of other States and over twelve years of age, whose fathers were entitled to vote, are exempt.

Thus all uneducated whites who are now voters and all uneducated whites who would become voters in the next nine years are exempt from the educational qualification. This exemption is both just and generous. It includes all those who have demonstsated their fitness for the ballot and have grown up under conditions unfavorable to their education. It includes also the children of such men, who may have grown up, or are now growing up, under similar conditions, and who for some reason may be unable hereafter to learn to read and write. The only class of uneducated white natives who will be disfranchised are boys now under twelve years old who shall not learn to read and write before December 1, 1908.

2. Uneducated whites (foreigners).

Uneducated white foreigners and their children are exempted from this qualification, precisely as uneducated white natives, if they have had the same experience of our political institutions as uneducated white natives. Otherwise they are not allowed to vote, unless they can read and write. An uneducated white foreigner who was a voter in any State prior to January 1, 1867, or whose father or grandfather was a voter January 1, 1867, or prior thereto, and who thus has grown up as it were into citizenship, is entitled to vote, although unable to read and write. The same reason exists here as in the case of uneducated white natives.

3. Illiterate negroes (slaves).

Illiterate negroes once slaves with no educational qualification and with a record that shows unmistakably their utter untitness for the ballot, will be at once disfranchised.

4. Illiterate negroes (old free negroes). illiterate negroes formerly free, if they were voters January 1, 1867, or prior thereto, and their descendants will be exempt from the qualification.

These people have had longer experience and shown more fitness for citizenship than the other negroes. It may be doubtful whether they should be permitted to vote, but the amendment gives them the benefit of the doubt.

It thus appears that the exemptions from the qualification include all who are clearly competent to vote and all whose cases are doubtful, while excluding all who are clearly incompetent.

Let us now look at the educational qualification, as it will operate after December 1, 1908. Two important facts must be remembered in considering this qualification.

1. All who are voters December 1st, 1908, will remain voters the rest of their lives.

2. All persons coming of age after December 1st, 1908, that is, all persons now under twelve years of age, must learn to read and write before they can vote.

2. The qualification is not excessive. It requires of a voter only the ability to read and write. There is no examination in arithmetic, geography, grammar and the like. Nothing is demanded but the ability to read and write. Surely it would be better for every man that he should be able to read and write, and better for North Carolina that not one of her citizens should be unable to read and write. Boys who cannot now read and write, if older than twelve, are exempted from the requirements; if under twelve they will have at least nine years to learn in. Our present school facilities are not very good, but they are sufficient to teach every boy in North Carolina to read and write within the next nine years.

2. The educational qualification will stimulate boys to go to school, will stimulate teachers to do better teaching, will stimulate political parties to promote education, will stimulate the State to enlarge and multiply school facilities, will give education its proper place as the foundation for suffrage, and will set up in public life for the youth of our generation a nobler and a loftier ideal of life.

3. The promotion of education will be a promotion of material prosperity. It will develop skilled labor. It will train the hand and the brain to work together, and through them will develop the unlimited natural resources of North Carolina. It will supply native talent, trained and educated in skilled labor, for the proper utilization of our timber, minerals, cotton, tobacco and other raw material, and the profitable employment of our water power, fisheries, soil, climate and other natural resources. Let us educate our boys, and we shall cease to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for other States. We shall cease to produce only raw material, whose profits are enjoyed by other States with better trained and better educated workmen. We shall become a State of educated laborers, skilled workmen, enjoying the profits of our own resources, and working up the raw material of other peoples, whose lack of skill and lack of education will make them our servants.

4. Education will mean more happiness and more knowledge in each household, better order in each community, improved health, comfort and morality throughout the State. It will cause a more general diffusion of knowledge and a more active intelligence among all classes of our people and in all lines of industrial activity. Farm boys will read more and learn more. Mechanics will keep abreast of the world's progress in their lines. The whole mass of the people will be lifted up and strengthened for the ceaseless struggle of life. Popular government will daily become stronger instead of weaker. Popular demands for reforms will be based upon intelligent comprehension of evils to be reformed, and will be made with a power that will defy resistance.

5. Even the negro recognizes the advisability of an educational qualification. He knows that it is best for even negro boys to learn to read and write. There are some who maintain that the negro will outstrip the white boy in the race for education and will outnumber him at the polls; that an educational qualification will ultimately disfranchise more whites than negroes. This fear is not confirmed by statistics. The percentage of negro children enrolled in school to school population is not so large as the percentage of white children, nor is the percentage of negro attendance at schools as large as the percentage of white attendance. It is an insult to white children and to the white race to say that the white boy will not learn to read and write as eagerly and as quickly as the negro boy. If education shall fit the negro to vote, it will be cause for rejoicing, but if education shall not fit him to vote, the white race will again protect itself against negro suffrage. The North Carolina white boy needs education, not to compete with the negro boy, but to compete with the educated boy in Massachusetts and Connecticut. These two great States are making more money from cotton (although they do not raise an ounce of cotton) than North Carolina. Massachusetts has the largest average of wealth per capita of all the States in the Union. It has accumulated this wealth by educated labor.

The educational qualification imposed upon the boys becoming of age after 1908 in the proposed amendment requires only a minimum of education, to-wit: reading and writing. It thus deprives no one of an opportunity to become a voter. But while the requirement is small, its moral effect will be tremendous. It creates an educational ideal, and starts a popular movement that must and will produce most wholesome results. It will arouse popular interest in education and will strengthen and develop our whole educational system. It will not only guard and protect the ballot, but will accomplish more for the moral, social and material elevation of our people than any other agency that can be devised. Every teacher, every preacher, every intelligent man who desires the prosperity of the State, who knows that popular happiness and prosperity no less than popular government, depend upon intelligence, who believe that education is not a machine but a strong vital force, must support this amendment. Every man who believes the negro to be capable of any improvement, who recognizes the fact that negro suffrage has been a failure and a detriment to both races, who desires the negro to have a fair chance to fit himself for the ballot, and who wishes peace and friendship between the races instead of enmity and war, must support the amendment. SCHOOL TEACHER.

A baker is really a dough-mess-tic man.

TO PUSH ON TO PRETORIA

LORD ROBERTS' TRIUMPHAL MARCH INTO BLOEMFONTEIN.

His Success in Handling the Civil Problems of the City and the Manifest Equanimity With Which the Residents of the Capital of the Orange Free State Accept the British Occupation Eclipse in Interest the Military Situation.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts' success in handling the civil problems at Bloemfontein and the manifest equanimity with which the residents of the capital of the Orange Free State accept the British occupation momentarily eclipses in interest the military situation. It is believed here that the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa will soon push on to Pretoria, but Great Britain is quite content to listen to a few days to the acclamations of the people of Bloemfontein and permit the troops to enjoy a few days' rest before expecting further success. Lord Roberts made a quaint speech to the Guards at Bloemfontein to-day when, in his first congratulatory words he expressed pride in their splendid march of thirty-eight miles in twenty-eight hours and gave ample assurance of his ultimate design. "Through a small mistake," said Lord Roberts, "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade, as I intended. I promise you, however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

General Gatacre is holding Bethulie, and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein is now in the hands of the British, and, General Brabant's column having crossed the Orange river after a forced march at Aliwal North on Sunday, and General Clement's column being across at Vanzyl, the three columns will form an army of 12,000 to 15,000 men, which is expected to replace the forces of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein as he pushes northward. Just where the Boers will attempt to oppose that march is an important question, but it cannot be easily answered until General Joubert is more definitely located. Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9th, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

General Roberts reports that he found seven British officers and forty-three men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein and that they had been well cared for. He adds: "I rejoiced the wounded by telling them they will be allowed to proceed to their homes, instead of being made prisoners, as soon as they can leave the hospital."

Bloemfontein, March 13.—As Lord Roberts was being conducted to the town to-day by the deputation of officials who had gone out to meet him he was greeted by great crowds of people, cheering and waving handkerchiefs and displaying the utmost enthusiasm and cordiality.

Lord Roberts first entered the Market Square, thence proceeded to the Parliament House, and from there to the Presidency, which he entered from the front. The garden of the late President's pretty house was instantly entered by the crowd, which broke out with tremendous energy into "God Save the Queen." All stood rigid, the civilians removing their hats. Then the cheering was renewed.

Meanwhile Lord George Scott lent Lady Roberts' pretty union jack with a four-leafed shamrock embroidered in the corner, to the halyards, and as it rose over the Presidency the crowd caught sight of the grim-looking cavalry escort before them and spontaneously roared the songs, "Tommy Atkins" and "Soldiers of the Queen."

Immediately after the ceremony was over Lord Roberts appointed General Prettyman governor, and then visited the jail, where he released four prisoners who had refused to fight against the British. Then that portion of the troops necessary to man the northern heights began to march through the town amid the cheers of the people. When the horse batteries passed, the contrast between the well-fed citizens and the exhausted and worn-out gunners who sat on their horses and caissons without a sign of emotion, was most striking. By this time the plain outside the town was gradually filling with infantry regiments and immense transport convoys, which seemed to overrun the ground like water. Gradually out of the chaos order emerged, each brigade and transport establishing itself in its proper position in long straight lines miles in extent. From the higher kopje near the town to far beyond could be seen the long yellow serpent representing regiment after regiment of khaki-clad troops marching on the town.

General Joubert was expected here early in the morning, but the blowing up of the line north of the town prevented his coming. He remained at Brantford with 2,000 Natalers.

General Prettyman is succeeding admirably as governor of the town. He issued a proclamation to-day requesting the burghers within a radius of ten miles to deliver up their arms, assuring them they would be paid for the confiscation of their property.

Lord Roberts is about to issue fresh proclamations, which, it is believed, will have the effect of disarming further opposition on the part of the Free Staters. Mr. Collins has been appointed Landdrost, vice Fauvenfos deposed, and Mr. Frazer will act as mayor.

Great quantities of stores captured at Wasserfall have been recovered. As the result of Hunter's and Weston's line cutting the British have secured twenty-six engines and the line has been cleared to the Kaffir river.

Rumors are current that former President Steyn is willing to surrender. The Free Staters south of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their farms.

General Grobelaar is attempting to escape to the north. He has a large command and a big convoy of supplies.

The majority of the townspeople anticipate that the Free Staters will offer no resistance.

DECLARED HIMSELF DICTATOR.

New Orleans, March 16.—The steamer Anselin brought passengers from Port Limon and Greytown to-day, who report that President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, has issued a proclamation suspending the constitution of the republic, and declaring himself dictator until after the threatened invasion on the part of Mora occurs or has been abandoned. The Constitution has been suspended for two weeks.

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All liver ills are cured by Hood's Pills. 25 cents.

SEABOARD'S NORTHERN LINE.

The Rumor That it Will Connect With B. and O. Revived.

The Baltimore *Sun* revives the rumor that the Baltimore & Ohio is to handle the Seaboard Air Line's business North from Washington, and the Seaboard will take charge of the Baltimore & Ohio's Southern freight from Washington. The story has been several times printed. Each time it has been denied. But it has not been denied since it became practically assured that the Seaboard would have its own tracks into Washington and would not have to enter that city over the tracks of the Pennsylvania. The *Sun* says:

"The gap between Washington and Richmond filled in would remove the physical barrier for an alliance with the Baltimore & Ohio. Up to the present nothing has appeared to show that a contract has been signed between the Seaboard Air Line and the Baltimore & Ohio. Baltimore & Ohio officials are especially well posted about the affairs of the Seaboard, and there has been some quiet investigation and figuring going on about handling trains between Washington and New York for this new line to the South. One official when asked about the possibilities of an alliance, sententiously replied: 'I haven't seen the plans for a bridge across the Potomac as yet.' It would not take long to get at these plans, as the engineering department of the Baltimore & Ohio is thoroughly informed on the situation.

"In straightening out the legal attacks which the opponents of the Seaboard combination have sprung, the law firm of Cowen, Cross & Bond is conspicuous. Of this firm, John K. Cowen is president of the Baltimore & Ohio. Mr. Cowen is also a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the company. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Continental Trust Company, which is the depository of the greater Seaboard syndicate. President Cowen has most emphatic views about the future of the South, and looks for a tremendous development in the railroad traffic to and from this section. He is thoroughly posted on the Seaboard plans, and several months ago, when fierce attacks were being made by interests which do not want to see the symtem perfected, declared that no financial or legal means could be found to stop it.

"The theory that the so-called 'mutuality of interests' might effect such a consummation is repudiated by those having full knowledge of the letter and the spirit of the understanding between the dominant trunk line interests. It is said that, on the contrary, it favored such an arrangement, as a division of traffic was conceded, and inasmouch as the Baltimore & Ohio is entirely out of the Southern through business, the Seaboard plans are assumed to provide for its share of traffic in this territory."

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Inter-State Conference of Tobacco Growers.

President J. Bryan Grimes, of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association, has appointed the following as committeemen from North Carolina to meet and confer with the representatives of the Virginia and South Carolina tobacco growers: R. A. P. Cooley, of Nash, chairman, John S. Cunningham, of Person, R. R. Cotton, of Pitt, J. V. Price, of Rockingham, T. L. Lee, of Yancey.

The following letter sent the above named by President Grimes explains itself:

"Gentlemen: Acting under a resolution passed by the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association, I have the honor to ask you to act as an Inter-State Committee to confer with the tobacco growers in Virginia and South Carolina and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the planters of those States with the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association. Will be glad to have you take the matter up at once. Chairman Cooley will advise you further. We would like and hope to have all county organizations perfected by April 1st. With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Presd't. N. C. T. G. A."

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany, N. Y., dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by Dorsey Drug Co.

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