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Senator Butler declined to change his seat to the Democratic side to make room for a Republican. We suppose that Butler considers himself as much entitled to a seat on the Republican side as any man.

An orator at one of the Chapel Hill re-unions bore off the palm for patriotism when he declared that "the American eagle, whether he was soaring over the sunny isles of Cuba, the tropical jungles of Porto Rico or the iceberg fields of Klondike would never, no never draw in his horns nor retire into his shell."

It seems to be assured that a bill will be introduced in the legislature looking to a constitutional amendment providing for a division of the school funds, by applying the school taxes of the blacks to their schools and of the whites to theirs. The Salisbury correspondent to the Charlotte Observer says he has talked with a remberelect of the legislature who will father such a bill. THE FREE TRESS advocated such a measure soon after the election. We hope that it will be taken up and pushed to a successful conclusion.

We are told that in the light of the election of the 8th of November, "the dream of a southern and western alliance is evidently illusory." Come to think of it, the dream of a northeastern and southern alliance is also "fllusory," The only thing for southern Democrats to do in 1900 is to wage eternal war against the money power as it robs the people through the control of money, trusts, or tax-dodging. There is nothing sectional in such a policy. It will deserve to win on such i-sues. It is better to be defeated standing for true Democracy than to win by Republican policies .- News-Observer.

#### The Man That Knows

"There are some men," said Mr. Staybolt, "that always know about gs. They have a power of judgment that amounts to genius. They discern the truth unerringly. They know what is right and what is wrong in a question, and they know it at the outset without waiting for the event. They range themselves not with confidence, but with knowledge, and however the clouds may lower they are not disturbed. Indeed they rather like the storm, for they know when the end will be.

"They are more powerful than other men because they are unhampered by doubts. They don't doubt, they know, and men follow them, as they always will. Everybody admires a man that knows and is sure about it."-New York Sun.

#### Killed His Sentiment.

A newspaper correspondent at the battle of Atbara tells a good story about a couple of Scotchmen. He was walking softly about the camp so as not to disturb the sleepers on the night before the fight when he overheard a sentimental Seaforth highlander say to a comrade:

"Ab, Tam, how many thousands there are at hame across the sea thinking o' us the nicht."

"Right, Sandy," replied his chum. "and how many millions there are that STOCK'S BEST PATENT AND don't care a d-n. Go to sleep, you

And silence fell upon that corner of the square.

#### Proof of It.

"I suppose Saxey and Slims are both truthful men?"

"Absolutely so. Neither of them is capable of making a misstatement of fact. Why?"

"Oh, I just heard them calling each other liars."—Detroit Free Press.

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