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If equal suffrage continues to be favorably reported by many more legislatures throughout the country, North Carolina and one or two other Southerners will hold rather lonely positions on the question.

The judge-solicitor controversy at New Bern is regrettable. It is to be hoped that an early adjustment of the differences may be reached in order that the business of the court, which requires the co-operative work of both to dispose of, may not suffer by reason of the strained relations that seem to exist there.

Some of those New York and Chicago cold bread eaters will be sorry about the things they have been wont to say about the good old corn bread of "Ye Southland." Now, that the cold variety costs a penny a loaf more it would have been right handy if those, living in the zone of the increase, had learned to like our kind.

Count Boni has lost again in his suit for divorce, the granting of which would give him the privilege of remarriage. Anna Gould, from whom he is seeking annulment of the marriage ties secured here way back in 1906, and has been the Duchess of Tallyrand for some years. Looks a little rough on the Count to keep him in leash all these years.

The News and Observer says "Villa is beginning to figure again in the press dispatches from Mexico, and that means that events will move swiftly." The Free Press agrees with its esteemed contemporary that things will move when Villa takes part, but pray tell us when it was that Villa was out of the press dispatches from Mexico? It appears that he has always had some part in the affairs down there.

Elsewhere in today's Free Press will be found a draft of an ordinance, which has been in force in the City of Birmingham, Alabama for seven or eight years, the purpose of which is to minimize the breeding of house flies by the elimination of their breeding places. The ordinance is printed as information for the public and for the committee, appointed at the recent meeting of the Council to draft an anti-fly ordinance.

Count Zeppelin has expressed a desire to fly across the Atlantic and according to an exclusive copyrighted United Press story, printed in Tuesday's Free Press, he wants to be the first aviator to accomplish that feat. Here's hoping that when the Count sets sail for American shores that his mission will be an amicable one, and that the honor of being first will be the sole compelling motive of the hazardous undertaking. No, thank you, we prefer not to form the habit of looking skyward perforce of the danger of an enemy's dropping bombs upon us.

Tonight the business and professional men of Kinston, the farmers of Lenoir, Greene, Duplin, Pender, Onslow, Pitt, Jones, Craven and any others interested are urged to be present at the City Hall to discuss and hear discussed the proposed Kinston fair. The Chamber of Commerce has been greatly interested in this project, and President Canady is very anxious that the movement get a definite start tonight. Let every citizen of these parts who can possibly do so, be on hand and become a "booster" tonight.

Senator Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania had to be removed from the Senate chamber yesterday morning after the upper branch of the Nation's Assembly had been in continuous session for almost forty hours. The Senator's temperature had reached the hundred mark. It might be a good idea to use the thermometer pretty generally on those stand-patters, and maybe others would be found whose "desirable" absence might be advised by the physician. The stenographers were exhausted, and had to be relieved by an extra force. Why not use the dictaphone in such circumstances?

It is to be regretted that the Legislature failed to see the need of throwing greater safeguards around the chastity of young girls. The bill to raise the age, when a young girl can surrender her honor to an unprincipled brute, from fourteen to sixteen, was based on a righteous principle, and should have had the endorsement of the legislators. If the measure, introduced by the member of Guilford, had objectionable features, amendments could have been made and still the needed relief given. The members of the General Assembly seem to be fighting shy of everything that smacks of giving the weaker sex a better chance. There seems to be a feeling that some enterprising wedge for equal suffrage will be driven if any bills pertaining to the welfare of woman are favorably considered. The Free Press believes that due consideration

should be given for the age of the offending boy as well as girl, but certainly any grown man who would take advantage of a fourteen-year-old girl should be confined in some penal institution away from society. When the vote in the House was taken there were thirty members absent, and the measure lost by only eight votes. Another bill presented at a more propitious time might carry.

The Lusitania had at least one precedent, which the world knew nothing of until Wednesday, for flying the Stars and Stripes to evade a hostile submarine. That of her sister ship, the Orduna, which it is reported, flew the American colors off and on, beginning on January 31st, soon after her departure from Britain's shores. Why doesn't the "Mistress of the Seas" ask Uncle Sam to convey her merchant ships with some of his "Skeered-o'-nothing" (with full credit to the gentleman from Mississippi, from whom we swiped the phrase) boats. If the English are so apprehensive of submarine dangers, they had better have some of those ocean palaces interned on this side of the "pond," so that when the ship purchase bill is passed they will be available. Otherwise they may be at the bottom.

President Wilson has let it be known that he will call an extraordinary session of Congress if the filibustering Republicans continue to block the passage of the ship purchase bill. The Democratic party will have to stand the blame for the unnecessary expense and the conduct of the seven deserters in the heat of the Senate's battle last week is alone responsible. Had these Senators remained true to their colors the Administration's bill would have been put through without the necessity for an extra session. It is to be hoped that the majority will even now continue the plan of continuous session until the win-jamming crowd has been routed. An extraordinary session of Congress at a time when the country's revenues are so depleted is particularly unfortunate, necessary though it may be.

WHY NOT BANISH THE FEE SYSTEM TO THE "TALL UN CUT."

The practice of letting law violators off with a suspended judgment and the payment of costs is apparently becoming too general in this community. There may be and no doubt there are many cases where the offense committed is a technical one, and the assessment of costs fully commensurate with the act, but is that the case with the majority of those who are permitted to "come up" with the costs and go on their way rejoicing? Hasn't the fee system something to do with the situation? Isn't it about time for the people of this Commonwealth to banish the iniquitous "so much per," and put the compensation of its magistrates and all other servants on a basis less conducive to miscarriage of justice. The fee system has ever had a tendency to develop the spirit of "I'll get mine," whether or no, and it is bad. The fee system should be banished—lock, stock and barrel—to the "tall uncut."

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE COAST LINE'S CASE. Charlotte Observer: "It has been the history of the Atlantic Coast Line management that its policy with both the public and the men it employs is one of fairness and frankness. This is made manifest in the Coast Line's presentation of the case recently settled by conference in the Governor's office. The fact is made clear that there had been no breach of faith on the part of the Coast Line in the performance of its contract with the State, and the published correspondence puts that road into the full confidence of the people.

SAVOYARD NOT ALONE IN CONVERSATION

New Bern Sun: "That veteran Washington correspondent, Savoyard, in referring to the Democratic leader of the Senate declares that "never has a President had more loyal support than this man has given, and not in forty years has the Senate been more ably, more successfully, more brilliantly led than this man has led it." Only exceptional merit could call forth a grand chorus of praise of the same extravagant variety as that quoted. Senator Simmons is winning an abundance of glory for himself and his State."

MOONLIGHT SCHOOL WORK IN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Smithfield Herald: "Johnston county is fast taking the lead among North Carolina counties in the moonlight school work. This idea which first found an outlet in the schools of the rural districts in Kentucky, has spread until it has touched a number of counties in North Carolina. The idea, as it was first put into practical operation, was for those who could neither read nor write among the adult population. In Johnston county it is taking on a broader work, and many who can read and write are taking part in the moonlight schools to improve themselves along needed lines. "So far as we are able to learn at the present five of these moonlight schools are being conducted in Johnston county. The first one to be established was at Piney Grove school, in Pleasant Grove township. Since then these schools have been established at Pomona school in Smithfield township, Massey school, in Bentonsville township, Meadow school in Meadow township, and Woodard School in Beulah township. Good work is being done at all these places and fine results are expected. "The moonlight school at Pomona was organized last week with about fifty taking part. Not all of these, of course, are unlettered, but quite a number have gone and asked the teachers to instruct them in farm arithmetic and other matters which come up in their daily work. Next Thursday night they are to have a spelling match, the community agreeing to spell against the twenty best spellers of the school. "About forty-two have been enrolled in the night school at Massey School and there is much enthusiasm. At Woodard School the Moonlight school was organized with 11. At all these places there is deep interest shown and much good is bound to result"

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DR. HYATT WISELY SUGGESTS REMOVAL OF SEGREGATED DISTRICT.

Editor The Free Press: "I was also present at the meeting for the social uplift for Kinston, and heard the well known physician's remarks. I made no remarks at the time. But this thought occurred to me: If there was a dead rat in my back yard I would not move my house to get rid of the stench. I would stuff my nose with cotton, take a spade and go out and bury that rat. Seriously, don't you think it would be easier and more economical to move the red light district than it would be to move the negro school. A city ordinance works in other towns and I think it would work here. "I am of your opinion that negro schools and houses of ill fame ought not to be close together. If our town can't get along without a segregated district let us segregate it away from school houses. "H. O. HYATT."

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