

BILL AWP'S LETTERS.

They say that Joe Wheeler forgot himself at Santiago when the Spaniards fired their deadly volleys from the brush...

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his honest sincerity. He preached here several years and is a man of convictions. He is rightly named and would have cut off the other ear of Malchus if he had been there...

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AS TO LYNCHING.

The Wilmington (N. C.) Messenger in an article on lynching, says: "The Messenger year by year has sincerely deplored the great prevalence of crime in the South, and particularly among the negroes..."

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot discusses the subject of lynching as follows: "Should a rattlesnake or a mad dog be tried before killing? Should a murderer, incendiary, or highwayman, caught in the act, be allowed to complete it and to appeal to all the delays and chances of law?"

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FUSION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Some interest is now being shown in the question whether there will be fusion between the republicans and populists in this State this year. If this means will there be a fusion which will command the votes of the populists of rank and file, "No." The leaders will rank because they will be for a dicker that they think may give them the offices they want for, but while the republican leaders may control the votes of the rank and file of their party for such a dicker the populists leaders can't do that.

A short while ago a negro convention assembled in Goldsboro, and declared for co-operation, or fusion, with the populists on "honorable terms." They appointed a committee of twelve to arrange the "honorable terms" and make the dicker with the populists, which committee was composed of eleven colored statesmen and one white brother, the town federal stamp-licker.

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TERRIBLE MODERN SHELLS.

Philadelphia Inquirer. Now that the thunder of the big guns on the American battleships has awakened the echoes of the Cuban hills, it is interesting to know something of their destructive power. A number of the ships now in Cuban waters have been equipped at League Island, and Philadelphia firms have assisted in the equipment.

A firm in this city has supplied the Brooklyn and the Minneapolis with shells. The Brooklyn has been taking part in the bombardment of the fortifications, and was equipped to her full capacity with explosive shells.

The Brooklyn carries eight 8-inch breech-loading rifles, twelve 5-inch rapid fire guns, twelve 6-pounders and four 1-pounders.

Each 6-inch shell carries twenty pounds of dynamite, while 8-inch shell carries nearly fifty pounds.

Notwithstanding the great destructive force as represented by these shells, it is entirely overshadowed by the shells of the 13-inch guns of the Iowa and the 18-inch guns of the Indiana.

Each shell of the 13-inch guns on the Indiana weighs 1,350 pounds unloaded and can carry 175 pounds of dynamite.

When it is considered that the mine which so completely wrecked the Maine is believed to have contained not over 400 pounds of dynamite, and probably not nearly so much, it can be readily comprehended what destruction is wrought by a shell from a thirteen-inch gun which the American gunners can so accurately place just where it will do the most good.

The old form of shell exploded by the Hancock ticket, and in his capacity of elector made a thorough canvass of the district. In 1882 he was the choice of Rowan county for Congress in the Democratic congressional convention, but withdrew his name in favor of Hon. John S. Henderson, who was nominated and elected.

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Sketch of the Democratic Nominee for Congress in the Seventh.

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THE WAR IS OVER.

We have a supreme pity for the man who can wilfully get the content of his mind to do an injury to an innocent man, but our pity is increased when this man influences another, one perhaps who is weaker than himself, to act as his tool in order that his object may be accomplished. At the final judgment the sentence will be severe upon him who has committed an unprovoked injury against an innocent man, but it will be more severe when he has been the means of leading another astray as an ally in his work of wrong-doing.

Another man whom we pity is the man who can be bought, the man who will sacrifice principle, manhood, for the sake of position or popularity. This man, too, the one who will deliberately sell himself, also evidences a weakness of moral and intellectual power. Surely, no man of really well developed and well cultured mind, and a heart in which dwells the religion of Jesus Christ could stoop so low as to sell himself, be literally bought for the sake of popularity or preferment of any kind whatever.

All of these are pitiable men, and when we are forced to recognize their presence it brings sadness, but such men are only to be expected as long as sin and unrighteousness reign in the world. In God's word are to be found direct commands against all forms of sin, and these characters as well as many others come under the direful command and prediction in one, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and as long as this is true, which is forever, God will prepare a just decree for such men and will mete it out in the time appointed. The just Judge of all the earth will do right.

The Price of a Spring Hat.

"Papa, will you please give me fifty cents for my spring hat?" said a sixteen-year-old girl when preparing for school. "Most all the academy girls have theirs."

"No, May; I can't spare the money," said the father in an indifferent tone. The disappointed girl went to school. The father started for his place of business. On his way thither he met a friend, and being half-fellow well met, he invited him into Mac's for a drink.

"All right," said the dealer, and taking up the half-dollar from the counter handed it over to the girl, who departed smiling. May's father seemed dazed, walked out alone, and said to himself.

"I am not the only negro who holds office. There are others. There are plenty more being made to order to hold offices. We are the most modest people in the world and don't hold as many offices as we will. I invite the issue."

The white people of the State are told by this negro office-holder that there will be more of them in office and invites the issue. We have fallen upon evil days sure enough, when it comes to swathing banners like this thrown out by a black man. In this connection, the Wilmington Star declares that there are now more negroes in office in North Carolina than in any State in the Union, and unless Democracy triumphs in the next election there will be, as White democracy declared in that speech, more of them, and a good many more.

It remains for the white men of North Carolina to say whether this negro's impudent, audacious threat is to be heeded. We don't care to have good, but to do good.

Pitiable People

Church and State. We mean, of course, the war between the North and the South. Lee surrendered to Grant more than thirty-three years ago, but not until this good month of June, 1898, could it be truly said "the war is over," because it was only the other day that President McKinley signed the bill which wiped out every residue of disfranchisement on account of the war of secession.

We have at last a re-united country. A son of General Grant the first, was made a general the other day at Chickamauga and "sworn in" by an ex-Confederate Georgian. So again it is "Lee and Grant" in name—as of old, but "Lee and Grant" in the same grand American army for the liberation of down-trodden Cuba. And more than that, a grandson of General Grant is now on General Lee's staff, and rumor has it that General Grant's widowed daughter is to wed an ex-Confederate soldier—the last of the staff of the immortal and invincible Stonewall Jackson. So mote it be.

"General Grant," the son of his father, and "General Lee"—Fitzhugh Lee—the nephew of his uncle, in the same great army to battle for human freedom. Surely—and God be praised—we have a united North and South.

There is a good deal of rot in all this tirade of abuse and criticism. Why not, to say the least of it, take the view once taken and expressed by Rev. John Tillet, that consecrated man of God, who felt it his duty to denounce the liquor traffic, which he did in strong and vigorous terms. It is related of him that in one town where he was particularly severe on the liquor traffic a bar-keeper approached him on the street one day and handing him a five-dollar note, said: "Mr. Tillet, allow me to make you a present of this five-dollar bill; and I want you to know that I made it by selling liquor."

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The Race Question To Be the Issue At the Next Election.

Special Dispatch to Baltimore Sun.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 25.—It is now clear what the two lines of argument in the campaign, which begins August 3, will be. The Republicans will tell the negroes the Democrats intended to disfranchise them. The Democrats will make the issue the supremacy of the white race.

Years ago the Legislature could have put before the people the question of an educational qualification for voters. In fact, it lacked only three Democratic votes of being put before the people for ratification or rejection.

Some negroes say they are willing to vote for Democrats provided the latter will assure them that negroes shall control, that is, be the officers of, the insane asylum and institution for the negro blind. The question arises, however, what is the percentage of the negro vote which takes this moderate view. All white Republicans declare that they have complete control of the negroes.

It is plain that the color line is to be strictly drawn—certainly as strictly as in 1876. Feeling against the negroes, from a political standpoint, has deepened during the twenty-two years which have passed since then. The relations between the younger negroes and white voters are, to tell the truth, strained. Year by year the feeling deepens, and the race question is, after all, the supreme issue in North Carolina politics.

So Fair to the Cubans.

News and Observer.

The above is the title to a very sensible editorial copied from the New York Journal, that appears elsewhere in today's paper.

A Foul Well Taken.

Charlotte Observer.

The Christian Educator, a paper published monthly by Trinity College, W. L. Cranford and Robt. L. Flowers, editors, prints in its issue for July the entire correspondence in the Clark-Kilgo case, with some comments on the controversy, saying, among other things:

"One thing is certain, the judge tried to force President Kilgo into his political opinions, or else drive him out of the presidency of the college. It is a piece of political intolerance, perpetrated by a Supreme Court judge, who just a little while ago was professing an outraged sense at the same intolerance in trying to displace Dr. Andrews from Brown University."

The point is well taken. The Andrews-Kilgo cases are on all fours.

Well Done.

The women of Brooklyn, New York, have organized a Health Protective Association, and a reporter of the New York Tribune sees reason to believe that their work is not in vain.

I was coming down to the bridge yesterday in a Fulton Street car which was pretty well filled, and noticed a tall, lanky individual, with solemn features a Buffalo Bill hat, who shot up from his seat at the far end of the car and began making his way to the platform.

Where you goin'?" called out his companion, in evident alarm. "Goin' to get," was the laconic response, and when he returned, every woman in the car beamed approval.