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THE DUTY OF A CITIZEN.

He could not, if he would, shirk all the responsibilities that lie in his path of allegiance to the government that protects him in his personal and property rights. Some of them he must assume, chief among which is the duty of contributing of his means to the support and maintenance of that government. Then he is a stock-holder to this extent, not to place his relation in any stronger light. He is an investor in his government to the extent of the amount of taxes assessed upon him and should therefore, as in any other line of investment, be equally solicitous for corresponding returns to him in the way of a just and proper administration of public affairs. But this is a narrow view of patriotism, too sordid for serious contemplation in the light of one's duty to his country. The citizen has higher interests to subserve, while indeed his obligation to "pay as he goes" is by no means to be ignored or thought of lightly. His destiny is, as it were, wrapped up in his country and its government. He can not dissociate his own interests, social, moral and material, from it. If his country prospers under wise and beneficent rule, then he prospers. If on the contrary bad men hold sway—if, through his negligence simply, evil counsels prevail to the extent of lifting unworthy men to office; and if, in consequence, blunders mark the administration of government or corruption creeps into high places and official patronage becomes a matter of traffic, then in the deterioration of morals and the ruin that follows the honest citizen is obliged to suffer. He feels it in all the relations of his life, so intimately is his own welfare identified with that of his country. He awakes from the lethargy that made possible such a state of things only too late to repair the evil consequences of his own indifference to public demands. It is easy for him to say to his neighbor: "Shake not your gory locks at me, thou canst not say I did it," yet, if he has failed to discharge one plain duty, he is, to that extent, culpable, and must writhe in vain under the consciousness of a dereliction of personal duty. His single vote, augmented by the greater power of his example and influence, might have turned the scales in favor of good men, honest measures and just government. We would make no exception to the rule: the duty of discharging strictly all the obligations of citizenship rests equally upon all.

Our country is governed through the medium of popular elections in which all are, or ought to be, equally interested. It is the business of the people, as a mass, to see to it that men properly qualified shall be placed in the various positions of government. A prerequisite in fitness for any public station is undoubted competency, coupled with good moral character and well established habits of sobriety. A man not measuring up fully to the standard indicated is not fit for a public servant, not even the constable's lowest deputy of the most obscure township. It is alone the fault of the people if, in every instance, that sort of timber is not selected out of which to make their public servants.

Do we set the standard too high? We do not think so. In old Whig and Democrat times it was an accidental circumstance if other than a clean man was placed by the people in a position of responsibility and trust. Honest men and honest methods dominated opposing parties in those good old days, so that the triumph or defeat of either party worked no damage to the people. It ought to be so now but, alas, it is not. It is with the people to restore, everywhere that it is called for, a just and honest deal in the politics of the country, and to maintain the supremacy of competency, honesty and worth in its government: To insure all that we plead for no man, or profession of men, can be excused for playing the part of laggard in the approaching political struggle in

this State and in the Union. Let the people see to their being represented, and properly represented, in the conventions which are soon to assemble, not forgetting or neglecting the primaries. Speaking as a Democrat we do not claim perfection for our party. There may be in its ranks adventurers whose seal smacks more of the "flesh pots" of office than of a love for good government—purely self-seekers; there have been those to contend with in the past. We desire to see all such eliminated, or given a "back seat," in the conventions of this year. To that end let the rank and file of the party arouse themselves to a proper sense of the gravity of the situation, for the real enemies from within may work more harm than those from without. Be watchful, for "eternal vigilance" is indeed the price of victory over an avowed enemy when covert enemies are known to be prowling through the camp. It has not been an uncommon thing in the past to find men who were Democrats simply for the harm that they could do to the party. While not claiming perfection for our party, we do claim its undoubted superiority over the opposition in all respects that promise good government. The Radical party in the South is the negro party, composed mainly of negroes who, we grant, are ignorant of evil design in wishing to control the affairs of the country but who, nevertheless, are just as ignorant of the first qualifications for governing and ruling the white race.

We are glad to see that the Raleigh Christian Advocate, although not discussing politics or parties, is following the lead of the Wilmington Star and Progressive Farmer—two other distinctively representative papers—in urging the selection of pure men only for the various offices to be filled in North Carolina at the next election. The demand is for moral men, honest and sober, for candidacy before the people upon whose records the electric light may be turned with impunity. Let the Democratic party in convention be careful and judicious in its selection of candidates for the various offices—and, our word for it, the white voters of all the religious denominations in the State will stand solidly on the right side at the polls.

Judge Lynch at Work.

WASHINGTON, N. C., March 11.—Our quiet little town was thrown into a state of great excitement this morning by the report that a man was hung to the bridge.

About 3 a. m., the steamer Beta, on her down trip to this place, blew the signal to open the draw to the bridge; the bridge keeper responded but found an obstruction in the way. The draw could not be opened sufficiently for the steamer to pass. On investigation, it was found that a rope was hanging from the cross beam of the draw with a heavy weight attached. When pulled to view he discovered with horror a lifeless body, to which was attached a placard with the inscription: "Justice at Last." The proper authorities were promptly notified; it was left to dangle till daylight, and until a coroner's jury could be empaneled.

The body proved to be that of W. A. Parker, white, who is generally supposed to have assassinated General Grimes some seven or eight years ago.

The old Bear Creek township can boast of not only some of the biggest men in the county, but also the smallest dwarf. Jimmy Hancock, of that township, is 15 years old and weighs only 37 pounds. His mother is an unusually large woman, weighing nearly 200 pounds. He is quite a bright boy.—Chatham Record.

Judicious advertising creates many a new business; enlarges many an old business; revives many a dull business; rescues many a lost business; saves many a failing business; preserves many a large business; secures success in any business.—The Southern Tobaccoist.

Mr. W. S. Ingram, one of the stockholders, informs us that the Yackin Falls Mfg. Co., at Milledgeville are now putting in 100 new looms and will soon be ready to begin operations. They have already received orders ahead for 100,000 pounds of their yarns.—Troy Vidette.

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The Gaffney Sensation.

From the Gastonia Gazette.
Miss Florence Little, said to have been the belle of Gaffney, S. C., has created a sensation by marrying Mr. Augustus Mintz, of Black's, about the time she was to have married Dr. Atkinson, of Chester, the latter being already in town to carry out the engagement. Her marriage to Mintz was to be kept secret for two years, but Dr. Atkinson becoming offended at her neglect of him and her attentions to Mintz, returned to Chester. The matter being satisfactorily explained, however, he met her at Black's a few days later and they were married. Mintz then revealed the clandestine marriage and claimed his wife, but she went on to Chester with Dr. Atkinson. She has since returned to Gaffney. She denies now that she was ever married to Mintz, but does not wish to do Chester with Dr. Atkinson. She has since returned to Gaffney. She denies now that she was ever married to Mintz, but does not wish to do Chester with Dr. Atkinson. She has since returned to Gaffney. She denies now that she was ever married to Mintz, but does not wish to do Chester with Dr. Atkinson.

The Charlotte & Weldon Railroad—it will be built. Dr. McAden, Col. William Johnston and the large number of business men of Charlotte, engaged in the enterprise, mean business. They are not fooling about the matter.—Charlotte Democrat.

Mr. E. G. Harrell, secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, has received an offer from William Knabe & Co., through their representative, Mr. N. H. Bennett, of the use of one of their finest square grand pianos and a large chapel organ for the meeting of the Teachers' Assembly at Morehead city in June. The courtesy is one which will be appreciated by the members of the Assembly, whose thanks are due Messrs. Knabe & Co., for their kind offer. Mr. Harrell deserves unbounded praise for his zealous labors in behalf of the Assembly as its secretary, and much of the credit of the present success and prosperity of the organization is due to him.—News and Observer.

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