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THE CONTROVERSY FOR THE SENATE OF THE U. S.

Some of our contemporaries have become a little excited because of the expression of decided convictions in regard to the kind of man whom we wanted—and believe the people wanted—for a colleague for Z. B. Vance. We cannot help it. What we have said, we have said, and we do not intend to withdraw one word of it. If it becomes necessary we shall repeat it, and, if possible, in even more emphatic terms. We have no apologies to offer and no pardon to ask. Our section does not expect to get any appropriations from the Treasury, nor from a Senator who has no money to give, either for cleaning out a river or a creek or erecting a public building.

The late contest developed the fact that the "Bread and Butter Brigade" was in full force in Raleigh, all shoulder to shoulder for the dispenser of patronage to them? Even one of the judges recently elected was on hand "spreading himself" for the peerless—the Great Makaan! What a decadence in the type of our judges! We regret that he did not fully develop himself before last November. If he had he would have been "scratched" by at least one person—possibly by thousands. It was a shameful spectacle and deserves the denunciation of all high-toned men. If that is scandalum magnatum, make the most of it.

A GREAT NEWSPAPER.

If we are to believe its own utterances, North Carolina has never had so great a newspaper as the Charlotte Chronicle. The claim must be true, for we do not know of a paper in the State which can give greater scope to one's meaning than the Chronicle. We are glad that North Carolina has got one great newspaper!

In its issue of last Friday the Chronicle brings us to task about advising the legislators to consider well their action before casting their votes for Gen. Ransom's re-election to the U. S. Senate, after he had been nominated by the Democratic caucus. It accused us of counselling a bolt from the action of the caucus, and read us a lesson upon adherence to the Democratic faith. Our language may have been capable of such construction, but a less astute paper than the Chronicle would not have so construed it. We believe we are quite as good a Democrat as the editor of the Chronicle and just as loyal to the party.

But we hold that when one finds that he is advocating a bad cause it is the part of wisdom and honesty to reconsider; to turn about, and, so far as possible, make amends for the wrong. The charges (and every one of them can be proven) contained in the last issue of THE ROCKET ought to alienate from Ransom every supporter who lays any claim to integrity. That is what we meant last week and what we now emphasize.

We have no regrets for what we have said in the matter. We propose at all times to advocate that which we believe to be right, even to reversing the action of a Democratic caucus. Such a proceeding is not without precedent in North Carolina.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Elsewhere we give a summary of the proceedings of this body. Did we attempt to give the full proceedings it would occupy all our space. But we have tried to give a synopsis of all important bills introduced in both houses. Of course our readers care nothing for the resolutions and bills offered for the incorporation of towns, churches, factories, &c., and instructions to our members of Congress as to how they shall vote on certain questions. It is to be presumed that the members of Congress from North Carolina know and appreciate the needs of the people and will act accordingly—barring, of course, the "superb" Senator, whose business it is, or seems to be, to look only after the appropriations.

JUDGE RUSSELL WRITES A LETTER.

We believe it was the famous editor of the old Wilmington Journal who, in the perilous reconstruction times, dubbed the Judge, "Owl Russell." The significance, we suppose, is to be guessed at from the "looks" of the Judge—certainly not from any presumed sagacity of which the doleful bird is symbolical. Whether susceptible legitimately of the first interpretation, or the other, the Judge evidently arrogates to himself the office of wisdom, and loses no occasion to obtrude his views upon the public on Constitutional questions and measures of State-craft. He, like Oliver Dockery, has hurried into print with grave opinions about the political situation, and suggestions as to a remedy by which the Solid South can be broken. His letter was written to the New York Tribune and assumes, without distinction, the wholesale corruption and suppression of the ballot in all elections here South, particularly in the strictly Southern belt of States. It is only a re-hash of what has been heard from Republican sources before, and by reflecting minds will be esteemed for its partisan force and purpose. We have no fears that the South will be unduly prejudiced in the Northern mind, unmistakably the hope of the ready Judge, for the country knows there have been frauds in elections, both North and South, although, to read the Judge's letter, the rascality is all confined to his own section. The frauds and corrupt use of money in Indiana and elsewhere, by which Harrison's election was secured, would—if truly confessed by the Judge and his allies—cry to heaven for correction and redress. We commend to Judge Russell and his friends the scriptural advice not so trite as true, about the diminutive "mote" and the stupendous "beam."

Legislative Summary.

Bill to repeal the law appropriating money to the State Guard and appropriating the amount to needy Confederate soldiers.

Bill to regulate assignments, and another bill to regulate duties of trustees and assignees. The bill provides that no debtor be allowed to prefer one class of creditors above another.

A bill giving special venire the same fees as regular jurors.

Bill to allow the commissioners of Richmond county to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for building a court house passed its third reading in the Senate.

Bill to make it unlawful for magistrates to try cases in which they issue summons.

A bill to repeal chapter 144, Laws of 1887, relative to the stock law, caused wide debate. The bill leaves the fees for impounding the same as the old law.

A resolution authorizing the Commissioners of Agriculture to offer a premium for the largest yield of grain per acre came up. The bill provides \$200 for corn, \$150 for wheat, \$100 for oats, \$50 for Irish potatoes. An amendment to add \$100 for hay was adopted, and also an amendment to add \$100 for cotton. Numerous other amendments were offered, all of which, with the bill, were referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Bill to prevent fraud in the sale of land and personal property under mortgage, (requires notice at the court house for 20 days), passed its final reading.

The following bills were introduced:—To amend the Constitution relative to elections; to prevent interest from being paid on county orders until after they are presented for payment; relative to making real estate assets and providing for enforcing liens against said real estate; to authorize justices of the peace in certain cases to issue process to other counties than their own; to alter the Constitution so as to establish corporal punishment in certain cases. (Gives the Legislature power to provide a statute for such punishment;) to protect telegrams and letters.

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SENATOR RANSOM.

How He Is Regarded in Washington.

Senator Matt Ransom, who has just been nominated by the Democrats of the North Carolina Legislature for a fourth term in the Senate is a very agreeable man in society, very careful of his personal appearance, and is said to be quite aware of the presence of ladies in the gallery; and yet he has not contributed to the social life at the capital, as have nearly all the other married Senators. Although happily married to a wealthy and accomplished woman he has lived a bachelor's life ever since he has been in the Senate. His wife has lived at their home near Weldon, N. C., within a day's ride of the capital during the 18 years that her husband has represented his State without once coming to Washington, except possibly to pass through it on her way to the springs or the sea-side.—Washington Capital.

What constitutes "efficiency in public service" when the term is applied to a member of the United States Senate? Here is the answer given by the man who seconded the nomination of Senator Ransom of North Carolina for another term in the Democratic caucus the other day: "I advocate him for his efficiency in public service. What has he done? For twelve years in the history of his service in the Senate he has been constantly active, diligent, and efficient in securing for North Carolina a full measure of appropriation for her rivers and harbors and for the construction of her public buildings. The record shows that he has done more in this direction for his State than all of our Representatives in Congress combined. Through his influence he obtained nearly all the appointments for North Carolina under the Cleveland Administration." Securing appropriations and offices for his State—that appears to be what statesmanship means.—New York Post, 19th.

Excessive Dampness of American Cotton.

LONDON, January 19.—The Manchester Cotton Spinners' Association have passed a resolution by unanimous vote to form a fund to be used in trying in the law courts a test case relative to the excessive dampness of American cotton.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 21.—The colored people of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and other Southern States are arranging to send a delegation to visit Gen. Harrison to present their views of the Southern question. The delegation is to be headed by John M. Langston of Virginia. It will be in Indianapolis by the first of February. It is said the delegation will be composed of none but representatives of the race in the South.

WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 21.—Five inches of snow, the first of the season, are resting upon the fine wheat fields of the valley and the farmers are well pleased. There is a cold northwest prevailing to-night and good prospects for ice gatherers here.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A Memphis, Tennessee, special to the Herald says: At Tiptonville, Tennessee, a landing on the Mississippi river about one hundred and fifty miles north of here, some weeks ago a young man married the daughter of Mrs. J. F. Atchinson, a widow. The young man's father, learning that his son's mother-in-law possessed \$300 or \$400, concocted the plan for him, his son, and the young wife to murder the old lady for the purpose of robbery. The plan was agreed upon and the crime was committed. The neighbors learned of the crime, fixed the guilt upon the trio, and the latter hastily departed. A posse of indignant citizens followed, overtook and hanged the entire party to the limb of a tree.

Tiptonville is practically almost as remote as Shanghai, being without a railroad or telegraph communication with the outside world.

Read our new clothing office.

Murder Near Keyser.

Daniel C. Cameron was at Keyser last Saturday afternoon and left for his home a few miles away in the pine forest in company with Thos. Dean. Both Cameron and Dean were intoxicated. Next morning Cameron was found dead on the road, having been shot with a breech loading shot gun in the head. It appeared from the surroundings that the murderer stood behind a tree by the road side and did the shooting. Dr. K. M. Ferguson the coroner was summoned and held an inquest. Dean was arrested on suspicion, based upon the facts that he left Keyser in company with Cameron and that he had a gun, shooting wads of the same bore as those found on the spot where the murder was committed. But this evidence was not conclusive enough to commit Dean to jail. Cameron is said to have been an inoffensive man and the murder is a most cowardly one. Cameron's remains were shipped to Swan's Station Monday for interment.—Sanford Express.

The Fangs of Monopoly.

There was being registered to-day in the office of our register of deeds, a lease of the Oxford and Clarksville railroad to the Richmond and Danville railroad for a term of 99 years from the 30th of October, 1888. The Richmond & Danville has also leased the Oxford Henderson road.—Durham Tobacco Plant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Mr. Cowles is receiving letters from all over the South, and particularly from North Carolina, endorsing his position on his internal revenue measure, which was referred to the House Appropriation Committee. The bill will be reported within the next two weeks and there now seems no doubt of its passage. Representatives Wise, Henderson, Taubee, Forney and other Southern members are actively engaged in securing support for it when it comes before the House.

ROCKINGHAM MARKET.

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| Country Produce is quoted at buying prices | |
| COTTON—Middling, 9c @ 9 1/2 | (@ 9 1/2) |
| Good Middling, 8 1/2 | (@ 10) |
| BACON—Sides, per lb. | (@ 10) |
| Shoulders " " | (@ 10) |
| Hams, " " | 15 @ 16 |
| BEEF—Wax, " " | 16 @ 16 1/2 |
| CHICKENS, " " | 15 @ 20 |
| EGGS, per dozen, " " | 12 1/2 @ 15 |
| FLOUR—Country, per sack, 2 1/2 | (@ 3.00) |
| Northern, " " | 2 1/2 @ 3.00 |
| Patent, " " | (@ 3.75) |
| GRAIN— | |
| Corn, per bushel, " " | 75 @ 80 |
| Oats, " " | 50—65 |
| Peas, " " | 75—1.05 |
| HIDES—Dry, per lb., " " | 8 @ 10 |
| Green, " " | 4 @ 5 |
| SALT, per Sack, " " | 1.00—1.20 |

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