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## WHO SHALL GOVERN?

This is not a "white man's Government" any more than it is a blue-eyed men or a red-haired men's Government.—New York World.

At a banquet given in New York last week by the Southern Society (Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, responded to the toast, "The South Since the Revolution." In the course of his remarks he said:

"As to the race question I want the great North to decide for us whether the progress of this great Union can be benefited by a union of white American States or black and white American States. The safety of this Union depends on white sovereignty, not black. [Applause.] We take care of the blacks in the South; we have fed them and clothed them, but in the question of government we have and must have white government."

These remarks by Gov. Lee moved the World to read him a lecture upon the Constitution. It entirely misapprehends—and willfully, doubtless—Gov. Lee's language. He understands as well as the World or anyone else does, that this is a "Government of, by and for the people—all the people, without respect to race, religion, color or previous condition of servitude," and he would be much farther from withholding from any individual a single right guaranteed to him than would many of the Northern negro worshippers. In designating this a "white man's Government," Gov. Lee meant that it is a Government which will be administered by white men impartially and justly for all the people. And he spoke wisely and truthfully. We deny that "all men are created equal" though all are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," but there is no law under Heaven, written or unwritten, which declares that the ignorant and vicious shall dominate over the intelligence, wealth and morals of any people.

The "color line" was drawn by the Creator and by him only can it be wiped out. Were the negro's skin as white as marble, if he still possessed the traits of character which dominate that race now, he would be ruled by the same class of people who now govern—his superiors in intelligence and integrity. To-day the negro is better treated and cared for in the South than in the North and has just as many liberties, and the Northern demagogues know it.

This Government was created by white men, has been maintained by them since its foundation and will be to the end!

THE Republicans are happy over the admission as States of Montana, Washington, and North and South Dakota. They claim that all four of the new States will be solid, or very nearly so, for the Republicans, and rejoice at the prospect of an increased majority in both houses of Congress. The addition will give them a good working majority.

WHAT will the Legislature do about the "Solomon's Temple" at Raleigh? It is already cost the State about \$43,000 and it is estimated that it will cost \$15,000 more. The contract was let at first for its completion for the sum of \$25,000, and we submit that if the first estimate fell so far short of the mark it is quite reasonable to suppose that it may cost \$20,000 or \$25,000 yet to complete it. But suppose it is finished at a cost of \$50,000, it will cost the tax payers of the State a considerable sum each year to keep up so extensive an establishment, to say nothing of the first cost of furnishing. It is a piece of folly. No man of moderate means could afford to accept the office of Governor and live in such an establishment on a salary of \$3,000 a year. Convert it into a home for disabled Confederate veterans, and build a less pretentious residence for the Governor.

WHEN the Legislature succeeds in doing anything of general interest or importance it will please tap three times on the InsLde.

IT IS SAID that Harrison's inauguration parade will be a stupendous affair—miles in length. But it will sink into insignificance beside the phalanx of office-seekers who will besiege him during the next six or eight months.

A SENSATION was created the other day in the Senate Special Committee. During a heated discussion Bill Chandler, the South-bater, insultingly referred to Senator Blackburn as a "slave-driver." This raised the Kentuckian's ire and he gave Billy's ear a tweak which lifted him off his seat. There was no fight in Billy and so he took the punishment with the best grace possible. He was an object of general interest next day, everybody wanting to see his elongated ear.

## Our Sentiments Exactly.

The Wilmington Messenger advocates a repeal of the law forbidding newspapers to advertise the Louisiana Lottery, and says that South Carolina and Virginia papers containing the advertisements circulate in the State. The Goldsboro Argus takes issue with the Messenger and says that the statute ought to stand. The Chronicle agrees with the Argus. There is no greater swindle in the country than the Louisiana Lottery, and we do not believe that the legislature ought to allow exciting appeals, signed by those two decoy ducks—Beauford and Early—to go into the hands of the people of the State. We cannot control South Carolina and Virginia papers but we can keep our home papers from aiding a swindling concern in robbing our people, and comparatively few North Carolina people read any but home papers.—State Chronicle.

## The News From Panama.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Department of State has received dispatches from the consuls of the United States at Panama and Colon, in regard to the situation of affairs on the isthmus. The consuls report that no disorders had taken place up to February 13, and that no trouble was anticipated, because of the expected final collapse of M. De Lesseppe's company. The event of the collapse had been discounted by the fact that a gradual suspension of the work had been going on for the last two months, and the overflow had drifted out easily, and in several directions. The West India negroes were returning to their homes at the rate of about 500 a week, and the French steamers, three times a week, were taking two or three hundred Frenchmen each. The Cuban consul at Panama was also shipping about three hundred white laborers a month to Chili, nominally to work on the railways. The Consuls thought that if the collapse had taken place all at once, as was at first expected, there would have been serious danger of disturbance.

## Cold Weather.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The signal office reports that the area of unusually high barometer reported in the northwest Friday morning has rapidly extended its influence eastward and in less dense form to the southward, bringing with it unusually cold and severe weather. The following special temperatures are reported: Below zero—Minneapolis, Minn., 52; Winnipeg, 40; Saint Vincent 42 degrees. Fort Buford 30 degrees; Bismarck 34 degrees; La-Crosse 24 degrees.

## The Reidsville Wreck.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Feb. 25.—At a preliminary hearing before Justice Staples to-day, four colored men were committed to jail, in default of \$200 bond, for stealing cotton from the train recently wrecked near here, while two other colored men, Geo. Neal and Cal Cobb, were denied bail and were committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury, charged with having wrecked the train on the night of January the 26th. The evidence against all them is clear, positive and strong.

## The New States Jubilating.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from St. Paul says: The news of the signing by the President of the bill making four States was received in Minnesota with quiet satisfaction and a telegram from Helena states that all Montana is celebrating, but Dakota is really beside itself with delight. From every hamlet large enough to have a telegraph office dispatches are received and all say the State is in jubilation.

## A Sharper Caged.

W. H. Martin, a young man of Gold Hill, Rowan county, was yesterday brought before D. G. Maxwell, U. S. Commissioner, on the charge of using the U. S. mail for circulating advertisements of obscene literature and fraudulent schemes.

Capt. Chas. Price, of Salisbury, represented the defendant, and Col. H. C. Jones, U. S. Attorney, assisted by Geo. F. Bason, represented the Government.

After considerable discussion, the Commissioner required a \$1500 bond from the defendant for his appearance at the next term of the Federal court. As the defendant could not furnish the bond, he was committed to jail.

Mr. Martin is only about 25 years of age, and finished a two year's term in the Albany penitentiary only last November.

He was sent to Albany for selling counterfeit money, and, as soon as he was released, he commenced his other fraudulent schemes.

He was born and raised at Gold Hill, and, during his eventful life, he has had three names. One is his proper name, W. H. Martin, the other two are William Henry, and the Carolina Importing Company.—Charlotte Chronicle.

## Special Tax Bond Cases.

In the case of Morton, Bliss and Company against Roberts, auditor of the State of North Carolina, action on bonds issued by the State and subsequently repudiated, Judge Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, has, on petition of counsel for plaintiffs, granted a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States. This case is in some respects similar to other State bond cases from the North Carolina and Louisiana circuits, and which are now pending before the United States Supreme Court, but were passed when reached on the regular call until a full court is sitting, for the reason that they raise a constitutional question for decision on a line upon which the court has been for some time nearly evenly divided.—Baltimore Sun.

The Republican Executive Committee of Mecklenburg county, of which J. W. Gordon, colored, is chairman, held a meeting last Saturday, at the court house, in this city. A quorum was present, and, after finishing the regular routine of business, the committee endorsed J. B. Eaves, of Rutherfordton, for Collector of Internal Revenue; Marshall Mott, of Statesville, for District Attorney; E. McDonald, of Charlotte, for Superintendent of the Charlotte Assay Office, and J. W. Gordon, colored, for Postmaster of Charlotte. Other petitions which were presented to the Committee were left over until the next meeting.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Charles Harrington, colored, boarded the Charlotte bound mail here on Thursday evening to beat his way to Southern Pines. Capt. Ward demanded his fare whereupon the negro replied that he had given it. The negro feeling confident that he would be ditched, hastened to the platform and leaped from the train, while it was running at a rate of 40 miles an hour. In the leap his head came in contact with a partially decayed pine stump, which was driven into his forehead and drew out his brains.—Sunford Express.

Indiana Republicans are in sackcloth and ashes. They are bewailing the fact that their man Harrison has turned himself over, body and soul, to Blaine.—Tobacco Plant.

HOW DOCTORS CONQUER DEATH.  
Doctor Walter K. Hammond says: "After a long experience I have come to the conclusion that two thirds of all deaths from coughs, pneumonia and consumption, might be avoided if Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption were only carefully used in time." This wonderful Remedy is sold under a positive guarantee by Dr. W. M. Fowler & Co.

Prof. Ralph H. Graves, of the University, has been compelled to take a furlough on account of nervous prostration. His physician thinks he will recover after a little rest.—Charlotte Chronicle.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.  
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to the taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best nursing remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Our cotton mill is here. All the cars are unloaded and the machinery is being rapidly set up. Mr. Webb states that he will have it spinning cotton inside of 30 days. It is thought that the directors will very soon authorize the purchase of quite a quantity of new machinery so as to double the profits. The power is ample and the present machinery is able to do double provided more machinery is added. There is plenty of room in the Jumbo—fill it up.—Jonesboro Leader.

Two great enemies—Hood's Sarsaparilla and impure blood. The latter is utterly defeated by the peculiar medicine.

A Republican organ in this city insists that its party must "establish a liberal policy towards the veterans of the war." If a pension list of \$87,000,000 a year is not "liberal," nothing short of knocking the bottom out of the Treasury will satisfy the claim agents and their political allies.—New York World.

She Loved the Kid.  
"That is the strangest attachment I ever saw formed, and I've been around with circus, man and boy, for forty-six years," said Harry Pierce, the veteran in charge of Greiner's wild beasts, in the winter quarters of the menagerie at the corner of Randolph and Ann streets. He referred to a white Burmese cow and a white kid, which were made fast, close by one another, to a wheel of the great cage in which was the hippopotamus. "Why, sir," said Pierce, approaching close to the animals with the Herald reporter, "we dare not separate them, even for a few moments. He referred to a white Burmese cow and a white kid, which were made fast, close by one another, to a wheel of the great cage in which was the hippopotamus. 'Why, sir,' said Pierce, approaching close to the animals with the Herald reporter, 'we dare not separate them, even for a few moments. 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