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## FROM WASHINGTON.

Interesting Gossip from the Nation's Capital.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

On Friday the Senate passed a bill for the protection of the President by a vote of 32 to 15 with 24 Senators not voting. The grounds on which a number of democratic Senators opposed this bill are interestingly set forth in the following statement made to your correspondent by Senator Bacon, of Georgia.

"Existing circumstances naturally predisposed the Senate to enact a law so severe and so drastic as to completely obliterate such another attack upon our government, and if such could have been framed, not objectionable in some very important particulars, it would have had by far the most support; but so general and so possible of application are certain sections of this bill that I was compelled to oppose them as capable of preventing justice and furnishing great possibilities of political persecution.

"Without dwelling upon the constitutional right of Congress to extend what, in my judgment, is the law of treason, there are serious objections in certain sections of the measure. They provide that any person who shall instigate, advise or counsel the killing of the President, or any of the heads of the departments by spoken or by written or printed words shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding twenty years."

In addition to the secretaries, the law includes the sovereigns and chief magistrates of foreign countries who may be upon United States soil. Any one who will study that portion of the history of the United States which deals with the old sedition law enacted in 1798 and the prosecutions conducted thereunder, will appreciate the extent to which the above provisions may be used to curtail the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech and imperil the liberty of every individual citizen.

No crime need be committed to render this law applicable. The allegation of an enemy made under oath can place in prison for twenty years any citizen who, in partisan speech or in private conversation, may have arranged the conduct of any of the above-named officials. With such a law on the statute books no editor dare charge the Executive, or any member of his cabinet, with malfeasance least some misguided individual claim that the charges instigated him to kill the offending official.

My whispered statement to a colleague, that the Secretary of the Treasury, for instance, is improperly administering his office, overheard by an enemy, may found the basis of twenty years imprisonment on the same ground. Just such instances occurred under the old sedition law and are liable to occur again under this law.

"On still another ground, among others, I opposed this law. It has been our boast that, in this free country, all citizens were equal before the law. Can this be said when we have singled out a class—the President, the Secretary of State and all the other secretaries—to assault whom is made a crime punishable with death, while a similar assault on the governor of a state or on anybody else, is punished only by imprisonment?"

And if we are to make one class, why not more? Why not have included the judiciary, senators and representatives and so on and make it punishable with death to assault any of them, while to assault any other people in the United States merits only imprisonment?

Such a distinction is contrary to every tenet of liberty and equality, contrary to every tradition of American freedom and, the fever which attends existing circumstances having subsided, will be condemned by every thoughtful American citizen. Aside from the fundamental objection to the inequality of different people before the law which this bill establishes, a grave objection is that under this law an innocent man is liable to be convicted. It is all right to make it easy to convict an anarchist, but it is all wrong to make it easy to convict an innocent man for some harmless or thoughtless words spoken by him. Whether this bill becomes a law or not, the man who kills a President will be executed, but that will not bring the President back to life.

The important thing to do is to drive the anarchism out of the country and prevent the killing of Presidents."

Last Monday the Senate passed the ship subsidy bill although six prominent republicans voted against the measure. On the same day the House Committee on Rules voted to report to the House the Crum-packer resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the question of congressional representation as compared with the number of voters.

On Friday the House passed the River and Harbor bill carrying an appropriation of \$30,000,000. On Friday the Senate passed the war revenue repeal bill, amending the bill as passed by the House only to the extent of leaving the tax on "bucket shops."

Saturday there was no session of the Senate and the House devoted its attention to the private calendar. The promoters of the Crum-packer movement do not deny that their intention is to curtail the congressional representation of certain Southern States and, if they attempt any definite move in that direction, they will be strenuously resisted by the democrats. Representative Richardson, the democratic leader, assures me that the democrats will avail themselves of every parliamentary tactic to prevent so grave an injustice and every democrat in Congress will stand by him. Whatever may be the result, in so far as the republicans are concerned, the attempt gives every promise of uniting the democratic party and is freely predicted that northern republicans will repudiate the attempt, on the part of their representatives, to take a step which

must result in intense sectional animosity. It is well known that the former President disapproved of this movement and the leaders of the House shared his disapproval, but were forced to give their consent with a view of overshadowing the constantly growing sentiment in Congress, and all over the country, in favor of tariff revision.

The much vaunted harmony emanating from the ratification of the Ways and Means policy in regard to Cuba at the conference of the republican members held on last Tuesday evening, is not materializing to the satisfaction of the republican leaders. The Michigan delegation have resolved to contest the policy on the floor of the House. The Massachusetts republicans are preparing to make an onslaught on the committee's bids and General Wood has come to Washington to protest to the President that the proposed reduction of twenty per cent of the Dingley tariff rates on Cuban imports will accomplish nothing. The President still looks to the Senate to amend the measure so as to make it practical and the Representatives are constantly threatening to revolt unless they are given solemn pledges that the Senate will not change any bill they may pass, in any particular.

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**Wedding Bells At White Oak.**

On last Sunday evening, March 16th, at about 7 o'clock, in the presence of a large and appreciative crowd, Mr. Ulysses Ferguson, of Fines Creek, and Miss Flora Clark, one of our most accomplished young ladies, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents, at this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Newell, of lower Fines Creek.

The attendants were Riley Boyd, of Jonathan, with Miss Dovie Clark, sister of the bride; Ebil Davis, of Ironduff with Miss Ferguson, a sister of the groom; Lonzo Green, of Fines Creek, with Miss Lizzie Williams, of Palm; Charles Tenge, of White Oak, with Miss Parelee Allison, of Jonathan.

After congratulations were extended, they marched into the dining room where they found a beautiful and delicious supper prepared for the occasion, which was enjoyed by all. The remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, and was an occasion to be long remembered by all who were present.

On the following morning the happy couple, with a few friends, left for their home on Fines Creek, where they no doubt received a hearty welcome from the groom's parents.

May they live a long and useful life and find much sunshine and happiness along the path-way of life, is the wish of  
A FRIEND.

**"Talkin' 'Bout Weather."**

Frank L. Stanton, in Constitution.  
"Well, sir, talkin' 'bout weather, I hain't seen nary winter like this since the stars fell."

"Sakes alive! Hiram" exclaimed the old lady. "You must be a-losin' of yer fergetfulness! Has you done lost sight of the winter when Sis Williams was a-talkin' to the preacher after meetin', an' fell ter laughin' an' her jaws friz whilst her mouth was wide open, an' didn't thaw till her old man come home 'billin' full, an' she lit in to abusin' of him, an' broke his head an' two jugs with a light ard knot, an' throwed hot water on the dog kaze he took the old man's part, and then put the old man to bed and made him drink red pepper tea till he thought he'd run agin' the hereafter, and sent for the preacher to come an' pray for him? I axes you onct agin', Hiram, has yer fergetfulness fergot that winter?"

"Yes," replied the old man, in a bewildered sort of way, "I had clean lost track of it. But I won't fergit it no more."

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Gleaned From Exchanges and Otherwise.

A. P. Wibar had the misfortune to lose one hundred and ten dollars somewhere on the streets last Saturday.—Marshall Record.

Mrs. Vol Tipton, mother of Sidney Tipton, died at her home near Leonard Wednesday morning after a brief illness.—Sheriff Ramsey and W. D. Redmon have just completed a very commodious stable in the rear of the court house on the site of the one recently burned.—Marshall Enterprise.

Tonatoes from the Biltmore farms have made their appearance upon the market.—The Diamond Blacking Company have rented the building on South Main street, formerly occupied by the Paris Medicine Company, for the purpose of establishing a blacking manufacturing plant.—Asheville Register.

Attorneys O. V. F. Blythe and H. S. Anderson have formed a partnership.—The cold storage building next to the Bank of Hendersonville has been purchased by J. W. Bailey who is having it moved on to his own property.—George P. Liverette has sold his livery stable to J. H. Wyatt and has bought Newman & Co's. stock of goods in the store under the Times office.—Hendersonville Times.

Perry Gant, who lived on Mr. W. A. Costner's place, was killed last Thursday by a falling tree.—Fire broke out Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock in the C. & N. W. depot, which was destroyed completely. Besides a complete loss of everything in the depot, there was 100 bales of cotton, belonging to various cotton mills nearby, destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$15,000 partly covered by insurance.—Lincolnton Journal.

Up to last Friday night 307 tax payers of Macon county had not paid their poll tax. These are about equally divided between democrats and republicans, and they belong to all the townships.—Mrs. Eli Myers died last Monday morning and was buried at the Baptist church yesterday. Her death occurred five months to a day after that of her husband.—Mrs. Ruth Owenby died Sunday night at the age of 72 years, and was buried Monday evening at the Baptist church here, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. R. Pendergrass. She was a sister of the late Robt. K. Wallace and formerly resided in Clay county.—Franklin Press.

A Company of 25 persons left here Tuesday night for Canton, Ohio.—Tom Fortune, while driving a wagon near town Tuesday accidentally caught his foot over a stump and broke his leg.—Seventy-five additional convicts passed through Marion Saturday on their way to the railroad works in Mitchell, Gates, one of the Emma post-office burglars, was in the gang.—Mrs. Mary Elliott, wife of Mr. C. D. Elliott, died suddenly at her home in town on Monday last, leaving ten children besides a number of other relatives to mourn her loss.—The workmen are tearing the old court house to pieces. When finished, as it soon will be, but few, if any, familiar features will remain. The large columns will be retained. That's all. In appearance the building will be new, hardly recognizable. To the old citizen there is something pathetic in parting with the old court house. It was built just after McDowell county was established—about the year 1844.—Marion News.

Rev. Richard Wainwright died Monday at Biltmore. He had been very ill for some time; an operation was performed last week, but it was of no avail. The funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at All Souls' church by

the rector, Rev. R. R. Swope. Mr. Wainwright was well known in this county and could count a number of our prominent citizens among his personal friends. Nearly eighteen years ago he came here and settled at Bowman's Bluff, where he resided until last year. He then decided to leave that place and presented his attractive property there as an unconditional gift to the Episcopal church. He was a man of extensive travel and wide experience. He was born in England and served as a missionary in Labrador and afterwards in the Hawaiian Islands. He was seventy two years old at the time of his death. His wife, the sister of Bishop Willis of Honolulu, one son, Eric K. Wainwright, and several married daughters survive him.—Hendersonville Times.

**Would Smash The Club.**

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**Where Is Powell's Branch?**

MR. EDITOR—There is a small branch on our farm "The Pines", known as Powell's Branch, which is exclusively our own property—called for in the old deeds. It empties into Possum Creek, which flows through our place and thence east of Waynesville, in a northerly direction to Richland Creek. Mr. J. M. Tate was one of the commissioners who divided the lands of J. A. B. Fitzgerald among the heirs and he is evidently the cause of an error which makes no material difference to others, but may sometime cause trouble in establishing lines and roads on our farm. I notice that Mr. Tate and his son-in-law R. Q. McCracken have both recently published notices in which they mis-called "Possum Creek", giving it the name of our little "Powell's Branch."

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**Don't Worry.**

If you want to get well or to keep well, don't worry. If you want to be happy and to make others happy, don't worry. If you want to be plump and fresh, don't worry. If you want things to go right with you and yours, don't worry. If you wish to be a helpmate to your husband, don't worry. If you wish to be a loving and loved mother, don't worry. If you want a good appetite, don't worry. If you want to sleep well, don't worry. Worry is the curse of American women. Instead of taking the blessings that a kind Father provides, and being happy and content, all are pressed over and they worry for what they have not. "Don't cross the bridge until you come to it" is a maxim that is well for all to bear in mind. Live today, so far as troubles and anxieties of the future are concerned, leave them to the future. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

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"Can any Good Thing Come out of Nazareth?"  
I have read your copy of "Child's Wives at School," taken from the Advance of New Jersey—and your comments. And will you permit an outsider from a distant state—Alabama, who has found rest and health in your beautiful mountains of North Carolina, to tell some of the things which she has found, and also to give a few facts which register conditions in the North that are more deplorable than any in the South? Yet like Mrs. Jellyby whose zeal for these on the "coast of Africa" made sad havoc of neglect in her own household, so do our Northern brethren skip over conditions amid the foreign degraded population in their own midst to seek a remedy—evils which it seems they can find in the South only! It is a fatal impossibility, in human nature, to find the beam in one's own eye, and a vivid peculiarity to spy the mote in another's eye! Where ever human life is, there exists poverty, sin, crime and ignorance, yet in the North's opinion all such conditions are south of Mason and Dixon's line! Now here are some points:

1. The article begins: "Early marriages are customary among the mountaineers of North Carolina, and when the husbands are killed in the numerous feud wars, or disappear to escape revenue officers, the young wives, as a rule, are entered on the roll of the Industrial School at Asheville."

Liquor "traffic" to escape revenue officers is a deplorable regime, but liquor traffic endorsed by our laws are still more so. A paper lies before me which states that "prohibition" exists in the mountains—not the town of Buncombe, Yancey and Madison counties, and one pioneer preacher broke up an illicit distillery, that is in the South! Across from that page is the statement concerning one "barroom" in the North: "Going into one barroom were counted on a Sabbath evening, 450 men, and in two hours 480 more entered until they stood six deep around the gambling tables. "Funds and murders" exist everywhere. Was not the title of the honored President of the Republic taken in the very heart of all of the accumulated splendors of our American civilization? So, are "funds and murders" to be found only in the mountains? And are not widows of early marriages less to be regretted than the flagrant widowhood of divorce at the North?

2. The article further says "Few of these mountain girls, when they come to the school have ever seen a looking glass or a clothes brush, or even the most necessary articles of housekeeping implements."

To offset this there was a test put to a child's grade of the public school in Boston and out of three hundred, seventy five did not know their left hand from their right, only thirty-five had ever seen a live chicken, and only a few a live sheep, goat or cow! In a paper just last week was an amusing incident which occurred in New England recently of children who had never seen a kid, interpreting the brothers dipping Joseph's coat in "the blood of a little child" which they had killed, construing the slang of "kid" into that of child. Thus we see that environment controls such things. The city girl who comes to the mountains is just as ignorant about nature as the mountain girl is about manufactured wares. These things which are familiar to us we ridicule because another is unfamiliar with them, without knowing what ignorance we ourselves are betraying in other matters.

3. Again the article says: "They have never held a pen in their fingers or taken hold of a book."

Only of late years have railroads plowed their furrows through mountain to mountain, cave to cave, and on into the outer world. And while many of the feminine folk may not have held a book or pen in their hands, here is what they have done; heroically helped the men till the ground, have helped to raise flax, then have spun and woven their own family clothing material; and not only sewed on the family button, but made them first, and then sewed them on. There have been shown to me a fine piece of soft silk woven by a girl's own fingers, and a fine linen suit of men's clothes which the wife wove and the husband wore into the field to work—a mit which only dukes can now afford to wear! I have passed a house of mud dauber legs which contains no housekeeping implements of convenience yet out of which the wife and mother went forth into the field to raise bread and out of that house she has sent sons and daughters of noble achievement and worthy citizenship. Showing that looking glasses and clothes brushes are almost indispensable conveniences, but are not requisites to sterling manhood or industrious, pure womanhood.

4. Again it says: "A table set for a meal is as wonderful an object as a two story house."

If the writer of the article in the Advance will read that book "Darkest New York," which is a volume of tabulated facts given and verified for by Mr. Burnes, who was chief of the detective force in the city, there is found this statement: "Fifteen

thousand wife children live like rats in the waste boxes and barrels on the wharves of the Metropolis, and subsist on the garbage of the city and on the rotten fruit cast off by the stands. Do they know what a "set table" is? A returned shoe buyer told me as he stood on the pier looking at the shipping in New York he counted thirty-five of these homeless out-cast waifs run off from underneath the sleepers of the pier by the police and he counted eighteen girls in the number. Has the Industrial School at Asheville found any such condition in these mountains as can outweigh that condition of girls in the North? or has it encountered fifteen thousand from these mountains who have never seen a "set table?"

5. Again: "Most of them go up and down stairs for the first few weeks with all the awkwardness of people undergoing a novel sensation."

Is an up stairs an essential to life? Abraham, Isaac and Jacob dwelt in tents and raised flocks. The Master was born in a manger, and some of our greatest men have come from log cabins. Hopper, the sifted artist of waif-life has given many heart-piercing sketches of wan children up-stairs in the great cities. One especially is a little child peering upward through the chimney at the speck of blue sky and rejoicing that it was summer so she could see it. And whose heart does not ache as the elevated railroad whistles past windows and reveals the poverty and privacy of up-stairs along their tracks?

The oldest houses in this county have up-stairs, and all the old churches had up stairs galleries.

Some of the sweetest calls of my life have been into the North Carolina mountain homes, where I have found babies, pictures, and above all kindness. My eyes have been opened in many ways to the difference in city emphasis, and country emphasis, and how much more heart sympathy pervades even mountain homes than in the city's busy aggressions. And when we wish to really uplift people the surest failure comes in emphasizing their short comings to public contempt. The divine Teacher came out of Nazareth, and maybe some of these days our Northern critics will wake up to the fact that He has followers in the South who are indigenous to the soil, and that their own self-praised work is not the only work for humanity's sake existing—in the South.

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