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**Busbee on Tobacco And Brandy.**

That old fable about the lawyer's bull and the farmer's ox is repeated every day. When the Republican, Internal Revenue bull was goring the Democratic ox, every Democrat in North Carolina, from the greatest to the least, demanded that he should be slaughtered, and his blood sprinkled upon the altar of American liberty. The Democratic ox—the voters of the country—who had been gored and depleted almost beyond recovery, lent willing ears to promise of relief, and voted the bull over to the blood-thirsty Democrats. But circumstances alter cases. When the lawyer learned it was his bull had gored the farmer's ox the case was entirely changed, and so, when the men who demanded the sacrifice of the Internal Revenue bull had him turned over to them they, one after another cry out? Great is the Internal Revenue, whence cometh our bread and butter.

The last, but not the least of these new converts to the gilded beauty of this golden bull is Mr. F. H. Busbee. He writes to the Landmark from Raleigh to inform that "almost all of us have discernment enough to realize that the repeal of the excise laws is out of the question." "Discernment" is a good thing, but it seems to be a blessing vouchsafed only to those who look at the internal revenue system from the inside of its offices. Mr. Busbee is United States district attorney, and from the true inwardness of that office he "realizes" the beauties thereof, and "discerns" some things that are true and some that are not true. He says the "advocates of a total repeal may be found in both parties but they are in a helpless minority in the country at large." While the Republicans held the offices there was hardly a Democrat to be found who was not for repeal, and there has been no change from that position except by those who now hold the offices. Since the Republicans have been turned out they are almost unanimous for repeal but the fellows who hold the offices and "realize" the golden beauties thereof, say we, the repealers, are in a hope-

less minority." We shall know of that in November.

Mr. Busbee says the "Republican dread of its prohibition wing will prevent it from favoring the repeal of the tax on whisky." We are astonished at this ignorance. Prohibitionists are about as unanimous for repeal as was Mr. Busbee before he got into office. If any time-past Prohibitionist has got into office and "discerns" his mistake, while he "realizes" his money and his safety from the "helpless minority" he is no longer a Prohibitionist in the true sense.

Mr. Busbee also says "the desire among Democrats to make reductions in the tariff will secure the tax on whisky to be retained." If our memory serves us correctly one of the arguments and a very strong one, used by Democratic speakers, Mr. Busbee among them, in favor of repeal was the certainty that it would force a reduction of tariff duties to a revenue basis as demanded by the Democratic platform. So long as the needs of the Treasury are supplied by internal taxation the protectionists can afford to fight against a "tariff for revenue only." Repeal the internal tax and the needs of the Treasury will compel a reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life to a revenue basis. "But, says Mr. Busbee, much can be done to relieve us from the evils inseparable from these laws. The tax on tobacco can be also entirely repealed." Why can this be repealed sooner than the whisky tax? As many people use whisky as use tobacco, and poorer people as a rule, and why the difference? Has Mr. Busbee "discernment enough to realize" that the tobacco tax makes but few cases in his court and consequently but few dollars in his pocket? Perhaps! He says tobacco is as much a necessity as tea or coffee or sugar. No doubt about that. None of them are necessities. Thousands of people live healthy and happy without using any of those articles and Mr. Busbee, though raised "with a silver spoon in his mouth," might yet be weaned from them without hurt. But read him on Brandy. He says: "Secondly, the tax on the fruit brandy can be reduced, though not repealed. Thorough supervision will be necessary to prevent the fraudulent use of grain. Stringent and useful legislation upon the details will be indispensable, the time of distillation limited to the last four or five months of the year, the capacity of the stills graded to the probable source of supply, and numerous other safeguards provided."

Was there ever as much official selfishness expressed

in such a small space? "Not repealed," because it makes cases in court. "Thorough supervision" will make more cases in court. "Stringent and useful legislation," to further encroach upon the liberties of an already oppressed, long-suffering but restive people. The tax on brandy is now lower than on whisky, and the "fraudulent use of grain" is charged. Reduce the tax on brandy to ten cents as some advocate and there will be very little whisky made. It will all be brandy, and Mr. Busbee's court will be crowded with business. Brandy is no more a necessity than whisky. It does as much evil as whisky, quantity for quantity, and if relieved of tax, will be manufactured from the cereals which now produce whisky.

The last of Mr. Busbee's proposition we shall notice, is put United States Commissioners, and deputy marshals, upon salaries. By this plan an honest officer who renders faithful service to the government gets no more than the indolent, half-criminal, who winks at the violation of the law, stays at home and draws the salary. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and we oppose any law that makes no difference between an honest man and a rogue.

In conclusion, we repeat we want no half work in the repealing of these abominable excise laws. Mr. Busbee's plan would decrease the revenues, but leave all the odious parts of the system in full force. Cut off a few thorns that pierce a few large manufacturers and the chances for the entire repeal are made less. We want no compromises, but a clear sweep.

**Sons of Temperance.**

It is always pleasant to note the growth of temperance sentiment and the increase in numbers of organizations which promote that growth. Asheville Division S. of T. has been greatly revived and from the best material in the city. During the past quarter they have initiated 17 new members and have 10 other applications, while only one had been expelled. The officers for this quarter are: J. B. Lindsey, W. P.; Miss Maggie Owens, W. A.; J. H. Lindsey, F. S.; S. W. Bridgwater, Treas.; G. R. Reagan, R. S.; Miss Kate Lindsey, A. R. S.; J. N. D. Campbell, Chap.; C. L. Lindsey, Con.; Miss Sadie Bowles, A. C.; T. B. Justice, L. S.; Edward Gates, O. S. The Division meets regularly every Tuesday night.

Secretary Lamar resigned his place in the Cabinet on the 7th instant, and the President accepted it the same day in terms of tenderness and gratitude.

**Public Education.**

The Wadesboro Intelligencer has an article abusing and denouncing the public schools of North Carolina. It goes for Maj. Finger because he said that 12½ cents was not enough for public school purposes, and says that the present tax is just 12½ cents too much. The Intelligencer—a misnomer—shows its love for education and intelligence by saying: The money had better be burned to ashes. We would rather burn a \$5 bill than to pay \$2.20 towards the support of the public schools. No greater affliction was ever visited upon the people of the South. \* \* \* If God intended that free schools should be, it was written on the tablets of stone which were broken in Sinai's Mount, and the lines were never retraced. If the selfish politician, the craven demagogue, could be elected to stay at home, there might be some hope of relief, for, if the voice of three-fourths of the taxpayers of North Carolina were expressed to-day, and heeded, the infamous system would be abolished instantly.

The good book says "answer a fool according to his folly." In obedience to that injunction it may be well to devote a few lines to the so-called Intelligencer.

There are a few men—thank God they are few—in North Carolina who are so intensely selfish and narrow minded that they would rejoice to see the few only enjoy the benefits of education and intelligence. They oppose public schools from no principle—they do so merely because of their own innate inherent selfishness. If they possessed the souls of men they would not so earnestly favor depriving the white children of North Carolina of the little advantages they now have of securing the barest rudiments of an education.

**The Serpent of the Still.**

The poem under this head in another column is from Harper's Weekly. It is aptly illustrated on the same page by a still and a worm, from which has come a serpent of untold length, and wound itself around and around the living and dying forms of a woman and her three babes. The son, apparently six or eight years old, lies stretched out at full length upon the ground, with two coils of the deadly serpent around his chest and neck, while a daughter, who looks to be five years old, is on her knees, also encircled by two coils of the serpent, and clinging and reaching up to her mother, who holds her infant in her left arm, while she resolutely grips the serpent's neck in her right hand at full arm's length above her head, at which the forked tongue points from open mouth and poisonous fangs. The drawing is by Jessie Shepherd, and is a forcible illustration of the most destructive traffic ever tolerated by any people. The picture is made complete by a shabby hut in the back ground, on which you read "Liquors," and that explains the whole scene.

**Congressional.**

SENATE.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Platt presented a number of petitions in favor of prohibition in the District of Columbia, and urged the importance of action on the subject.

Mr. Blair then called up the Education bill as the regular order, and Mr. Reagan being recognized, proceeded to oppose the bill. Southern States were not in need of federal aid for school purposes. The Texas school fund this year was \$3,100,000.

Mr. Blair read letters from educational authorities in that State complaining of the lack of school funds, and urging the passage of the bill.

Mr. Plumb offered an amendment providing that the money shall be distributed among the several states and territories in proportion to their population according to the 1880 census.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Vance, appropriating \$10,000 for a monument to be erected in North Carolina to the memory of Gen. William Lee Davidson, who was killed at Cowan's Ford in the Revolutionary war.

HOUSE.—Speaker Carlisle to-day announced to the House the following committees:

Mills, of Texas, is chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, Randall on Appropriations, Culbertson on the Judiciary, Bland on Coinage, Weights and Measures, and Blanchard on Rivers and Harbors. The North Carolina members are on committees as follows: Henderson on the Judiciary and Pensions, Rowland on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, Election of President and Vice-President, Nichols on Mines and Mining, and Labor, Cowles on Patents and Expenditures in the Post-Office Department, and the Department of Justice, Latham on Land Claims and District of Columbia, Simmons on Claims and Expenditures in the Treasury Department, Brower on Claims and Expenditures in the State Department, and McClammy on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

By Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, creating the postal telegraph of the United States. By Mr. Rowland, of N. C. to repeal the tax on tobacco. [Similar bills were introduced by Messrs. Johnston and Henderson, of N. C., Bogue, of Pennsylvania, Houk, of Tenn., and others.]

**Don't**

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

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Robert, son of Mr. J. O. Moore, of Bethany township, went out hunting, and failing to find any game, concluded, on his return trip, not to go home without hearing the report of his gun. He accordingly blazed away at a stump, and the gun, one of these single-barrel pot metal affairs, with two or three charges in it, burst, and blew one of his hands all to pieces.—Statesville Landmark.

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