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A Working Man.

We are not going to write of field workers and wood-choppers now. There are other kinds of work just now as much, or more needed for the benefit of the masses of our people as with the axe and the plow. While the masses are at their daily labor for the support and comfort of loved ones, there are a set of politicians in Congress endeavoring to preserve and perpetuate a system of taxation which not only absorbs the substance, but is undermining the liberties of the people. All are interested in opposing these efforts, but all cannot go to Washington for the work needed in this behalf. We all want the internal revenue abolished, and a revision of the tariff to a revenue basis, but all have not the means to go, nor the influence that would command for us a hearing. Many of our leading men have visited Washington from time to time, giving their time, money and talents in behalf of the dearest interests of the people, and none have done more or been as apparently successful as our Lieutenant Governor, C. M. Stedman. He seems to have gained the ear of Mr. Mills, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, as no other visitor has done, and to have impressed him with the necessity of action on the part of the Democrats in Congress in the matter of revenue reform. He informed Mr. Mills that the people of North Carolina demanded the repeal of the internal revenue, and Mr. Mills promised that all in his power, as a Democratic member of Congress, and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, should be done to relieve our people of internal taxes and vexations. Lieutenant Governor Stedman is an uncompromising advocate of the repeal of the internal revenue, and does not hesitate to use his time, his talent, his money and his influence in efforts to rid the people of its burdens. He is a worker in the interest of the people.

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

"A Citizen."

"It is proposed to make Statesville and the township a prohibition district, and close up and send away the firms and business men engaged here in the liquor trade under the laws, by repealing them, regardless of consequences to them or the public financially. And that at a time when these gentlemen are about taking part in other interests of large importance to the welfare of Statesville and the county of Iredell and other counties, in the shape of manufacturing enterprises, which the city so much needs to advance the general prosperity. What will be gained by this law? Simply "prohibition," that does not prohibit!"

Thus writes one who signs himself "A Citizen," of the town of Statesville. If he had looked at all the meanings of this most comprehensive term he would very likely have selected some other. In this country every man who has the right to vote and purchase land is a "Citizen," though he be a black-skinned or black-hearted murderer, and cannot write his name. But we feel sure "A Citizen" is of a better class of citizens, and we think he has not thought those business men may find as profitable and more God-serving investment of their capital in "interest of large importance to the welfare of Statesville and the county of Iredell and other counties, in the shape of manufacturing enterprises, which the city so much needs to advance the general prosperity." Let those business men read "She Never Had a Pair of Shoes," in this paper, and convert their capital from the liquor traffic into a shoe factory, and if they don't make quite so much money they will have more peace of mind in this life, and have better hopes of Heaven when they die, according to the Scriptures.

Does It Fear Suspicion?

The Fayetteville Journal declines to publish the notice of the meeting of the State Prohibition Convention, even the time and place, as an item of news, because "the call comes endorsed and authorized by men influential in the Radical party." We suppose for the same reason it would not advise its readers when or where the Republican Convention will meet this year, but it keeps them all advised where they can find all kinds of intoxicating drinks, &c. Disavowing opposition to prohibition, and bidding God speed to any "feasible plan for checking the evils of intemperance" may deceive some folks, but "straws show which way the wind blows."

Miss Lucy Byrd, of Morristown, Tenn. has exhibited a power, equal to, if not surpassing, that of Lulu Hurst. Her demonstrations have astonished all who witnessed them.

They Never Read It.

The Blair Bill has now passed the Senate. If it should pass the House and escape the President's veto, North Carolina has to tax its people \$584,754 more per year in order to reap the benefit of the bill—Salisbury Herald.

The editor of the Herald surely never read the Blair Bill or he would not make such a declaration. A number of papers have said the same as the Herald about the increase of taxation necessary to reap the benefit of the Blair Bill. There is no language in the bill to justify any such conclusion.

P. S.—Since the above was written we see the Salisbury Watchman exhibits the most astounding credulity by accepting the "startling statements" by some Lynchburg liar, that the Northern States would get millions, while the Southern States get only thousands—North Carolina only \$383,000. Somebody has lied. And the Watchman asks, "Are not these figures perfectly astounding to Southern Minds?" The astounding part to us is that any man who can work the "Single Rule of Three" does not see and denounce the lie, they are made to tell instead of using them to oppose a much needed law. Many editors who oppose the Blair Bill prove by their every day walk and conversation that we need more schools.

Give His Name.

The Spirit of the Age is having a lively time with the third party men, including Dr. Abernethy, whose candidacy before the Democratic Convention has twice failed because his "orator" on each occasion got drunk. We don't think brother Whitaker should be so hard on brother Abernethy under the circumstances. After a worthy man has been twice kept out of a good office by his "orator" being made drunk by the "friends of the enemy" we think he ought to be allowed some latitude of thought and of speech. It is enough to make a man—ry. There was a regular conspiracy against the Doctor and his "orator," and we think the conspirators should be indicted before the next convention and sentenced to the State Legislature for two years. To do this the name of the "orator" must be known, that he may be made a witness, and if the Doctor will give the name of his "orator" to the people, whose duty it is to punish political evil-doers, we move that brother Whitaker be required to keep the peace toward all the good citizens of the third party, and especially towards Doctor Abernethy. Gives us the name, Doctor.

A Charge and a Denial.

Under the head of a "Judicial Farc" the Sanford Express has published some severe strictures upon the character of Judge Phillips since the acquittal of S. H. Buchanan at the last court in Rockingham. It charges Judge Phillips with having visited Buchanan's home previous to Court and enjoyed his hospitalities, drinking of Buchanan's wine to intoxication. Judge Phillips has been interviewed and pronounces maliciously false the charge, adding that he had never formed Buchanan's acquaintance until after his acquittal at Rockingham.

So here is the veracity of brother Sinclair charging and Judge Phillips denying. Chose ye which to believe—Laurinburg Exchange.

A correspondent of the Raleigh Signal comes to the defense of Judge Phillips, and denounces the charge made by the Express as false and malicious. The charge is a serious one. If true should bring impeachment and removal from office, and if not true the editors "outfit" should be forfeited to the school fund and he be put to breaking rock on the public road. The charge is made by a Democratic paper and denied through a Republican paper, and for once we are inclined to side with the latter. We were intimate with Fred. Phillips at law school, and our recollections of his character as a youth afford no grounds for believing he has grown to be such a man as this charge makes him.

Keeps the Sabbath.

Our excellent President showed his veneration for God's law and his respect for the Sabbath day in a little incident that occurred on his trip to Florida. When he reached Charleston on his return, he remained in that city only one hour, saying that if he stayed longer it would force him to break the Sabbath. With only one hour's delay he could reach Washington before 12 o'clock on Saturday night. His respect for the Sabbath sets a good example before the whole nation.

Cleveland may not be a saint, but he is nearer the "straight and narrow way" in this particular than some who speak of him as a vicious and wicked man.

President Cleveland tendered to Rev. J. C. Price of Salisbury the Mission to Liberia. Price is the ablest orator and most learned colored man in this country, and a man of extraordinary pure character. We are glad to know he has declined the appointment, as we believe he can do more for his race at home than if he was sent abroad. His people need his services and he shows himself a true man, to remain where he can do them the most good. Long live J. C. Price.

Emperor William is Dead.

Frederick William Lewis, King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany, died in Berlin at 8:30 on the 9th inst., thirteen days short of 91 years old. Few men have ever figured so prominently in European affairs, and few have lived so long in Royal life. His son Frederick William, now 57 years old and suffering with cancerous affection of the throat, succeeds as Frederick III. It is not thought he can long enjoy his imperial honors, but will soon be succeeded by his son, William, who is now 25 years old, and a grand-son of Queen Victoria. Frederick having married Victoria's oldest daughter. The Crown Prince also has a son William, and it may well be said of Germany, "The King never dies."

Digest of Supreme Court Decisions.

By News and Observer.

Timberlake vs Powell.
Held. The assignment of a judgment passes the right to take any steps open to the judgment creditor to enforce the judgment, but it does not pass a right independent of the judgment to be enforced against tort-feasors not parties to the judgment. So where one having a lien on property, brings claim and delivery, and the defendant gives a bond, and judgment is rendered for the possession or for the money value if not delivered, in usual form, and the judgment is assigned, and the property converted by a stranger, the assignee of the judgment has no right under the same to hold the stranger liable.

Horton vs. Leo.
Held. Where a testator devises property that does not belong to him and the devisee knowing the fact does not dissent, but elects to take under the will, neither the devisee nor any one claiming under the devisee can be heard to assert any claim that would defeat the will. Where there is no doubt apparent on the face of the will as to what property was embraced in a devise, but a doubt is raised by something extrinsic or latent, parol evidence is competent to show what was meant.

A presumption that a deviser did not intend to include in the devise property belonging to another may be rebutted by parol evidence fitting the thing to the description.

Wortham vs Basket.
Held. Sheriffs' sales must be made on the days prescribed by the act of assembly and otherwise are void, unless made by consent of the judgment debtor.

Where the legislature prescribed that sales shall be made on the "first" Monday except in those months when the Superior Court shall be held, and then during the first three days of court, a sale made on the first Monday of a month, on the second day of which a court was to be held, is void.

Under the Statute creating Vance county, and the general Statutes of the State, the Superior Court of Vance county was required to be held on the second Monday in June, 1883, and a sale made on the first Monday of that month was unlawful and void.

Philip F. Brennan, of Brooklyn, died on the 1st inst. in Roosevelt Hospital from the effects of injuries received while drunk, and four widows came to claim the body. He had married them all in that city, and two of them had four children each.