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STOKES COUNTY.

The Walnut Cove Argus is properly jubilant over the possible purchase of a fine water-power near that thriving point, and its improvement at an early date.

Stokes is one of the richest counties, naturally, in the State. The Argus says:

"We predict for Stokes county one of the greatest futures of any county in the State of North Carolina. She far exceeds many of the other counties in natural resources, such as iron ore, coal, mica and granite in immense quantities, timber of all ordinary kinds, water power for manufacturing enterprises and the finest mineral springs in the South.

Some years ago we were shown a specimen of pure black marble which came from Stokes. It was as pretty a piece of stone as we ever saw, the polish on it reflecting almost equal to a mirror.

A LAUDABLE SPIRIT.

The Durham Herald says: "The Raleigh cotton mill has set the pace that will, it is thought, bring in twenty thousand dollars towards establishing the textile department in the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

highest praise and credit. The textile department is now assured."

This textile school is a necessity in our State, and no class appreciates this more than the mill owners and managers themselves. It was unfortunate that the General Assembly did not feel itself justified in making the appropriation necessary to erect the buildings, and fully equip them; but this was not done.

But, as so promptly shown by the Raleigh cotton mills, to be followed by the other mill men, the patriotism and immediate necessities of the case combined will produce by private donation what the public, through its Legislature was not prepared to do.

The men who have engaged in the milling industry in this State have builded more wisely and thoroughly than they knew. They have revolutionized in a large measure the character of the people and the scope of their opportunities, greatly to the benefit of every class and enterprise.

It is the men who have done these things, who have wrought these changes, who are most anxious for the school under consideration. It is these men who will not permit further unnecessary loss of time for the lack of a few thousand dollars—a small stipend from each.

TOO MUCH STYLE IN SATRAPS.

All military governments are alike—alike offensive—whether under a Republic or under a monarchy. Complaint is now made that in addition to their salaries, American officers, or certain of them, are permitted to appropriate certain or possibly uncertain sums out of the Cuban revenues to enable themselves to "live in style."

The propriety of the action of the army authorities in allowing the military commanders at Havana large sums out of the Cuban revenue to maintain their official establishments in "appropriate" style will well be questioned. In the first place there does not appear to be sufficient reason for making such allowances to these officers and denying them to those in other cities of practically equal rank.

We will not condemn executive officers for sticking to the law. It is neither their province to make, any more than it is their privilege to refuse

to execute laws, specially when they are explicit and mandatory. It is as culpable for an executive officer to violate a plainly written law by failure to enforce it according to its spirit and intent as it is in a judge to practically assume the legislative function by strained construction or enlarging the scope of a statute beyond what its letter and spirit permits.

In criticizing the Secretary of the Treasury for issuing the new gold certificates in denominations of \$20.00, rather than smaller to better suit present demands for currency, we had lost sight of the law, which fixes this minimum limit on issues of such certificates.

We believe, however, that the Secretary can issue silver certificates in small denominations. Why not issue such in exchange for silver certificates of larger denominations, or for gold certificates, the latter to be returned upon the delivery of said silver certificates issued under this arrangement if preferred.

But as the government redeems all of its issues, including silver dollars, in gold, upon demand or when desired; in other words as the government is understood to guarantee the redemption or exchange of all of its issues in gold, what difference can it make for it to issue smaller notes as needed in exchange for any of the larger issues of whatever character, gold, or gold certificates, greenbacks, or government notes? There would be no more money actually put in circulation, only that which would be uttered would be in better shape for the greater convenience of the public and involve no greater danger in the way of a rush on the treasury.

There should be more flexibility in the currency issues. This is exemplified in the present demand and recognized by the Secretary. The demand should be met to the fullest, and not partially by confining the proposed relief to notes of larger denominations than public interests require.

Commenting upon the determination of Secretary Gage to issue 20-dollar gold certificates the New York Times says:

"The fundamental absurdity, of course, is that the Treasury should need to concern itself about the supply of paper money. If we had a proper currency system the needs of business would regulate the supply of the circulating medium without recourse to the Treasury."

And the New York Journal of Commerce adds: "If the Treasury were taken out of the currency business entirely, there would be a modern and adequate bank currency law, and the banks would store their own gold, and at this season of the year they would increase their note issues to whatever extent might be necessary, and in the spring or early summer they would have to take them up because, being in excess of the needs of business, they would be returned for redemption."

Both of our contemporaries practically summarize the financial necessity of the country, which is a banking system based on business principles and responsive to business demands, says the Richmond Dispatch.

It has broke out in Old England. The New York Evening Post tells us that the "American 'color-line' prejudices have just had an extraordinary display in London. A Mr. Baptista, an Indian gentleman, who is a graduate of Cambridge University and a barrister of good standing, was refused admission to apartments which he had engaged in a boarding-house. The excuse given by the landlady was that 'all Americans in her house would at once leave were an Indian admitted.' Mr. Baptista applied to the courts for redress, but his case has not yet been heard.

Our Johnston friends never believe in putting off until tomorrow what can be done today.

Sheriff Ellington and Hon. E. W. Pou will meet and address the people of Ingram's township, at Four Oaks, on Saturday next, 12th inst., at 3:30 o'clock in the evening, on the great issues of the day. And the people will get the truth straight.

Ambassador Choate has greatly relieved our British allies and kinsmen by assuring them "there will be no war" over Canadian troubles.

Of course not. If so there would soon be no Canada. We love our neighbors "as ourselves." Hence, war would soon make them of ourselves. Mr. Choate is right. There will be no war.

In reading the accounts of the good time to be given Dewey on his return, we rather suspect Otis and the other boys are wondering what in thunder Dewey wanted to get them into such a fix for and then leave them.

Aguinaldo has appealed to the Powers, asking for the recognition of Filipino independence.

These will doubtless reply as do the dispenser of political patronage to the applicant for place, blandly, with more or less sweet-tempered encouragement. "We will take your application under consideration," and like McGinty, down into the hole it will go.

They are now converting Richmond dogs into soap and tanning their hides. That nothing be lost we suggest: that the bark of the dog be used in the tanning process, says the Richmond Times.

And save the hair for the next bite.

Secretary of War Root takes hold in a most encouraging manner. He says the war shall be prosecuted vigorously, without regard to cost. If it were done, 'twere well 'twere done quickly.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Ashville Gazette.

The Gazette believes that the time is near at hand when Western North Carolina will experience a great industrial revival. The conditions of the country are now such as promote the expenditure of capital in directions that promise safe investment, and nature in this section offers a field of great productiveness. In the last few months there have been some notable movements for the development of some of the resources of the country, including gold mining in Henderson county and graphite mining in McDowell. This later venture promises important results, owing to the large and increasing demand now for graphite and the vast quantities of it that exist in this region.

"The Gold Democrats have some questions to ask the Republicans before they pull any more chestnuts out of the fire for them," the Staunton (Va.) News (Nat. Dem.) says, and it begins the task thus: "Why did you not, in the last Congress, propose and vigorously push some legislation to fix the gold standard irrevocably for six years at least? Why did you not try to put the greenbacks in such a position that they could no longer operate to drain gold out of the Treasury, and why did you not offer some plan to supply a safe, flexible bank currency that would remove the incentive to crazes for some kind of abundant cheap money?"

"This is more than I expected," murmured the young woman when her suitor with a hand half as big as a dried codfish proffered it to her.—Boston Transcript.

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