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THE WEATHER TODAY: Continued cold.

THANKS, AWFULLY: The Winston Journal says: "The Morning Post of Raleigh is a pretty good sort of newspaper."

Says the News and Observer: "Judge Avery has prepared and published a very able argument to prove that the Governor has no right to pardon a person sentenced to jail for contempt of court."

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of what Judge Brown did at Statesville. His integrity in the case before him no one questions, nor his power within the law. We mean to sustain the right and power of the executive in cases of contempt as well as others when punishment under the law has been pronounced against a citizen, Judge Shaw so thinks and found "authorities" as well as his own common sense to sustain him.

The Republican caucus "adjourned" again Monday night after some more spouting by a few members who seem not capable of rising to higher or more important questions and feeling the necessity of doing something out of the ordinary or shocking to honest sensibilities that attention may be directed to themselves even for a passing moment.

There will be no "cutting down" or "force bill" legislation. Uncle Joe Cannon reminded the younger and impetuous members that if they had never learned, he had not forgotten the experience of his party a few years ago with these same fool measures.

Two negro soldiers of the United States army were hung in the Philippines on the 7th for deserting and going over to the enemy "in violation of the code in time of war."

So far as these two soldiers are concerned the war is still going on. And they realized, as well as those who saw the hanging, that war is just what General Sherman said it was, and is still "progressing satisfactorily" in our new possessions.

Senator Hoar presented a petition to the Senate the other day praying the United States government to "suspend hostilities" in the Philippines. This surely is a strange request, and moves us to enquire what in thunder our soldiers have been doing in the islands for the past three years but trying to "suspend" hostilities, or something just about as good.

The friends of Mr. A. D. Watts, editor of the Statesville Mascot and member of the House from Iredell deeply sympathize with him in his present sorrow, the death of his venerable mother. Mr. Watts as private secretary to Senator Simmons, was in Washington when the distressful news reached him of her sudden death.

Mr. Richmond Pearson Hobson has won distinction in the navy, but why he should wish to leave service for which he seems well fitted to become a poor politician and office-seeker is as disheartening as inexplicable.

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We wish, however, to cordially endorse this statement of The Times: "But some will say that a franchise is an intangible sort of thing, which cannot be fairly classed as property. Nonsense. Here is a little street railway, which cost in the construction \$25,000, but which is sold for \$135,000. We know of such a case in Virginia. What was it that gave the additional value? The position of vantage; the right of way through the streets of a progressive city; the privilege of having passengers at a profit; the earning capacity; the protection of law—all these advantages which gave it a certain earning power and made it a profitable enterprise upon an investment seven times as large as the original outlay. The franchise in this case and in many other cases is the thing of greatest value, and it is a very proper subject of taxation."

The Virginia-Pilot has been a persistent advocate of franchise taxation and is pleased to observe that the principle has found favor with the Finance Committee of the Convention.

While the new plan is in a sense an experiment, we believe that the success of it may be in a measure assured if the power to assess the property of all such corporations is vested in a corporation commission, or some such body, to be composed of men who will understand the principle and how to apply it.

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