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Here's to the knocker. May his tribe decrease. If there is an individual under high Heaven totally unworthy of the consideration of decent people, a menace to progress and the foe of peace, entirely lacking in all those qualities that go to make the human being lovable and helpful, it is the malicious knocker. Raleigh has a few of the class and in the new era that has just dawned she has no place for them. Sit down on 'em!

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Raleigh has just won a great victory. She has freed herself from bondage. She has swept into oblivion her oppressors and a future of vast possibilities looms up before her. Will she rise to her opportunity? If she would attain to the highest, free Raleigh must not forget Raleigh enslaved. The tyrants she has dethroned are not dead. They will rise again. Remember: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"An admirable trait of those Charlotte papers is that however far apart they may be on other questions, when anything touches the interest of their home town they drop all differences and every man in their midst who does things becomes a king. It is a splendid spirit worthy of emulation."—Salisbury Post.

To the above admirably expressed fact is due Charlotte's high position among her sister cities today. The get-together spirit has made Charlotte what she is. It has given her the best streets of any city in the state, the best hotels, a fine auditorium, sky-scrapers, etc., and is fast making Charlotte the best-known manufacturing centre of the south.

Commenting on the retirement of Dr. R. H. Lewis from the secretaryship of the state board of health the Salisbury Evening Post says:
 "Dr. Lewis' retirement as secretary of the board is a distinct loss to the state. He is really the father of this board, having brought it up to a high standard of efficiency. His work has been largely unselfish, for the remuneration received by the secretary is insignificant. It is regrettable that Dr. Lewis feels constrained to relinquish this work through which he was rendering the state such valuable service."
 Dr. Lewis has done great things for his state. To him is due much of the legislation for the protection of health in North Carolina now on our statute books. He has labored faithfully, receiving but little remuneration, and has really accomplished wonders. The last legislature passed an act requiring all the time of the secretary of the board, and Dr. Lewis could not afford to give up his practice to continue the work.

His successor has been selected. He is young Dr. Watson S. Rankin, dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. Dr. Rankin is a young man of a high order of ability, energetic and capable, and will make a worthy successor of Dr. Lewis.

With yesterday's issue the New Bern Journal entered upon its twenty-eighth year as a daily paper. Twenty-eight years is a long time in the life of a newspaper—especially in the life of a southern newspaper, for the pathway of a newspaper in the south is beset with many difficulties. The story of the small daily may usually be classed with the "short and simple annals of the poor." This is the way Editor Stevens tells the story:

"That these years have been full of work, anxiety, hardship and meager recompense for its editors, needs no detail in the telling. There has been simply the spirit of local pride that has kept most of the Journal's owners at the desk, grinding out an existence of poor returns, in a material way. And yet looking backward, no citizen of New Bern will deny that those who conducted the Journal through years of leanness, when the community was in need of a spirit of optimism, that the Journal was on

hand to point the way to better times, and to give encouragement and persuade the down-hearted to take hold again."

The Journal has ever been faithful to the interests of New Bern. It has protected the morals of its people, watched over their liberties, fostered civic pride and represented at all times New Bern's best interests. The Journal richly deserves at the hands of the people whom it has served so well the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May The Journal survive many generations, increasing in prestige and usefulness as the years go by.

WANTED—A HOTEL.

Now that the big auditorium is a certainty it is up to the good business men of the city to get in behind that hotel proposition. The auditorium will be worth but little to the city without adequate hotel facilities. If Raleigh is to entertain the conventions of the future it is absolutely necessary that hotels be provided for the accommodation of visitors and delegates.

When Raleigh can say to the people of the state that she has an auditorium equal to the best of them, and that she has also hotels sufficient to accommodate the hosts that gather at democratic state conventions, for instance, she will become the convention city of the state. Raleigh has everything else on her side. Centrally located, with first-class railway facilities, she has nothing to fear in the way of competition from her sister cities.

Greensboro has the hotels, but the Gate City is too far west and besides it has no auditorium. To be sure it has a big city block covered with a sheet-iron monstrosity, but by the wildest stretch of the imagination the crazy structure could not be called an auditorium. Charlotte has the hotels and the auditorium, but Charlotte is also too far removed from the center of the state, and it will be dead easy for Raleigh to take the big conventions away from both of these enterprising cities.

Earnest men are at work on the proposition, and it is to be hoped the necessary capital can be raised. The future of Raleigh is dependent on it. We believe that when the business men of Raleigh realize that a big new hotel is absolutely necessary to the progress of their city it will be built. Our big auditorium without the hotel would be as much of a white elephant as is Greensboro's imported sheet-iron horse-barn—though not in the same way.

PRESS COMMENT

Is the Mecklenburg Declaration a Myth.
 We cannot understand why the Charleston News and Courier takes so much delight in relegating to the realm of myth and legend the great document which is so fragrantly associated with the cause of liberty on this continent—the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which

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was drafted by the Scotch-Irish patriots of North Carolina on May 20, 1775.
 It is true that the authenticity of the document is to some extent in dispute; but the challenge has proceeded from critics who were far removed from the scene of the celebrated protest against British oppression.

Years ago the state of North Carolina undertook the most rigid investigation of the evidence upon this subject, and not only in defiance to oral tradition, which has always been pronounced in favor of the document, but on the warrant of certified records, the legislature of the commonwealth settled the question by designating the 20th of May a legal holiday in the state of North Carolina.

Thus the Old North State signalized an event in American history which antedates by one whole year the kindling of the bonfires in Philadelphia.
 On the next anniversary of the historic day, no less a guest of honor than President William H. Taft will be invited to the address of the occasion, and the announcement of this fact contains the provocation which has called forth the editorial satire of the Charleston paper.

Against this higher criticism we beg to protest.
 If there were no warrant in truth for the faith which we hold in the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, we would not be deterred from giving it up on the mere ground that it has long been one of the traditional stories of this section.

But since it is a matter of pride to the southern people, we propose to elicit tenaciously to the evidence, and until the Charleston News and Courier can cite better proofs than we have heretofore been able to discover we must continue to marvel at the note of skepticism which comes from the ancient City by the Sea.—The Georgian

Special Cars For Women.

"I always gave up my seat to women when the cars were crowded, but all I came here. But New York women don't think one for the courtesy and New York men don't do it any more, so I've quit too."
 This is a sample of the explanation that every adopted New Yorker gives to his out-of-town visitor as they ride down to the office together on the morning trains. It accounts for the recent establishment of special cars for women on the rush hour trains running through the tunnel system between the city and the Jersey shore, and it serves also as the basis for a rather general belief that New York men are not chivalrous.

Chivalrous the dweller in mighty Gotham may or may not be, but he will gladly forego all claims to chivalry if any conduct of his will lead to an abatement of the strap-hanging nuisance. And he will have plenty of fellows in other cities to echo his sentiments. No man who has worked all day until he is ready to drop from weariness, counts it a blessing to have to leave his seat in the street car on his way homeward to some woman who has been out late shopping and chosen the rush hour to go home in. Men offer their seats to women because they have been taught they ought to, because it is a conventional courtesy, or because they are ashamed not to. Occasionally they offer the courtesy because they want to, but not often. And when it is accepted by the fair recipient as a right of hers which it is unnecessary to acknowledge with a word of thanks the donor justly feels aggrieved.

In all cities street car traffic is congested at certain hours, and the indiscriminate crowding is unpleasant to both men and women. If separate cars could be provided for the sexes during the earlier hours of morning and the hours for going home, a good deal might be done to relieve the unpleasantness of the congestion.
 It is said that the plan has worked well where it has been tried and that all the passenger lines in New York may adopt it. They are reasonable, however, why it might fail. Women in the mass are not unselfish. Those who should arrive late and find they had to stand in the cars set aside for them would be likely to push on into the men's cars, as they have been accustomed to doing, well knowing that they would be given seats. Also women are not fond of being herded together. If it were necessary many of them would rather give up the opportunity for seats than the companionship of men. And what would be done with man and wife? Would they be separated?—Washington Post.

Kitchen of North Carolina.

Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, is evidently one of the old-fashioned democrats who still hold that a high protective tariff is an economic unwisdom and an ethical iniquity. He thinks, as his party used to think, that its benefits are spurious benefits; that its prosperity is an artificial prosperity which does not nearly pay its way; and that the alleged "need" of protection within his party is partly only a kind of unthinking fight, demanding costly shelter from fearful dangers which do not exist. He says, too, that democrats who ask protection in the interest of their constituents can no longer attack republicans for doing the same thing; that they must either sit in rather awkward silence while the republicans are grabbing, or else frankly admit that the republican position has all along been right, and the democratic position has all along been wrong. He is quite right in this. When reformers passionately insist that the evils they set out to relieve is both right and necessary in their own particular cases, their relationship to reform may be said to be over. No one has succeeded in explaining the conduct of some of these democratic congressmen by any argument which commands the assent and approval of intelligent and disinterested observers.

We hear too few of such protests against the dissolution of the democratic party on this staunchest and solidest of its principles. The silence of those who should speak has been the most significant and discouraging feature of the situation. Yet Mr. Kitchen must not try of himself as a solitary Elijah crying out by himself!

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