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**HAS STATE PRESS ANY POSITION?**

The regularly and composed with which each libel bill is cast aside, that the Press of North Carolina has presented to the State Legislators, would indicate that the State Press had no character, or belonged to a class that was hostile to every State interest.

For many years it was presumptuous and offensive for a newspaper editor in North Carolina to seek an office in the gift of the people.

This was due to there being so many politicians who laid claim to office, through personal merit or political inheritance, that it would not do to give preference to an editor over a regular politician.

But this has changed to some extent, and now it is not considered, so generally, a criminal proceeding on the part of an editor, if he seeks an office.

It is a hopeful sign, that the people in North Carolina are beginning to put this little confidence in their newspaper men, when they will elect and trust them to one thousand dollar a year offices.

This is not merely an encouragement to the Press, but it cannot fail to inspire every editor with energy to strive for these public offices, not for the pecuniary consideration attached to them, but for the reason that getting such an office means that the editor elected, has got beyond the vegetable-and-wood-for-subscription stage, and can be given greater things.

But while moving towards this higher stage of civilization, the Press as a whole is still in a pitiful condition.

For as above-noted, while here and there an editor has been snatched from the mass of editors, and perched on a high stool, the great struggling mass of newspaper men are still working and sacrificing for their communities, sections and State.

The arduous work of the newspaper man, is like the work of the busy bee, which lays up fatness, only to be robbed of it, and without even a "thank you".

The Press of the State is accredited as being very wise and patriotic, so long as it helps others. When it seeks anything for itself, like the libel bill, with which it has sought legislation after legislation, to get it passed, then the Press needs a guardian. It does not know its own mind, and to grant it any legislation would prove a bad precedent.

But then the Press some day will get into a position which will make its demands felt.

Merely a question of time, it is answered, and the bill will be passed in the summer of 1903.

Each member of the committee has a right to be heard, and the committee will be held in session until the bill is passed.

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**What they are doing now?**  
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**Had to Conquer or Die.**  
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**RALEIGH.**  
New Court Districts Give General Satisfaction to the People.

Committee on Public School Law Amount Available by Pension Tax, Railway Trackage Tax Would Yield \$20,000.

**INSURANCE BILL PASSED.**  
It Applies to the Craig Law. Divorce Bill Comes up Friday.

**Girls Start a Reform.**  
They have organized a society for the purpose of improving the character of the young women of the city.

**All the Joints Closed.**  
The meeting of the citizens of Raleigh will be held on Friday next.

**For the New Ball Park.**  
The city council has decided to build a new ball park in the city.

**Supreme Court in Session.**  
The Supreme Court is now in session in Raleigh.

**Mott Makes a Denial.**  
The Hon. J. M. Mott has denied the charges against him.

**DEFEND THE REGISTRARS.**  
The House has passed a bill to defend the registrars.

**The English Jacobites.**  
The English Jacobites are still active in the South.

**Declines to be an "Immortal."**  
The Hon. J. M. Mott declines to be an immortal.

**THE GLASS OF FASHION.**  
The fashion of the day is to wear a glass of fashion.

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