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TINKERING ON THE SUFFRAGE.

Time and experience seem to have no effect in the matter of discouraging attempts in Congress in the matter of changing the suffrage laws in the South.

It is an old issue, this matter of would be interference by Federal authority in Southern election methods.

It is so old and thread bare, that it seems impossible that any man elected to Congress, could have so little intelligence as to think it was a matter that could bring the person agitating it, any following, much less any personal benefit.

Any review of the suffrage question down this way is unnecessary.

The matter of elections, the question of votes cast and votes counted; and the countless political intrigues and details appertaining to the election of candidates to office; from the local constable to the United States Senator, and electors on Presidential tickets, are all too well known to demand what might be thought public exposure.

If politicians have suffered, they pretty well knew beforehand what was in store for them.

If some section has missed at times getting its candidate, the wrong, if it was really a public abuse, met with redress at some later election.

The South, and this means the commercial, the industrial, the social, the educational and religious elements, is today finding that its efforts at political evolution are bearing better and better results as each year comes, and as each election passes.

The political evolution is seen in the greater political freedom of thought, expression and action.

The negro issue has largely ceased to be an issue, except in some localities. Both white and black are tired of it, for its perpetuation means disturbed and unsettled conditions.

Such conditions are inimical to both white and black, and the political evolution has succeeded in removing by degrees the elements which contributed to race hostility.

National agitation on the suffrage question, especially directed against the South, means injury to the South's every social, religious and industrial interest.

No results can be gained by any political party attempting to regulate the South through outside measures, but instead the old racial feeling will again be aroused, and the progress towards greater education, greater freedom and progress of all kinds, will receive a set back, which will be increased according to the greatness of the attempt to regulate Southern elections through sources beyond the States themselves.

There are many great national questions demanding the attention of Congress, but sectional tinkering, especially tinkering on the matter of Southern suffrage, is not a matter which needs legislative action.

It is being best, and most safely worked out by the people who are directly affected, whose individual interests must suffer or prosper, as it is treated and dealt with.

ANTAGONISM IS USELESS.

Congressman C. R. Thomas displayed both statesmanship and sagacity, in his position on the River and Harbor bill.

The value of patriotism is in results produced, which mean benefits to community and the interests of the people.

Of the three North Carolina Congressmen, whose districts receive appropriations through the River and Harbor bill, Mr. Thomas' district receives the smallest appropriation.

There has been some talk of the Southern representatives standing out against the national bill of River and Harbor appropriations, because there was not an equity in the appropriations as to sec-

tions of the country, the South apparently getting a very unjust proportion.

Opposition to the bill gains nothing to the party opposing, and while it might be a "politic" to vote against it, it would seem that any Congressman, especially one from a section differing in politics, and being made a commercial competitor through improved water ways, secured through a national appropriation, would accept all that he could secure, and vote for the entire bill.

This seems to be Congressman Thomas' position. He is at Washington to gain what he can for the people of his district.

No violation of principle is involved in voting for the River and Harbor bill, because through it comes the money for the improvements in the Neuse and Trent rivers, and this means benefits to the people of his district.

Every North Carolinian is interested in having large appropriations secured for his State.

This District gets small appropriations, but these, small as they are, mean commercial benefits to our people, and through Congressman Thomas have they been secured, by good and faithful endeavors.

To have opposed the general bill, carrying with it these appropriations, would have been to imperil what was asked for, an unwise plan, an antagonistic move and one Mr. Thomas has sensibly not taken.

VALUE TO MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING.

The fact that a town or city spends money in advertising its advantages to outsiders, indicates that its officials are alive, have something that they believe in, and are progressive.

For any municipality to remain unadvertised, as to its advantages to the outside investor, means a dead place.

Municipal advertising has the merit and value beyond the individual advertising, in that it gives greater results.

Individual advertising means the calling of public attention to the goods of one person, while municipal advertising means the attraction of the outside public to everything within its borders.

This means, when the advertisement has proven its success by bringing in the outside investor, that both the credit and standing of the community has been advanced.

The effect of this is to increase property values of every kind, stimulate and increase all commercial trade, and promote industrial and trade development.

The officials of a municipality may deem the expenditure of money in advertising their city's advantages, as something beyond their jurisdiction.

If such advertising shall be to promote the interests of the community, it cannot be classed as outside of their official action, for certainly men elected to public places of trust are expected to do within their ability everything for the people whom they serve.

As with the merchant, who seeks to save by not advertising, so with the officials of a municipality who refuse to make public the advantages of their community when opportunity offers.

There is money not spent, but it is the costliest saving that could be devised.

It means obscurity for both merchant and municipality, with a constant retrogression towards an unmarked oblivion.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him to be perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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No Further Schley Agitation.

Washington, March 21.—The House committee on naval affairs by a vote of seven to four adopted a resolution today concurring in the conclusion of the President for a termination of the agitation of the Schley controversy and indefinitely postponing all bills and resolutions on the subject.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup Cures

A Cough or Cold at once. Conquers Croup, Whooping Cough and Measles Cough without fail. Best for Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Pharyngitis, Consumption and Lung Affections. Quick, sure results. Price, 25c.

Pope Robbed of Two Millions.

Rome, March 20.—Three officials of the Vatican are accused of robbing the Pope of nearly two million dollars. This is the first time in the history of the Papacy that the Pope has turned to a secular tribunal of justice.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Dinting unnecessary. Pleasant to take. It can't help but do you good.

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The 24 bottle contains 24 times the dose.

S. DUFFY & CO.

NO VERDICT REACHED

In The Wilcox Case Last Night. Judge Expresses No Opinion On Case.

Special to Journal.

ELIZABETH CITY, March 21.—In the Wilcox trial case, the jury was charged by Judge Jones this morning, the Judge saying he had no opinion in the case.

The forenoon and part of the afternoon were devoted to reading over the evidence.

At 9 p. m. the jury were still discussing the case, and it is thought no verdict will be reached tonight.

Dr. Bull's Pills for Liver Ills.

One pill's dose. Box, 50 pills, 10 cts. Cure Constipation, Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Impure Blood, Dyspepsia, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders. Dr. Bull's Pills never gripe.

Acknowledged Incendary.

New York, March 21.—Edward J. Farley, ex-elevator man of the Astor House, confessed before his arrest today the charge of having set the Astor House afire. He had fired the house nine times during his term of employment.

Lockjaw From Cobwebs.

Cobwebs put on a cut lately gave a woman lockjaw. Millions know that the best thing to put on a cut is Backlen's Arnica Salve, the infallible healer of Wounds, Ulcers, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Burns, Scalds and Piles. It cures or cures. Only 25c. at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Italy Against Cooperative Stores.

Rome, March 21.—All the stores here and others in cities of Italy have closed today to protest against the opening of the co-operative stores. The huge procession which the protesters proposed has been forbidden by the authorities.

Would Smash the Club.

If members of the "Hay Fever Association" would use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the club would go to pieces, for it always cures this malady, and Asthma, the kind that baffles the doctors—it wholly drives from the system. Thousands of once-hopeless sufferers from Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis owe their lives and health to it. It conquers Grip, saves little ones from Croup and Whooping Cough and is positively guaranteed for all Throat and Lung troubles, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at C. D. Bradham's.

War Tax Repealed.

Washington, March 21.—The Senate passed this afternoon the bill repealing the war tax measure. There was no opposition to the bill.

Released From Snow Drifts.

St. Paul, March 21.—Three hundred of the Great Northern's passengers at points west and east of the Montana line and twenty tons of mail matter, snowbound since Friday last arrived today. The incoming passengers reported snowdrifts thirty-five feet high at Stanley.

Can't Keep it Secret.

The splendid work of Dr. King's New Life Pills is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for Liver and Bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing Constipation, Sick Headache, Biliousness, Jaundice and Indigestion. Try them. 25c. at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Out of the Sea.

Southampton, Long Island, March 21.—The life savers picked up on the beach today a board with the name Esopus. It is believed to be the name of the barge that went to pieces yesterday.

A Beautiful Effect in Mahogany.

A peculiarly fine effect in mahogany is obtained by sawing crotches. A piece is sawed just above and just below a point where two limbs shoot out on opposite sides. When such a piece is properly cut up into veneer, the crotches show in beautiful plumelike markings through the middle of each sheet.

Giant Nerve Builder.

The Mystic Life Renewer is the most Powerful Nerve Builder known. It absolutely cures all forms of Nerve Diseases and Weaknesses no matter how aggravated or how long duration, such as Neuralgia, Nervous Prostration, Nervous Paroxysms, St. Vitus' Dance, Paralysis of the Heart, Physical and Mental Weakness, Debility of Old Age, etc. Sold by T. A. Henry, Druggist, New Bern.

Famous Jurist Dead.

New York, March 20.—Judge Noah Davis, famous jurist, who tried "Boss" Tweed and Edward took died today.

MAY BE GREENSBORO.

Place For Next Democratic State Convention.

State Charters. Address on Education. Murder Committed. To Examine Rural Free Delivery System. Soil Examiners.

RALPH, March 21.—With the return of fine weather the farmers are again very hard at work. The sales of fertilizer continue very heavy.

Mr. Hitchcock of the soil section of the United States Agricultural Department, spent today at the soil test farm near Tarboro and will also visit the one near Red Springs. He is accompanied by State Chemist Kilgore.

Near the Falls of Neuse in this county John Quincy Adams was murdered by John Nipper. The news came to the coroner by telephone and the coroner was sent there.

The State charters the Linwood Manufacturing Company, of Linwood, Davidson county, capital \$6,000, to make any and all articles made of wood, veneerings, etc.

Chief Clerk John Duckett of the office of the State Superintendent of public instruction this evening delivered an address before the large public school at Cary, in which he made the declaration that the State must reverse its public school policy, that it must take the children to the schools, instead of taking the schools to the children, that it must consolidate its schools, thus permitting better buildings, a more thorough course and more attractive surroundings.

There is undoubtedly a widespread movement to have the next Democratic State convention to meet at Greensboro instead of Raleigh. The Greensboro people are working like beavers to effect this. They are working on each member of the Democratic State committee. Ex-Judge W. R. Allen of Goldsboro, who is here, says that while he favors Raleigh as the place, yet he thinks the convention will go to Greensboro.

Arrivals: J. B. Dawson, Kinross; Stephen McIntyre, Lumberton. Chief Justice Francis T. Nicholls of Louisiana accepts an invitation to deliver an address before the State Bar Association.

The postoffice department has sent F. P. Boushee to this district, to remain a month, to inspect and pass upon rural free delivery routes. He has 39 applications to pass upon. There are now only 56 routes in the entire State, but in 60 days there will be 150. He says only one route in the United States has ever been discontinued for lack of patronage. In this case the men living on the route refused to allow the carriers to take out their mail, because it prevented them from going to the town and loafing there. The women on the route protested against discontinuance.

THE WILCOX TRIAL.

Case With The Jury. Prisoner Remains Unmoved. Local Feeling Intense.

ELIZABETH CITY, March 20.—The State of North Carolina has presented its case against Jim Wilcox. Not only is all its evidence in the jury's hands, but when the morning session was over the lawyers' plea against him had just been completed by Mr. Ward, leading attorney for the prosecution. The commonwealth has told why it believes Wilcox should suffer death to avenge Nell Cropsey's murder. Chief counsel for the defense, Mr. Aydtlett, tells why his client should not die for a crime about whose commission there is so much doubt. He had the last say to the jury of Wilcox's countrymen.

The State rests with the presentation of a very strong case of circumstantial evidence, testimony on less than which it says, many a murderer has suffered death.

The State says Wilcox, after visiting his sweetheart frequently for three years had a falling out, that his attentions were no longer agreeable to Nell Cropsey, that he made an indirect threat about turning the laugh when Nell ridiculed him, that he was the last person seen with her alive when he called her out; that she was killed by a blow; that Wilcox's after conduct was indicative of indifference and that there is 25 minutes of unaccounted for time between 11 and 12 o'clock on last November 20.

The defense holds that the evidence is not sufficient to convict; that Wilcox was a creature of unfortunate circumstances; that his indifference was in harmony with nature and he could not help it; that he has been hounded down by sentiment, money, influence, detectives and newspapers, and that his conduct which has caused so much feeling is not compatible with guilt.

There is much talk that a hung jury will result, though many people think it will be murder in the second degree.

Wilcox's demeanor before and during the trial is one of the features of the case. Charged with cowardly murder, execrated on every hand, held in contempt by public opinion, the target of lawyers' eloquence, and subjected to a strain which might weaken a nerve of steel, the prisoner has remained indifferent to it all. Whether good or bad is all of him, whether the speaker pleads for his death or his freedom the expression is always the same—cold, rigid, emotionless.

During the trial scenes of sorrow and pathos have brought tears to the eyes of his father and sisters; to the eyes of the Cropseys and spectators and to the lawyers on both sides, and yet Jim Wilcox has remained unmoved and chafed gum. He is a fit nature for the study of physiology. People say he is either hardened to all emotion or sentiment, or that he is absolutely nerveless.

When Wilcox was brought into court

and had sat down, one of his sisters leaned over his chair and spoke to him tenderly. Some of the negroes are being crowded out of the court house. A portion of the section reserved for them is being occupied by ladies whose number when court opened was quite large. The jury looked much refreshed this morning. They had a worn appearance when adjournment was had yesterday.

Mr. Ward's peroration was a plea for a just verdict. He said the daughters of North Carolina must be protected. He asked the jury to inflict punishment on Nell Cropsey's assassin. He told them to bring a finding of which it might be said by the good men of Pasquotank county and the world, "Yours is a righteous verdict; you did your duty like men."

Mr. Ward spoke about two hours and a half. The court announced that it was not adjourning time, but when Mr. Aydtlett said he would prefer not beginning until after dinner, Judge Jones said a recess would be had.

One of the sensations of the trial came this afternoon in concerted demonstration of the local feeling against Jim Wilcox and it was so pronounced that a blind man could read the meaning. When Lawyer Aydtlett, leading defense counsel, arose to close the case there was caused much confusion among spectators by their efforts to vacate the court room. Men and women arose to quit the building and the attorney was forced to pause in his plea. Judge Jones grew stern and his words caused many to halt. As it was between two hundred and three hundred people left the building and remained away during the whole afternoon. This is not taken as a discourtesy to Mr. Aydtlett, who is a highly respected citizen and a good lawyer, but as an index to popular feeling. The program had been arranged before hand, both men and ladies having agreed to the exodus.

But this is not all. Before Mr. Aydtlett had been talking many minutes the fire alarm was turned in and that caused other people to leave and another break in the argument until quiet was restored. The clanging of the engine or hose cart bells resounded through the court room as the vehicles passed and came again. Though there were reports of actual fire in several places. Police Chief Dawson and others tell me there was no fire at all. People locally understand why these things were done. The report that violence against Wilcox would be attempted in case an acquittal be rendered is more than an idle report. Chief Dawson really apprehends such trouble and he said tonight officers and soldiers would hardly be able to resist the onslaught without bloodshed in case of such contingency. He said when Wilcox's life was clamored for some weeks ago the mob desisted when they pleaded to let the courts have their way, but now if the jury should find him not guilty there would be no argument to stay them. Judge Jones, when asked after court, how long before the jury would have the case, could not say definitely.

Has Coast Line Been Sold?

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 20.—It is rumored here today that the parties holding the controlling interest in the Atlantic Coast Line system have sold out to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The price paid for this controlling interest cannot be learned, but it must be large.

While this report cannot be corroborated now, for all in a position to know are reticent or profess ignorance, still there is probably considerable truth in it, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company made an offer some years ago of \$400 per share for the controlling interest in the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, which is the parent road of the Atlantic Coast Line and the main link in the whole system.

While the Short Hand

of the clock travels twice around the dial Perry Davis' Painkiller will cure a cold; will ease the tightness across the chest and hence will banish the fear of pneumonia. "Just a little cold" does not become a misery that clings until roses bloom if you have recourse to this ever falling help. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

North Carolina Lumber.

NORFOLK, Va., March 20.—Thirty members attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Lumber Association held here today. It was given out that the stock of manufactured lumber in the hands of members of the association is light, compared with the conditions that existed at this time last year. The market is firm, with prospects for a good demand this spring. The association did not make any change in the prevailing schedule of prices. The annual election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: John L. Roper, president; E. O. Fosburgh, vice-president; R. S. Cobb, treasurer; C. S. Russell secretary; directors, John L. Roper, E. O. Fosburgh, H. S. Cobb and Frank Hitch, of Norfolk; Francis W. Watters, Baltimore; R. J. Camp, Frank; C. R. Corwin, Edenton, N. C.; A. B. Creamer and G. B. Truitt, Suffolk; J. J. Fleetwood, Hertford, N. C.; J. W. Biggs, North Carolina, and C. Taft, of New York.

Danger of Colds and LaGrippe.

The greatest danger from colds and la grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for the relief of colds, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous malady. It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than say a bar of soap. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.



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Mexican Mustang Liniment. If you cannot reach the spot yourself get some one to assist you, for it is essential that the liniment be rubbed in most thoroughly.

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