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NEWSPAPER DEMOCRATIC DISCRETION.

Judging from our esteemed contemporary, The Morning Post, of Raleigh, there seems to have been a break of newspaper etiquette between that paper and the News and Observer, in regard to the meeting of Senator Simmons and his democratic conferees, on last Tuesday night.

On this special meeting the Journal has nothing to say, but this subject of "political discretion" on the part of Democratic newspapers in North Carolina is a most interesting one, for each year the limitations or exact boundaries of this "discretion" seem to be getting more and more indefinite, just as if, as it should be, the Democratic party of North Carolina needed no newspaper guardianship, that the policy and conduct of the party was free to be known to every voter, and the day of the apologist, as applied to the newspaper, had departed for Democrats.

For several years the Charlotte Observer has been screamed against by those who claimed an exclusive Democracy, which meant the privilege to take to task or ostracize those who might prove as it were, non-discretionary in political utterances.

In this connection, the Wilmington Messenger has been acting as if it was a newspaper, rather than a voice piece for politicians, and has made strong comments upon public men and public matters, such comments so far as the Journal could judge from its point of view, being proper, just and strictly applicable.

Referring again to the Post's rather distinct note of complaint, in having kept back some of the "mighty interesting" matters of Tuesday night's meeting, the Post in the future ought to feel that in such future meetings it can publish freely and no longer feel that tender political hesitation lest "something" be known to the base and hungry crowd who cannot attend these meetings but who want to know what is doing and all of it.

The Post ought to be congratulated on this event. It kept its vow, was "discretionary" in its report, and so has squared itself. As to the future, why the Post and its esteemed Democratic contemporaries can just go ahead and give facts, and such reports of meetings that are of interest to the public.

As the "Official Organ" has established the precedent, it can be no political sin hereafter to tell just what Senator Simmons says in meetings or anything else, and it is just such meetings as last Tuesday's that the newspaper reader wants to hear about.

Certainly those Democratic newspapers who were on the "discretionary" list can no longer feel any hesitancy in telling things that happen, and not feel that the Big Political Club was about to fall upon their heads. It is a new political era, and one which ought to promote better newspaper reports and with such, better and cleaner politics.

RUSSIA'S HESITANCY AT PEACE TERMS.

A few days ago the dispatches told of certain peace overtures which were said to have passed between those in high authority in Japan and Russia, overtures outside of the regular diplomatic channel.

Since then later dispatches tell of the Carr's seeming amazement that Russia should seek or even want peace. Why should Russia, says the Carr? Are not Russian armies threatening the Japanese? And at home is not all peace and quiet, with local dissension all passed?

Such is the Carr's side, and yet the outside world knows the sham and hollowness of such pretensions. The European is not in good shape, while

strikes, blood shed and intrigue are to be found throughout the Russian domain.

The truth of the situation is quite likely to be found in the fact that the Carr and the high officials of his empire cannot let the outside world see that it is yielding on their part. Nor can it be permitted that the Russian masses shall discover that Russian honor Russian valor are simply a veneer and sham.

That Russia not only wants peace, that is for the good of the people and the safety of the empire, cannot be disguised. The whole world knows it for it cannot be hidden. A continuation of the war in the far east offers no opportunity for vindication of Russian arms. The opening of the spring season means the loss of the Russian vessels at Vladivostok, while Kurapatkin has less chance to overcome Oyama than the Japanese commander has of defeating or successfully holding in check the Russian General.

If Russia could make terms of peace so as not to appear to be first in offering them, it is quite probably that peace would quickly follow. And it is quite likely that the Japanese are skilled enough in diplomacy to see that peace will be offered which will prove soothing and unoffensive to Russia's dignity.

Neither nation has anything to gain by a continuation of war and both they and the entire world know it.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BY OUTSIDE ABSORPTION.

The disinterested (?) good advisers, through newspapers published at Wilmington and Raleigh, who appear very greatly shocked over the protests of New Bern and Kinston, in regard to extending the charter of the A. & N. C. railroad company, willfully refuse to look at the real situation as it applies to those who must be benefitted or placed at a disadvantage because of a lease of this property.

The uninformed outsider would naturally regard the coming of Senator Aldrich and his millionaire compatriots as a money blessing to any section. So were the first impressions of the people of this section, who were regaled with wonderful stories of what these New England millionaires were to do for Eastern Carolina.

But it was not long, even before the lease was signed at Morehead City, under the inspiration of certain eminent lawyers and politicians, that it was seen that the lease meant everything for the capitalists and very little or nothing for those whose business and financial interests were bound up in the A. & N. C. property, and its future management.

The great "free passes and free freight," which the people in this section were enjoying were fearful exposures (?) when duly exhibited through newspapers, friendly to the lease scheme. The people along the line of the A. & N. C. were given the impressive sight one Sunday, of a special train of millionaires from the North, whose aggregate wealth was placed at \$100,000,000. These millionaires were hauled back and forth on this Sunday and the curiously inclined got glimpses of the gentlemen, who were dining and dining on their cars.

The lease signed, New Bern saw the company's offices taken from this city. Kinston within a few weeks felt the change in freight rates, which as its business men were ready to prove had advanced from 25 to 300 per cent.

And what is the interest which the State and private stockholders are to receive from this two or three million dollar property, during the next 50 years? Only 3-5 per cent yearly, a small rate, one easily wrung from those doing business along the line of road, for if anything like proportionate increase in rates, such as were given Kinston, be placed at other points this road would easily make great profits for those who leased it. And if the people must pay such increase of rates, how much of these profits are to be returned in improvements? Certainly the interest, the fixed charges and profits to the inventors must be taken first. The lease then relegates itself to the simple proposition that the improvement of this section just comes from the taxpayers, merchants and trade generally which have to use the A. & N. C. road in one way or another.

To those who live on the A. & N. C. road and do business with it, this lease does not look even like a business proposition, it looks entirely like a jug handled affair, profits to capitalists from the pockets of those who ask for and want the help of outsiders, who will develop this section, and in return find themselves, besides enriching those who come here with promises, but no signs of money to put into this local development.

The people of this section whose interests are concerned as the A. & N. C. road may be managed, only ask for fair dealing. As they protest against the lease, so it will be found that its provisions are not being carried out and instead of fulfillment of oral and newspaper promises there is an absence of anything tangible or real, to make good the various promises made in the lease and implied by those who secured its midnight passage at Morehead City in September 1904.

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LIQUOR SQUABBLES.

Make Big Confusion And Much Loud Talk.

Spring Hope Asks For Abolishment Saloons.

Johnson County Agitated. Fears Police. Wilson Mixed Up. Normal School Bill Killed. State Officers Must Pay Fare.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—The House Liquor Traffic Committee held a four hours session this afternoon and tonight considering local liquor squabbles, there being large contesting delegations in each case, and the hall of the House was filled with people, the din of the crowd and the loud voices of the various speakers appearing combined making a scene of almost incredible, certainly indescribable confusion. An immense delegation from Spring Hope in Nash county had the first call on a bill to abolish saloons there. The town had an election under the Watts law last year and the saloons won. Petitions signed by majority of the qualified voters of the town asking for special act of prohibition was presented. Representative Austin stated he promised people in the campaign to vote on question according to petition of people. Attorney Cooley strongly protested against this violation of Watts law, giving two years lease on decision of people at a regular election. F. H. Spruill spoke for the bill, and it was reported favorably. Johnson County has five dispensaries by special acts and there is no saloon in the county. Citizens from all over the county had petitioned for a vote in each of the five towns on prohibition or dispensary. A bill providing for this was strongly opposed by James H. Pou in behalf of Clayton on the ground that the Mayor, board of Aldermen, Ashley Home, three fourths of the voters and more than that proportion of tax payers wanted rest from liquor agitation and were content with dispensary. He said he had worked for prohibition twenty five years, and had never taken a fee to appear before a committee on a liquor matter always giving his services and refusing offers of money on the other side. He contended that it was not right to force prohibition on thousands of people in the country by simply letting a few town people get together and vote it out of a town. He gave figures showing how Johnson county had backslid from being the banner democratic county to now polling 1500 republican votes. Representatives Canady and Gower of Johnson and Sentelle of Wake favored the bill and it was reported favorably. Asked why the county was not relegated to the provisions of the Watts law a member said, because then the people might vote in saloons.

A large delegation from Edwards in Beaufort county then appeared asking for and opposing the repeal of special dispensary law of last legislature and allow a vote in the town so that it could come under the Watts law, question being confined to prohibition or dispensary. C. H. Busbee opposed repeal of present law and four speeches were made favoring it by citizens of Aurora, who said the dispensary under the provisions of the special act was worse than a blind tiger and was sadly corrupting Aurora a dry town two miles distant. The bill was reported unfavorably.

Another hot contest was had over a bill to give the citizens of Wilson a vote on dispensary, saloons or prohibition. The city voted for dispensary last year under a special act but there was no provision in the act allowing a vote every two years as is contained in the Watts law. Woodard said he made his campaign on a promise to have a vote passed giving the right to a vote at least after two years trial of the dispensary and had received two votes to his opponents one in the primary. John P. Breton spoke against the bill but it received a favorable report.

The bill requiring railroads to transport all state officers free of charge got a committee black eye as Ed Waddell bill requiring all students of Greensboro Normal School to teach three years and a month there free or pay not less than \$20 annual tuition.

ITCHING ECZEMA

In July, 1883, I began to break out with Eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soaps for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad off as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the Eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried.

During the time I lost about one-half of my hair. I began S. S. S. doubtful of a cure, because the disease had run so long, but soon discovered your medicine was doing me good, and continued to take it. I used seven bottles, when I was completely cured, not having a single spot on my body, which before was almost completely covered. F. C. NOBLES, 1077 Hackberry St., Ottumwa, Ia.

A CASE OF CRUELTY

That Should Have Engaged The Attention of The Police.

There was a case of cruelty to animals yesterday at the corner of Broad and George streets that showed the necessity of the society to prevent this practice. Fortunately we are not called upon to mention a case of this kind very often.

A drayman with a cart full of lumber was driving a poor horse which was nothing but skin and bones and scarcely able to draw the wagon empty much less when it was full, when the poor half starved animal fell in the road and unable to get on its feet again for more than an hour.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

J. P. Lewis, An Employee of The A. & N. C. Railway, Hurt By Train.

Mr. J. P. Lewis, a car inspector of the A. & N. C. railway at Goldsboro was struck by a train there Thursday night and received serious injuries. He was at work on a car and had neglected to set out the customary signals indicating that a man was working on the track. A freight train backed down on him and run over his leg and injured his arm. His leg had to be amputated.

MUCH MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.

Railways And Education Also Receive a Good Deal of Attention.

Raleigh N. C. Feb. 24.—The following bills were introduced in the Senate today: A bill to authorize Greenville to borrow money. Establishment sewerage system. To change the method of proof and indictment for embezzlement To amend the charter of Kinston.

Bills passed amending charter of La Grange, to establish graded school at Beaufort; to allow Morehead City to issue bonds and establish graded schools to amend New Bern's charter, to regulate the pay of jurors in Greene.

Senate refused to concur in bill to House amendments bill amending general school law. There was debate on section providing for filling vacancies on county boards of education for 2, 4, and 6 years; no active teacher to be a member. Amendment adopted striking out a part of this section.

In House bills were introduced to amend game law of Greene; to provide Australian ballot system; to provide for inspection of illuminating oils.

The Ward bill at request of Murphy of Rowan was made special order for Tuesday. It was stated that this bill is sure to pass the House.

House took up as its special order the bill to regulate railway passenger fares—making first-class three cents, second-class two and half cents except as to branch lines less than 75 miles in length. Amendment requiring interchangeable thousand mile tickets to be issued for \$25. Adopted bill passed 70 to 51.

A DELIGHTFUL LECTURE.

Rev. L. P. Howard, of Durham, Spoke Entertainingly on Books.

Rev. L. P. Howard, who will be pleasantly remembered as the pulpit supply at the Centenary Church during the absence of Rev. Mr. Bumpas in Europe in the summer of 1903, gave a most delightful and instructive lecture on "Pleasant Palaces" at the Methodist church last night.

The "Pleasant Palaces" were in the speaker's estimation, buildings that the poorest people can inhabit if they choose. They are nothing more nor less than good books, a preference being given to the old and standard authors although many of the more recent books are good to read. We should not only read but study the splendid efforts of the immortal writers, Shakespeare, Milton, Bacon, Dickens, and the host of English and American authors whose books have honestly earned their high character.

He spoke in a beautiful language of the plays of Shakespeare and counselled an earnest and careful study of them. He then made a fine peroration on the poet Milton, who wrote Paradise Lost, giving examples of that author's lofty imagery and telling in a charming manner how he makes the entrance of our first parents on this earth the subject of a grand epic poem.

There was a good audience and the speaker held them with intense interest and they welcomed him with cordiality suggestive of the memory of his sojourn here. A silver collection was taken for the benefit of the Epworth League under whose auspices the lecture was delivered.

A COMPROMISE ACCEPTED.

Sensational Ending of The Pilotage Bill To Be Killed in Senate.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—There was a sensational climax to the Senate committee's hearing of the Wilmington Pilotage bill this evening, when a proposition was made by the attorneys for the pilots to repeal all pilotage laws and have no further legislation was accepted by Hugh McRae on behalf of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. A bill repealing the present law will be introduced tomorrow and the present bill which has already passed the House will be killed in the Senate.

The Senate committee on railroads this afternoon gave a rehearing on the bill to extend the life of the charter of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad hearing arguments for it from Jarvis, Davidson, Craig and Munroe and against it by W. W. Clark, T. C. Wooten and Vardner but again reported it unfavorably by a vote of 7 to 3.

WAR CLAIM PAID.

The Appropriation of \$5000 For St. Johns Lodge Sanctioned by President Roosevelt.

Special to Journal. Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt has signed the bill appropriating \$5000 to St. John's Masonic on account of damages done the building during the war of the States.

DOWNED AGAIN!

Senate Committee Report Unfavorably Against Howland.

Special to Journal. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—For the second time, the Senate Committee reported unfavorably on the matter to extend the lease of the A. & N. C. Railroad to Howland Improvement Company the vote was 7 to 3.

HIGH PRAISE FOR JUDGE BRYAN.

The Salisbury Evening Post of a recent date gives the following graceful compliment to New Bern's esteemed citizen:

In this supercritical age it is genuinely pleasant to associate with the man or thing that is free from sting. Such a man is Judge Henry R. Bryan, who is presiding at the term of the Rowan Superior court which opened this morning. Judge Bryan is neither a commonplace nor an innovator. He is a fine type of the gentleman, jurist, scholar, patriot. He is the last of the line of judges and his decisions always command respect. He is here, as everywhere in North Carolina, a welcome visitor both in a social and judicial capacity.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Count and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

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