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ENDORSES THE AMENDMENT.

A correspondent to the Progressive Farmer, signing his name "Reformer," endorses the proposed Constitutional amendment, and reasons as follows:

"Let me say, first, if the proposed Constitutional Amendment be adopted and the grandfather clause be sustained it will take the race question out of politics—it may leave the negro as a scare crow in a few negro counties—but as an issue in State politics, 'nigger rule' will be dead. And can we hope for any reform as long as race prejudice, instead of principle, controls politics? Has it not been monopoly's most powerful weapon? Why should we then not support the amendment?"

"Well," some one says, "it is unjust to the negro." Let us see. The interests of the negro laborer and the white laborer are identical, but the negro laborer is not prepared to intelligently exercise the right of suffrage.

Free silver, anti-trust measures, the income tax, and other measures intended for the benefit of labor, are voted down by his aid, and he thereby helps bind the chains of industrial slavery about the white laborer as well as about himself. Why, then, should he not let the white laborer, more intelligent and broad-minded, take care of the interests of labor? The ballot in the hands of the ignorant negro injures the negro.

"Again, can there be a better stimulus to education than the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment? And does not the hope of the country lie in an educated citizenship—citizens who are prepared to read and study political questions and cannot, therefore, be blinded by ignorance and made the tools of monopoly, voting to enslave themselves?"

"Why, then, should not all who love purity in politics, and all who hope for reform, join hands to bring about the adoption of the amendment?"

ARE THERE ANY IN HALIFAX?

The Windsor Ledger talks sense about the money that is "banked" away in old stockings in Bertie county, and we think it might apply to Halifax in places and perhaps in a measured degree to Scotland Neck and community. However, here is what the Ledger says:

There is money enough hidden away in stockings and old boots in Bertie county to stock a cotton mill that would run fifty hands the year round and pay a dividend of 10 per cent. to the stock owners. There are thousands of dollars hoarded up in this county by people who would gladly invest it where it would yield them an income if they could feel assured of its safety. The way to bring this money from its hiding places, put it in circulation and make it serve as a blessing to the people, is for our best business men in whom the people have confidence to start some enterprise that will interest the entire community, give employment to our young men, and at the same time pay a profit and be a safe investment. Once started there will be no more trouble about others. Windsor and her people will be revived, prosperity will follow, better roads will be made, more houses will be required, new stores and ware houses built and old ones enlarged, schools will be enlarged and improved and pastors' salaries will not go unpaid.

UNIVERSITY MATTERS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 29, '99. Arrangements have been effected for the erection of the Carr Building which promises to be one of the handsomest dormitory buildings in the State. Funds have been secured for the completion of Alumni Hall.

The base ball team left Thursday for their annual trip South.

Rev. Dr. Junius Millard, the University preacher for May, arrived on the Hill Saturday.

Senator Marion Butler has entered the University Law School.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman left Saturday for Tulane University, Louisiana, where he delivers the commencement address.

The class of '99 is the largest since the war, and Senior Class Day promises to be unusually successful. Beginning with this class a permanent organization of alumni will be effected.

A fine statue of Thomas H. Benton, donated to the University by Chas. VanNoppen, '94, was broken by careless railroad hands in coming from New York to Chapel Hill.

All the prominent preparatory schools of the States contest for the championship on Field Day, the 29th. Increased interest in debating has resulted from our Georgia victory in which Messrs. Broadhurst and Bowie, the University representatives, acquitted themselves so well. In addition to this debate we have made arrangements for a series of debates with Vanderbilt University. Hitherto the debaters have been elected by the society. They will hereafter be chosen by competition. In the annual Fresh-Soph debate between the Phi and Di societies Friday night Mr. Stern, of Scotland Neck, took a part.

"CORRESPONDENT."

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INSANITY WOULD BE THE ONLY EXCUSE.

News and Observer April 28th.

We published yesterday an extract from a communication in the Charlotte Observer giving as an excuse for the brutal conduct of the Georgia mob that it was "the work of insane people," but the writer added that the Southern white men "will become insane as often as negro brutes outrage white women." The first claim of insanity is the best palliation for men who could cut off ears, fingers and toes, kindle a fire with oil and pitch, and burn up the basest criminal, but the statement that they will "become insane" at stated periods shows that the plea of insanity will not excuse the men who have brought a stain upon their section and a blot upon Southern civilization.

The manhood and intelligence of the South revolt alike at the crime and the punishment. The first was the act of a brute who would have been executed by law; the last is the crime of the white men who boast of their civilization. Uncivilized men grow enraged and avenge crimes like that in Georgia was avenged; civilized men are able to govern themselves and to leave the punishment of crime to the constituted authorities. When they grow frantic and relapse into barbarism, as those Georgia men did, they bring discredit upon the South and are law breakers.

The South must put an end to lynch law. It is no justification to say that the brutes deserved the punishment they received. That goes without saying, and it would be meted out without causing the destruction of respect for law and morals among the less educated young men of the South. Lawlessness begets a disregard for law, and the innate respect for authority that has always characterized the South will be utterly destroyed unless lynch law is completely wiped out.

Lynch law barbarities must cease in the South, not because they give occasion to sectionalists at the North to abuse the South and to misrepresent the attitude of its reputable citizens—what that class of men may think or say is become a matter of indifference to us—but because lynch law strikes at the very foundations of our civilization, substituting the blind fury of the mob for the safe-guards of law.

The effect of atrocities like that at Newman, Georgia, does not end with the last gasp of the wretch who is burned at the stake or with the further brutalizing of the semi-brutes who take part in them; it wounds the public self-respect and begets a skepticism as to the efficacy of enlightened public opinion, that is the surest forerunner of degeneracy and decay. No patriotic man of the South can read the sickening details of such affairs without bowing his head in shame for his section, his race and his boasted heritage of 6,000 years of civilization, that could not save from such a lurch downward to primal savagery.

There has been enough, and to spare, of apologetic cant of "chivalry" on such occasions. Southern men are chivalric but chivalry never yet burned a wretch at the stake. Let us call it what it is—the temporary ascendancy of hoodlum and the plug-ugly. "The best citizen" took no part in this Georgia affair the best citizen pleaded in vain with the rabble that was bent, not on having justice done, but on having a savage orgie. To them it would have been a keen disappointment if the intended victim had been able to establish his innocence.

Next to the harm done by the lyncher is the evil wrought by his apologist. So long as mob-murder is declared to be rooted in chivalry mob-murder will continue. So long as the thug who cuts off ears as souvenirs is dubbed a hero, thugs will multiply. What is wanted is a public sentiment that shall put the brand of Cain on the brow of the lyncher, a public sentiment so stern in its condemnation that it will heget a few clean cut jury convictions. Then and not before lynchings will cease.

Signs are not wanting that this time is coming. The lyncher is no legitimate product of our civilization. Our people are coming to take his measure for the cowardly cut-throat that he is at heart. That is the beginning of the end. So soon as the fact, divested of all glamour, stands bald that the lyncher puts himself on a level with his victim, in the eyes of the citizen as in the eyes of the law, we shall have done with these sickening butcheries, this making of a hundred white murderers in the unspeakable doing to death of one negro brute.

Anglo-Saxon law is strong enough to protect Anglo-Saxon civilization against the negro brute; it must be made strong enough to protect it against the white lyncher as well. Therein alone lies the safety of society.

BEATS THE KLONDIKE.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike, for years he suffered untold agony from consumption accompanied by hemorrhages, and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, he declares that gold is of little value in comparison to this marvelous cure, would have it even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

COUNTY MATTERS.

What Was Done at Court House Monday.

The county commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday. All the commissioners were present.

- The following accounts were allowed: C C Jones, burying pauper \$ 2 00 J B Lynch " " 4 00 J R Wollett, lumber for bridge 12 00 Jno N Brown, goods for county, 13 36 R L Stokes, work on bridge 2 00 A M Inge, lumber for county 2 82 J W Bobbitt, working roads, 16 00 W B Dravry, supt. co. home 41 00 W F Parker, ascertaining co debt 10 00 W F Parker, shingles and lumber 7 50 J J Williams, prisoner to jail, 3 80 Miss S M Hale, goods for county 4 84 J Frank Cullum, convey'g prisoner 2 50 W C Bunch, working co. roads 15 00 Paul Garrett, " " 20 00 T C Alston, inspecting bridge 1 00 The Commonwealth, print'g for co. 3 00 B I Allsbrook, supt. co. fence 4 75 B F Gary, auctioneer's co. prop'ty 2 00 R T Tillery, work on road, 10 00 Roanoke News, printing notice 2 00 A B Williams, work on road, 7 30 I M Lewis, " " 5 25 J E Harper, " " 9 00 W W Summerell, " " 10 60 Curtis Hardy, " " 3 75 Wilcox Bros., whiskey for county 50 John Fenner, work at co. house 75 M Mahan & Sons, goods for co 4 50 J A House, jail account, 279 60 Emry & Pierce, goods for co 39 52 J W Northington, " " 100 02 W M Cohen, drug for county 15 75 W R Neville, feeding co mules 2 75 E L Travis, salary county atty 50 00 Miss S M Hale, goods for county 34 P S Cook & Bro., lumber for co 15 60 Dr Alston, examining lunatic 5 00 J F Evans, goods for county 70 J T Edwards, work on road 10 60 M T Savage, " " 5 00 Stewart Strickland, poll holder, 9 80 G T Hopkins, work on road 5 00 S D Hancock, " " 23 50 J W House, " " 5 00 P G Riddick, conveying prisoner, 4 00 R S Neal, part payment on Chocoyote bridge, 1,000 00

OTHER THINGS.

Dr. I. E. Green was elected superintendent of health for the county. It was ordered that the chairman and clerk of the board sign the bonds for the county's indebtedness. The county property, consisting of road machine, four mules, wagons, plows, etc., was sold, the proceeds amounting to \$173.67. The board ordered that notice be given for sale of county bonds Tuesday, June 6th.

In Pain? In the Back? Then probably the kidneys. In the Chest? Then probably the lungs. In the Joints? Then probably rheumatism. No matter where it is, nor what kind; you need have it no longer. It may be an hour, a day, or a year old; it must yield to Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster. Immediately after applying it you feel its soothing, warming, strengthening power. It quiets congestion; draws out inflammation. It is a new plaster. A new combination of new remedies. Made after new methods. Entirely unlike any other plaster. The Triumph of Modern Medical Science. The Perfected Product of years of Patient Toil. Placed over the chest it is a powerful aid to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the treatment of all throat and lung affections. Placed over the stomach, it stops nausea and vomiting; over the bowels, it controls cramps and colic. Placed over the small of the back, it removes all congestion from the kidneys and greatly strengthens weakness. For sale by all Druggists. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Sale of County Bonds. Sealed bids for the bonds of Halifax county issued pursuant to act of General Assembly of 1899, will be received and opened by the Chairman of the Board of commissioners in Halifax on Tuesday after the first Monday in June, 1899. The amount of bonds to be sold is \$15,000; and they will be issued in denominations of \$100, and \$500, to suit purchasers, bearing 6 per cent. interest payable semi-annually on the 1st days of July and January of each year. The principal will be payable \$1,500 on January 1st, 1901, and the same amount annually thereafter for succeeding nine years. E. L. TRAVIS, County attorney.

CANCER IS DEADLY!

Results Fatally in Nine Cases Out of Ten—A Cure Found at Last.

This fearful disease often first appears as a mere scratch, a pimple, or lump in the breast, too small to attract any notice, until, in many cases, the deadly disease is fully developed. Cancer can not be cured by a surgical operation, because the disease is a virulent poison in the blood, circulating throughout the system, and although the sore or ulcer—known as the Cancer—may be cut away, the poison remains in the blood, and promptly breaks out afresh, with renewed violence. The wonderful success of S. S. S. in curing obstinate, deep-seated blood diseases which were considered incurable, induced a few despairing sufferers to try it for Cancer, after exhausting the skill of the physicians without a cure. Much to their delight S. S. S. proved equal to the disease and promptly effected a cure. The glad news beyond doubt that a cure had at last been found for deadly Cancer. Evidence has accumulated which is incontrovertible, of which the following is a specimen:



MRS. S. M. IDOL.

"Cancer is hereditary in our family, my father, a sister and an aunt having died from this dreadful disease. My feelings may be imagined when the horrible disease made its appearance on my side. It was a malignant Cancer, eating inwardly in such a way as to cause great alarm. The disease seemed beyond the skill of the doctors, for their treatment did no good whatever, the Cancer growing worse all the while. Numerous remedies were used for it, but the Cancer grew steadily worse, until it seemed that I was doomed to follow the others of the family, for I now had deadly Cancer, especially when inherited. I was advised to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), which, from the first day, forced out the poison. I continued its use until I had taken eighteen bottles, when I was cured sound and well, and have had no symptoms of the dreadful affliction though many years have elapsed. S. S. S. is the only cure for Cancer.—Miss S. M. Idol, Winston, N. C.

Our book on Cancer, containing other testimonials and valuable information, will be sent free to any address by the Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Crash AT Camp's. Towels, 5 to 30 cents. Table Cloth, 35 to 50 cents per yard. Napkins, 40 cents to \$1 per dozen. New Hamburg and Laces at low prices. Ladies' Vests, 5 to 50 cents. Curtain Poles, 18 to 23 cents. Window Shades, 18 to 25 cents. Fine Hat Gents' Silk Bosom Shirts and Underwear. Clothing by Sample—Save 25 per cent. C. A. CAMP.

Big line of Millinery, Infants' Caps and Bonnets just received. Big lot of Torchon Lace 5, 8 and 10c. Valenciennes Lace 2, 3, 5 and 8 cents yard. The latest thing in Neckwear. Shirred Ribbon for dress trimming 5 to 15 cents yard. The newest shades in plain and fancy Mousseline De Soie, 50c. to \$1.50. Taffeta-Silks in all colors. Turquoise and Old Blue. R. & G. Corsets, all styles and prices. Call and examine goods and get prices. Yours very truly, MRS. W. H. WHITE.

NEW MILLINERY Paper fans 3 to 25c. Silk and gauze fans in different shades 25c. to \$1. White parasols \$1.50 to \$2.00. The newest thing in stamped goods. Designs in fish, pansies, strawberries, sweet peas, violets and many others. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hose in black and tan, plain and drop stitch 10c. to 25c. R. & G. Corsets, all styles and prices. Call and examine goods and get prices. Yours very truly, MRS. W. H. WHITE.

Hudson's English Kitchen, 317 Main Street, NORFOLK, VA. The only Up-to-date Restaurant in the city. For Ladies and Gentlemen. Strictly a Temperance Place. ALL MEALS 25 cents. 33 ct.

The Scotland Neck Bank, SCOTLAND NECK, N. C. SOLICITS THE ACCOUNTS OF BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS FIRMS.

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Mrs. Riddick's Millinery Parlors. Having just returned from New York, Baltimore and other Northern Markets, I have the FINEST STOCK OF MILLINERY Ever brought to Scotland Neck. HATS, BONNETS, Ribbons, Liberty Silk, Brussels Net, Braids and Ties. Miss Owen, of Baltimore, is with me and has charge of my Trimming Department. Respectfully, Mrs. A. M. Riddick.

Feeding the Hungry. I Make all Glad. Pickles, Pineapples, and Peaches. My shelves are filled with a new supply. JELLIES AND JAMS AND CAKES to go along. CORN AND TOMATOES the freshest. For the Ladies Especially. I have a nice selection of Flower Pots at special prices. HOMINY, BRAN, CORN AND OATS. Farmers, Look! Want your Chickens, Eggs, Beeswax, Tallow and whatever else you have to sell. S. W. MORRISSETTE.

Notice. By virtue of power in me vested by that deed of trust which was executed to me by R. H. Burnett and his wife Fannie C., which is duly recorded in the Register's office for Martin county, in book X X, on page 15, I shall sell for cash at auction in the town of Scotland Neck, on the 3rd day of June, 1899, the property therein described, to-wit: That tract of land in said county bounded by lands of G. H. Cherry, M. J. House, Augustus Harrell's estate and R. H. Burnett, being land conveyed to said Fannie by W. W. Savage, and containing 45 acres, more or less. This May 2nd, 1899. 5-4-tt W. A. DUNN, Trustee.

Levering's Coffee. MAKES A MOST SATISFACTORY DRINK. Ask Your Grocer For It. ALSO CALL FOR THEIR MOCHA & JAVA BLENDS. Court Notice. Upon authority of Judge W. A. Hoke I hereby give notice that there will be no first week of May term of Superior court for Halifax county. The second week of the court will be held beginning June 5th. Jurors, witnesses and suitors for first week need not attend, but those for second week will attend June 5th. STERLING M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court. May 1st, '99.

ROBERTS' CURABLE CHILLS. IS A SYSTEM BUILDER & CORRECTS. ROBERTS' CURABLE CHILLS is sold strictly on the best Chill Tonic and your money back if it fails to cure. Sold and guaranteed by W. E. Head & Co., Druggists, and Retail. SHOE REPAIRING. Neat and substantial Repairing on Boots and Shoes of all kinds. Work guaranteed. Sewing supplies to order. R. E. C. Scotland Neck, N. C. Two doors below P. O.

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NOTICE. BY virtue of the power vested in me by that mortgage of real estate recorded in book 234, of the Register's office of Halifax County, executed by I. S. Hyman and wife on the 7th day of June, 1896, I will sell at auction on the 13th day of May 1899, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., said real estate the following described land, to-wit: That land conveyed to I. S. Hyman by the Trustees of the Hill Academy and located on the east side of Main street at W. W. Peebles' line at a stake 225 feet from the upper corner of the Episcopal Church lot, thence up Main street to the Peebles' line, thence parallel to said street 400 feet, thence parallel to Main street to Butterfield's line, thence his line to the beginning, thence the place on which said I. S. Hyman wife formerly resided. This 10th day of April, 1899. A. McDOWELL, Sheriff.

Widow's Notice. If any persons had sold horses to my husband, Henry Dickens, for which he had made a partial payment before his death which occurred on March 21st, they will please call and see me concerning same. ELIZABETH M. DICKENS, 4-27-2t Scotland Neck, April 21, '99.