

Senator Simmons was seated on Monday without the slightest opposition whatever—hardly before the gaseous speech of Congressman Kitchen. Pritchard had ceased echoing. And at the same time our talented young Congressman Claude Kitchen, sealed the doom of negro representation in Congress and forever erased the blot from the good name of our second Congressional district. White unlike Butler, accepted the inevitable and protested not, save a short validictory speech on the "Negro in Congress"—which lived during its deliverance and died as soon as delivered. It is White no more and it is Butler no more in North Carolina. At the conclusion of Pritchard's speech objecting to Mr. Simmons taking his seat, Editor Butler, or lawyer Butler, whichever you desire, announced with considerable gusto, that he would address the Senate in opposition to Senator Simmons, but when the time came for his speech and for Mr. Simmons to take his seat, editor Butler was conspicuous for his absence and the credentials of Senator Simmons were accepted and the oath prescribed without a murmuring voice. So Butler's announcement and actions were all buncombe pure and simple. And to Senator Simmons and Congressman Kitchen we would say, in behalf of their constituents in Bertie county, that our people feel safe with their interests in their hands and honored and proud they are represented by them, cognizant of the fact that this is still a Republican administration and do not expect as much from them had Bryan been elected President. However and notwithstanding they expect them, jointly and individually, to bestir themselves and make "things hot" in Washington for the incompetent and corrupt post-masters appointed by George White. Do something—and the quicker the better.

We clip the following editorial from William Jennings Bryan's weekly paper, The Commoner:

The Commoner repeats the statement made in the first number that it is not its purpose or desire to supplant the local weekly newspaper. There should be in every community, or at least in every county, a faithful and fearless weekly paper to defend the rights of the people and to champion their interests. It is impossible to overestimate the value of such a paper, and it should receive the constant and cordial support of those whose interests it guards. The democratic party must largely rely upon these papers for the spread of information and wholesome political doctrine. The Commoner would not, if it could, take away a single subscriber from such papers; on the contrary, it aims to encourage and strengthen them.

There is, however, a field for a paper devoted to the discussion of problems, political, economic and social, which affect the people of the entire country. The local weeklies, of course, treat of these to a certain extent; but so much space must be given to city, county and state matters that they cannot possibly discuss them as thoroughly as a paper devoted exclusively to such questions. The local papers and the The Commoner will be mutually helpful—a convert made by either will redound to the advantage of the other, and they will work together for the restoration of the government to its old foundations and for equal and exact justice for all.

There are trusts and combines controlling every interest in the country save one—the farmers. The greatest farming interest in this section is the peanut. The market is completely controlled by a peanut combine in which the producer has no voice. Not only the price is fixed for him but the time and quantity of shipment. All the regulations regarding their sale are fixed in the interest of the peanut combine or trust; against this there has, in the past, been no appeal. This condition has worked greatly to the injury of the farmers and should be remedied. The remedy is in the power of the producers. They simply have to organize and make regulations regarding the culture, curing and grading, establish some uniform system and fix upon a size, weight and quality for standard grade. Let our peanut raisers and our merchants who handle them, get together and prevent the greed of Norfolk speculators and the Virginia and North Carolina Peanut Trust from robbing them. A thief is one who takes another's property without compensation. A trust is a combination of thieves, and the Peanut Trust is along the same lines of all the others, only it has not yet fully grown. Nip it before it gets too strong.

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The Legislature has passed a "chicken bill" which is not altogether a mean one tho it necessarily be of a "foul" nature. The bill reads:

A "chicken bill" has passed. It relieves the pain of "suffering land owners"—owners of gardens, etc., from the depredations of chickens, geese, turkeys, and domestic fowls generally, and provides the means of stopping their destructive incursions upon the property of other people than that of their owners. The law applies to the following counties: Wayne, Cleveland, Graham, Alamance, Pasquotank, Bladen, Currituck, Durham, Cabarrus, Guilford, Surry, Mecklenburg, Iredell and Edgecombe. Bertie is not included.

Now why not pass a "goat" bill, applicable to the same counties, making it unlawful for one man's goats to intrude upon the premises of another person and there eat and otherwise destroy tin cans, clothes, clothes lines, clothes pins, and various articles of domestic use.

As between snobs who know all about social duties and demand all the honors for a victory won while they were twenty miles away, and men who know how to fight better than they know how to dance and indulge in social chit-chat, the American people will take the latter every time, Admiral William T. Sampson, the man behind the horizon, to the contrary notwithstanding. It was the man without "social accomplishments" who whipped Spain, while the carpet seamen were either absent without permission or dancing in Washington when not drawing plans that worried their betters. The time will never come in America—at least it never should come—when worth is measured by ability to shine in social circles.—The Commoner.

The Warrenton Records says of our countyman: This Legislature has restricted the State as to Congress, Judges, and State Senate. Warren county stays in the second Congressional district and in the second Judicial district, and with Vance county forms the 17th Senatorial district. Craven county is taken out of the second Judicial district, and that being the home of our Judge, Judge Bryan, our district will get one of the new judges to be appointed by Gov. Aycock. It is generally conceded that Hon. F. D. Winston, of Bertie, will receive the appointment—and we will be pleased.

Anent the libel law before the Legislature, protecting newspapers from wholesale and unwarranted libel suits, the Mt. Olive advertiser, says:

A lawyer in a court room may call a man a liar, scoundrel, villain or a thief, and no one makes a complaint when court adjourns. If a newspaper prints such a reflection on a man's character there is a libel suit or a dead editor. This is owing to the fact that people believe what an editor says and what the blackguard lawyer says cute no figure.

There is one thing born and fostered in the breast of every true Anglo Saxon, viz.: a love for and a determination to protect the chasity and honor of the Anglo Saxon woman. It is indelible, a natural inheritance, and is confined to no section, in Maine and Florida alike. No matter the color or blood of the fiend, be he a white-skinned villain or traitor or whatnot, deserved justice is meted. We are reminded of this by reading three accounts of lynching in three different states, all appearing in the same newspaper. The states were Colorado, Indiana and North Carolina, the victim in this state being a white-skinned villain who was promptly lynched at Carthage on the 8th inst.

The Fish Bill can be found on this page where exists the only life it seemingly has, save possibly in the committee room where it will remain "in pace et in perpetuum."

The State of Maryland has called a special session of the Legislature to submit a suffrage amendment. Virginia will hold a constitutional convention for the same purpose. Indiana and Illinois will be the next states, we think.

On the first page will be found a general dispensary bill for the State introduced by Mr. Lawrence of Hertford county. As the end of the session was so near when it was introduced, we hardly think it will pass.

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**HERE IS THE FISH BILL.**

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Your attention is called to the following bill concerning dutch nets in our county. It is published to give our people an opportunity to consider it. Our Senator, Hon. S. J. Calvert introduced it by request. He and Mr. Winston will be glad to hear from our people on this subject. The bill will be considered February 9th

The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful to set or fish with a dutch or pod net within one mile of the Northward or Southward of the outside windlasses or snatch blocks of any seine fishery in operation on the Chowan River and in Bertie County between that portion of said Chowan River lying between the mouth of Currituck Creek and Salmon Creek.

Section 2. That any dutch or pod nets fished or set within the aforesaid waters of the said river shall be set at right angles from the shore a due

East coarse and not extend further into said river than seven hundred yards.

Section 3. That all persons who shall set such nets in said river shall pull-up and remove the stakes used for the same by the first day of June succeeding the fishing season, and if any person shall set or fish any such dutch or pod nets in violation of this section, or fail to remove said stakes as is hereinbefore provided, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a penalty of three hundred dollars to be recovered by any person in the Superior Court of Bertie County. And the Sheriff of said County shall, when requested, remove any portion of such nets set or fished in violation of this act, at the violators cost.

Section 4. That nothing in this act shall apply to any dutch or pod net fished in the waters of Chowan river and extending into said river from the Chowan County side thereof.

Section 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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