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Governor Russell's recent appointments are in the nature of eleventh hours political sop.

Will Coin Harvey's Christmas stocking be able to hold that \$150,000,000 without stretching?

Senator Marion Butler's amendment to include ex-Confederates to the benefits of the pension law is indicative of the Senator's failing mental faculties.

The testimony now being taking by the War Investigating Commission will prove how much truth can be placed in the magazine articles on our recent trouble with Spain.

The esteemed Charlotte Observer's anxiety that Hobson shall be hurried to Manila, has good grounds. The dusky maidens of the Philippines ought to have a chance at the kisser.

BLIND OR STUPID, WHICH?

The remarkable perseverance and persistence shown by the candidates on the Republican or anti-white supremacy ticket, in Craven county, before November 8th and since, is an exhibition of blindness, stupidity or foolishness, or all three.

Of course these candidates will argue to themselves that they were elected by a majority of the votes in Craven county, therefore we are going to have the office.

Ordinarily, such an argument might prove all assuring and satisfactory, but this year of 1898 is not such a time.

And if these same candidates prior and up to November 8th regarded their positions as seekers after the office in Craven county as being against the will of 95 per cent. of the tax payers, is there anything which has occurred since the night of November 8th to change this will and wish of the 95 per cent?

"But we are going to behave ourselves, and fill the office to the best of our ability," say these men.

The mere fact that these new candidates for county officers can give bond, may be able to transact the ordinary routine work of the offices to which they think themselves entitled, has nothing to do with the actual situation.

These candidates knew perfectly well before November that they were not wanted by the decent, respectable and tax paying part of the community.

These candidates could have heard it seen enough, if they so desired, since November 8th to fully satisfy them that the mere circumstance of their having received a certain number of votes, did not alter in any way the opinion and regard of these people who opposed their election.

Today, these men crowd forward, blind to the situation and fact that they are not wanted as officials to manage and conduct the affairs of Craven county.

They may be stupid on this point, therefore have failed to read the signs of the times, but willful ignorance on certain lines is dangerous. A man may through chance receive votes which give him an office, but there is no law requiring him to hold to this office, when he perceives that the best interests of his community warrant his keeping out of the office, or that he is incapable of performing the duties of the office.

These two points those who ran for county officers in the last election seem to ignore, either through blindness or stupidity. A little open eyed looking at the situation will not do them any harm, and may do them a good deal of good.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your clutches and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. F. S. Duffy.

The Open Door. It was evident that something in the paper caused her very much. "You men do sometimes evolve the most complicated sentences," she said, "and the funniest part of it is that you seem to rather pride yourself on it."

"What's the matter now?" he asked. "Why, this article speaks of the United States 'upholding the open-door policy,' when it would be much easier to say 'holding the door open.'"

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 perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

Not the Time. Parson Primrose—Did you say anything to your husband in regard to what I had told you about the evils of gambling?

Two Pointed Questions Answered. What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

Blending Paper Tea. A Virginia court has decided that the unprinted remark of a barber has no legal weight. It is one of the extras thrown in with the shave.

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It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietor's of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases.

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THE TEST OF MIRTH. "I must say," said Farmer Cornucopious "that I don't like no fancy whate'er to them dialect pieces."

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days. Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried the Myrtle Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life."

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