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Wonder what has become of the disposition to enforce that vagrant law?

Speaking of "tainted money" for schools and things, how about G. M. I. money?

Raleigh is bound for destruction unless the Supreme Court will give us back our anti-hack law.

It is rumored that the anti-hack ordinance will be repealed to-morrow night. What will become of us then?

You can't down the newspaper. Whenever they get ready they will start another war or something to keep up interest.

Charlotte and Durham are up in arms because the President will only stop five minutes in those towns. We are inclined to think that he ought to make it six minutes, at least.

One North Carolina ex-minister is conducting get-rich-quick schemes and another is conducting a bum theatrical aggregation. But, of course, there is black sheep in every flock.

Having worn the murder mystery gag to a frazzle, the New York Police are now wrestling with a bond stealing mystery. The thief has confessed, but the police are still mystified.

There is a move on foot to nominate a Southern man for President on the Democratic ticket in 1908. We have objection. But we fail to see how it will benefit the South, the party or the candidate.

If the Insurance Companies and other Corporations were to refuse to put up money for the campaign fund, how would the two parties manage to save this country every four years? Political parties can't conduct a circus for nothing.

Before the dispensary was established we had in Raleigh twenty-four saloons. Rev. J. O. Masee declares that he believes there are now one hundred "drinking places" in Raleigh. To a man in the top of a tall tree it looks like we are playing the very dickens.

AN UNREASONABLE LAW.

In this State remarkable, unusual, unseasonable, unnecessary laws come thick and fast. There are people in the State who plan and compound laws by day and dream wonderful laws at night.

But the anti-hack ordinance, a product of the brain of Alderman Cooper, we believe, probably capped the climax. It was adopted by the Board of Aldermen in this city some two or three months ago for the avowed purpose of lessening vice of certain kinds. Judge Justice decided Monday that the law was "unreasonable," to say the least of it. Wonderful to relate, the city will probably not appeal to the Supreme Court, but will repeal the law and adopt something else more or less sensible.

It is pretty tough to be thus thrust back, as it were, upon the unprogressive days prior to the passage of said ordinance, for it was a wonderful law, fearfully and wonderfully constructed.

The "district," the invasion of which the law was intended to suppress, is situated about three squares from the business center of the city, hence it doesn't require a very large imagination to picture a great number of the invaders of said district as they wandered aimlessly about, unable to go because no hacks were available on the streets after 9 o'clock p. m. No doubt "old nick" was greatly chagrined and probably felt like giving up his regular appointments in Raleigh, for Alderman Cooper was surely digging beneath the foundation of vice and crime. Not every young man owns a balloon, automobile, or other vehicles of locomotion, hence to travel a distance of three squares after 9 p. m. was a problem that could only be solved by going home and to peaceful slumber.

But the edict has gone forth and vice and crime are again rampant so far as the hacks are concerned, or will be after to-morrow night. The chains have been cut; old nick is again on the warpath. There be times when we progress backward.

Some of our exchanges are again asking us for information and for expert opinion about the quality of liquor dispensed by the dispensary in this city. Most emphatically we again declare that we have never tasted it, and, if it is intimated again, somebody is going to have a two-story damage suit to settle.

COTTON PROSPECTS.

Mr. Harvie Jordan, the able President of the Cotton Growers' Association, recently visited New York. After he returned to Atlanta he gave the Journal his views on the outlook for cotton in the following words:

"I spent the past week in New York, attended by Secretary Cheat-ham, mainly for two purposes:

"The first, to ascertain by direct investigation the strength and extent of the bull element operating at the present time through the cotton exchange; and secondly, for sounding the financial situation relative to securing all the money that might be needed to enable farmers to hold back their cotton and prevent heavy marketing, which tends to depress prices. I found the market in very strong hands, with most of the large

and small operators not only determined to maintain present levels, but advocating and working for higher prices.

"The Hoadley syndicate, Weld & Co., Dick Bros., Atwood Violet, W. P. Brown, Daniel J. Sully and others, are all earnest, enthusiastic supporters of the market and hold a splendid grip on the situation. All they ask is that the farmers hold back the staple, check up receipts and the market can be soon forced up to 11 cents, the minimum price of the Association, and higher if the crop is as short as predicted. I found, also, that the Southern Cotton Association had won the respect and confidence of the trade generally and that the farmers of the South were regarded as important factors in the future marketing of the crops. The "bull" operators now control the bulk of the spot cotton in New York and have the situation well in hand. Theodore Price is the most persistent and aggressive 'bear' in the market at the present time. He flooded the exchange and the street last Wednesday, and the whole country for that matter, with his latest circulars on crop condition and estimate of yield ingeniously gotten up to frighten weak 'bulls' into selling. "He increased the estimate of his correspondents, ridiculed the reduction of the cotton acreage this year, referring to it as 'phantasmal,' and forced a 'bearish' circular which should have been 'bullish.' He went square back on his June estimate and statement furnished at that time, notwithstanding threats to the contrary, and have already taken a quarter of a million bales more of the new crop than they did for the same period a year ago.

"So much for the enormous surplus prated about so extensively during the past few months. The mills want spot cotton and they want it bad. They are in no position to run on short time, even if they wanted to, and they do not regard cotton at eleven cents per pound too high.

"Eleven-cent cotton is absolutely in the hands of the farmers and they have friends enough to help them put the price there if they will bend their efforts to check up sales. Debts have been paid off rapidly and Southern banks will aid in financing the situation. I found the large banking firms in New York ready and willing to advance all the money needed to assist in holding back a million bales of cotton if necessary, so as to insure a slower marketing of the staple and steady prices.

"Advances can be secured to the extent of seven and a half cents per pound, and arrangements can be quickly perfected through local banks in all sections where outside capital is required. The situation is very encouraging at this time, and I look for a most prosperous season for farmers and the business interests generally throughout the South. I expect to make a canvass of all the cotton States during the next three months and will begin speaking in Mississippi on October 17th."

Governor Glenn made a speech before the Women's Christian Temperance Union here this week and declared that this State is ready to go prohibition, and that he is willing to lead the fight. That brings up a remark alleged to have been made years ago by the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina, to the effect that "it is a long time between drinks." Evidently Governor Glenn wants that to be effective.

Tom Platt naturally scouts the suggestion that he retire and leave the express companies without representation in the Senate.—Chicago News.

OPINIONS IN A NUTSHELL

If all the people who voted for prohibition were prohibitionists the conditions in this town would be different.—Durham Herald.

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The general opinion seems to be that the Senate will pass some kind of rate-regulation measure—most probably the railroad kind.—Detroit Free Press.

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With the stork looking after his nest and the dove of peace admiring his bald head, the American eagle is indeed a bird!—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

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A dispatch says that some Ad-dicks property in Delaware is to go under the hammer. That may keep it from hitting the owner for a while.—New York Herald.

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The discovery of a lake of white-wash in the Philippines is another proof that nature forestalls every demand that can possibly be made upon her by man.—Charleston (S. C.), Courier.

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If the insurance scandals keep up growing Judge Parker will be glad that none of the insurance companies considered him accomplice enough to entitle him to their support.—Wilmington Star.

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In the day when great reputations are melting and vanishing like ice in the noonday sun, it ought to be remembered that the great bulk of humanity is trying to live straight and is generally succeeding.—Winston Journal.

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Secretary of the Treasury Shaw informs his friends in Iowa that he will retire from the Cabinet on February 1. Could not President Roosevelt be induced to relieve him a few months earlier?—Philadelphia Record.

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While we are looking carelessly at the signs of trouble in Hungary, we do not seem to realize what a war with Austria would mean to those of us who are addicted to Apollinaris and Hunyadi waters.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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As a promoter of universal peace the Czar has been a shocking failure. It is, therefore, the highest magnanimity for President Roosevelt to let him have a little glory by summoning a second conference at The Hague.—New York Evening Sun.

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A man in South Haven, Kas., had a grievance against an editor and consulted a lawyer to find out the best way to "break up the paper." The lawyer told him the surest way would be to buy the paper and run it himself a few months.—Kansas City Star.

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Twenty thousand visitors have seen the wonder of Yellowstone Park this season, breaking all records. Can it be possible that Americans are finally realizing the truth that there are greater inducements for sight-seeing in their own country than in Europe?—Wheeling Register.

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Among the unaccountable contradictions in the news announcement of the day we notice the statement that "12,000,000 frankfurters were eaten at Coney Island this summer" and that "more bench shows than ever will be held this fall and winter."—New York Evening Mail.

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The new mosquito killer, "culicide," just accepted by the Marine Hospital Service, is highly explosive and only skilled employees are allowed to handle it. Hereafter bomb-throwers will have a plausible defense that they were "trying to kill mosquitoes."—New York Evening Post.