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THINGS OUT OF JOINT.

Sensational Report by New Hanover Grand Jury

The following article under the above caption is clipped from the Raleigh Post:

"Wilmington, N C., Apr. 8, Special

The grand jury of the superior court made a most sensational report to-day, in part saying:

'We recommend that the city police force be purged of several unworthy and incapable men who may be better fitted for other employment. We also urge the enforcement of the recent vagrancy law. It is a disgrace to the county that no facilities have been provided for cleansing prisoners upon their admittance. We respectfully recommend that the jail be supplied with a bath room, that all prisoners be compelled immediately to use it and be clad in jail garments. We respectfully report that upon personal inspection we have ascertained that the public school facilities of the city are inadequate to the needs of the rapidly increasing white population. Many of the local teachers have nearly double the number of pupils in their charge to which they should properly be assigned. Notwithstanding this there are still several hundred children without school facilities, growing up in idleness and with many instances of sinful or criminal tendencies.' "

"Out of joint" !! Is this the same Wilmington that revoluted a few years ago under the generalship of the doughty Col. Waddell and shook off the shackles of negro rule and purged herself of her manyfold abominations in the twinkling of a sheeps tail after a brief but sanguinary conflict in which a large but indefinite number of inoffensive negroes lost their lives? Can it be that the police force who are the very creatures of the Waddell regime—the foster children of the Simmons Aycock reign of terror and blood have so lost sight of the lofty ideals held up to them by this trio of bellicose statesmen that THEY need purging?

Sooner let mid-day blush to own her sun! Is it possible that vagrants abound in a city so highly favored with "good government" in this era of peace and plenty? Does the Cape Fear river not afford sufficient water with which to cleanse the "unwashed" of Waddell's belligerents, and has its application been so long abandoned under good democratic rule that the grand jury must thus turn states evidence and publish to the world such a palpable violation of common decency by the very apples of Boss Simmons' eye in that mob-ridden city? In this time of educational revival of which we have heard so much is it conceivable that the public schools as well as the prison are down at the heels, out at the elbows and in need of purging and cleansing? Far be it from us to so allege.

But the foregoing report of the grand jury speaks for itself. It is presumed to have been made by good men—most if not all democrats and sealed with their sacred oaths

In this connection it may not be amiss to note that at the recent democratic primary which is equivolent to election, this same Waddell received a majority of the votes of his party for mayor, and will again waddle into the same place where the so called revolution of 1898, placed him as a refugee from starvation. In Chatham County whence this pugnacious Colonel migrated the name is Waddle. After residing in the city becoming a Colonel and a sort of a lawyer-revolutionest, the name becomes WAD DELL.

"The Washington Star wants to know why the disciples of Alexander Hamilton do not celebrate his birthday with big dinners, as Jefferson's disciples celebrate the birthday of the author of the declaration of Independence."

Possibly because they are not as big hypocrites as those who have the Jefferson dinner. If Jefferson were living he would get a ten-cent lunch before he would attend one himself.

BUT HE'S A DEMOCRAT.

The News and Observer says that Gov. Glenn should not have gone to Washington in the interest of Casper, the Winston whiskey dealer, who was fined at last term of Federal Court in Greensboro. That is an exceedingly mild way for such a venomous paper as the Observer to express it. But then you know the Governor is a democrat and the Observer claims to be democratic too If a Republican Governor had gone to Washington and interceded for a whiskey dealer, who had violated the law, the News and Observer and other yellow journals in the State would have set up a great howl and asked for a special session of the Legislature to impeach him for malpractice in office and being in collusion with the law-breakers of the State. But then, no one expects the News and Observer to be consistent.

Nearly every week we hear of two or three convicts making their escape from the penitentiary or from the State farms. Last week John Watson, a white man, who was convicted of murder in Vance county last October, and was sentencee for a term of twenty-five years in the penitentiary, and Will Smith, a negro, who was serving a sentence of ten years for housebreaking, both made their escape.

What is the matter with some of our good government officials? Are they negligent of duty or why do they let these men escape? They are paid by the State to see that these men do not escape. There should be an investigation as to the cause of so many convicts being allowed to escape.

The News and Observer is always wanting to investigate and here's a good job for it. Buy some whitewash and begin.

The democrats of Raleigh held a primary Thursday and the News and Observer says there are charges of FRAUD in the fourth Ward. News of fraud and corruption comes from Goldsboro, Durham and Charlotte also.

But this all seems to be a habit with them.

A "blind tiger" got in trouble in Raleigh last week for selling whiskey on election day. If the blind tigers want to avoid trouble they mustn't sell whiskey on election days, they must, at least, have that much respect for the law.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN GOLDSBORO

E. L. Edmundson Shoots Arnold Borden Quarrel Over Election Cause of Tragedy.

Goldsboro, N C., April 24—About 9 oclock to-night there occurred one of the most sensational shooting affairs that Goldsboro has ever witnessed. One of the most prominent citizens of the town Mr. Arnold Borden was shot twice by E. L. Edmundson, also a prominent business man. The shooting took place in front of the railroad waiting rooms and was witnessed by a number of people who were crowding the street just at that time.

It is the night for the nomination of Aldermen and every voter who could leave home was out to attend the ward meetings.

Mr. Edmundson who was a candidate in his ward had been defeated because he was known to be a rigid prohibitionist.

He and Mr. Borden were at the same polling place and got into a controversy. Mr. Edmundson was on the grand jury last week when a number of people were indicted for playing cards. When Borden and Edmundson left the city hall where they voted they came down the street together and it is said by those who heard a part of the conversation that Mr. Borden accused Mr. Edmundson of making the indictment against the card-players.

This caused Edmundson to reply with the lie. Mr. Borden promptly used his fist on Edmundson's face. It was an exciting moment for the spectators who saw Edmundson retreat a step or two and pull a pistol coyered with a handkerchief from his coat pocket. Edmundson fired twice and ran down the street. He was intercepted by Wayne Fonvielle, who when Edmundson pulled his gun grabbed a chair sitting on the sidewalk. Edmundson went over to the drug store of M. E. Robinson & Bro. where he is under custody at this writing.

Mr. Borden walked into the drug store of the Higgins Drug Company and at the solicitation of friends pulled off his coat before he found out that he was shot.

He was taken to the office of Drs. John and William Spicer where his wounds were examined, it was found that he was shot just below the nipple on the right side of the breast and at this time it is feared that his wound is more serious than at first thought.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squibs of Interest We Have Gathered With Our Paste-Pot and Shears.

A man who cuts out his advertisement in order to cut down expenses is as wise as the man who takes the bait off his hook in order to save worms when fishing.—Eastern Ledger.

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If it should appear that the "negro problem" has at last been settled. the occupation of a number of windy editors and orators would be gone forever.—Raleigh Enterprise.

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Democrats Seeking Jobs.

We see some men smelling round doing nothing, waiting for the election to get a job under the new administration, that would not be allowed to drive a muly bull to a scavenger cart in the jungles of Africa,—Charlotte Peoples Paper.

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We presume that Governor Glenn appeared for his former client who failed to score all the whiskey he shipped from force of habit. It is hardly just to wrench a man from old habits too suddenly.—Raleigh Enterprise.

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Most of the Democratic newspapers have stopped their yelping at Yerkes and Dixon, having discovered the insanity of the abuse; but the News and Observer continues to spit venom out of its slimy mouth; but after all, the people know Josephus Daniels, of Buffalo-calf notoriety, and they know his bark is only the bark of a yellow dog.—Davie Record.

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Mr. R. N Hackett, of Wilkesboro, one of the most active men in the Democratic party in North Carolina was in the city last week, and to a Chronicle reporter said, there is much dissatisfaction in his party in the Western part of the State, and that the people were very thankful the Legislature was a thing of the past.—Peoples Paper.

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When a town gets Repulican in Alabama, and they will get that way sometimes, all the Governor has to do is to oust the men elected and appoint Democrats. The Legislature made it easy for the Governor. Commenting on this kind of State government the Charlotte Observer says it's "about as rank as a thing can be, but no worse than the North Carolina Legislature treated Charlotte and for a less reason, for Republican rule was not involved in their town." Local self government in North Carolina is one of the lost arts.—Davie Record.

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Look Out!

"The assessment for taxation for 1903-'04 was $33,687,807," and will be largely increased for the present year. B. R. LACY, State Treasurer.

The above language is used by State Treasurer Lacy in his advertisement for bids for the $250,000 bonds offered for sale. Tax payers read these words and don't forget, "AND WILL BE LARGELY INCREASED FOR THE PRESENT YEAR."

Look out for the Corporation Commission later on!—Davie Record.

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A North Carolina Politician.

A Dutchman had an only son. He was anxious to know what his son would make. One morning before the son woke he decided to test him. He took a glass of liquor, a pack of cards and a Bible and placed them on a table by his boy's bed. He said: "Ef the boy take the licker, he pees a drunkard, if he take the cards, he pees a gambler; and if he take the Pible, he pees von preacher." The father hid himself to see. The boy awoke, got up and dressed. He then viewed the contents. He looked wise, cleared his throat and swallowed down the liquor, put the cards in his pocket, and placed the Bible under his arm and walked out. The old man scratched his head for a moment and then looked up and said. "It ish aul plain now; me poy ish goin' to pe von tamed Norht Carolina politician.—Times Mercury.

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How Will It Be After 1908?

It is criminal neglect morally for a parent not to give his child a fairly good education. Without that the ordinary child is at a hopeless disadvantage in the latter day struggle.

Many children are growing up in this county without any schooling, many of them never saw a newspaper in their home unless it accidently blowed in from a neighbors home. We asked a man the other day that we knew had a house full of children what papers he was taking he said none, the Bible was all he wanted. It's dollars to dough nuts if you was to ask that man to read a chapter in the book of Sampson he would put in a half day looking for the book. The Bible is the book of all books, but that fellow's children will grow up as ignorant as cows.—Peoples Paper.

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State Indebtedness.

From the statement of State Treasurer Lacy, the whole report of which we hope to print next week, the state of North Carolina is in debt $6,848,450, and has stocks amounting to $7,028,000—leaving a balance in favor of the state of $178,550. When the Republicans turned the state over to the Democratic legislature of 1898 the debts of the State amounted to about one million dollars less than they do now. This seems to us to be a rather large increase for these prosperous times in time of peace. During this time debts of farmers of Davidson county have been greatly decreased. It is also true that the assessments of property for taxation in the state is many millions greater than it was under Republican administration. —North State.

Billiard Tables or Saloons, Which?

Mr. Benton in his 'Thiry Years View in the United States Senate" tells of a strong man in the Legislature of the state of Tenn., who conceived a strong hatred against billiard tables that were to be seen in all the leading hotels of that state.

By a long, hard fight he succeeded in destroying this form of public amusement, much to his own satisfaction, feeling that he had done a good work that met the approval of all good men.

After ten years he introduced a bill to repeal his own law, declaring that for every billiard table he had abolished, he had set up ten card tables. Will someone tell us how many blind tigers have been set up for every saloon abolished?

We remember it was said "public sentiment was to be created and enacted in law" when this work was begun.

But who shall undo this horrid work and abolish the blind tigers when these bands of lawless men have begun their secret work of lawbreaking by night and red handed led to defy the law of God and man alike.

Have not the politicians harnessed up the Clergy and driven them on in this work, expecting them to lead their congregations to vote for so-called "good government."

Was it not declared openly in the last Legislature that "Senator Simmons was more loved than all the preachers in the State" thus admitting the Clergy had lost the love and respect of the people of the State? This condition is more to be deplored than the fact that in South Carolina the number of cases of manslaughter doubled in six years under the dispensary's compared with the last six years under the licensed saloons. A. Vater.

How the Beef Trust Rigs the Live-Stock Market, and Always Beats the Farmer.

In the May number of Everybody's Magazine Mr. Charles E. Russel, in his article on "The Greatest Trust in the World," shows exactly how the Beef Trust manipulates the market. "On Monday, February 6, 1905," he says, "the Chicago receipts of hogs were light, 38,000 as as against 56,000 on the previous Saturday. This afforded the exact situation that best suits the Trust managers. They can make prices as they please, and they put up the price of hogs 25 cents a hundred weight. As the offerings were light their purchases at the high figure were few. As soon as the advance price had been widely telegraphed (and the cunning supervision of market quotations has been reduced by the Trust to an absolute science), a great rush of hogs was started from all directions. On Wednesday they arrived. Immediately the Trust put the price down to fifteen cents lower than Monday's opening figures, and at this rate bought immense droves, with which they proceeded to fill cellars."

MURDER IN ROWAN.

Fifteen Year Old Boy Shot by Assassin Son of James Canup, Sr.

Salisbury, N. C., April 24—James Canup, Sr., nightwatchman at the lumber yard of C. A. Rice in this city, was shot and instantly killed at ten o'clock last night by an unknown person or persons who fired upon the lad in the darkness.

Young Canup was making a round of the lumber yard premises while Mr. Canup remained in the office of the yards. Young Canup had about had time to complete the round which he was making when the father heard the sharp report of a pistol in the direction of the outer edge of the yard. He at once set out in search of his son and after considerable searching found him cold in death covered in his own blood.

The First Recorded Sale of Land.

The first sale of land of which there is any definite record is that mentioned in the 23rd chapter of Genesis. The transaction seems to have been very simple. Abraham wished to buy a field for a burial place for his family. Ephram, the owner of the field, valued it at 400 shekels of silver, about $200 of our money, which Abraham agreed to pay. He accordingly went to the gate of the city and weighed the money, which he paid in the presence of all who entered through the gate. This simple ceremony, without the intervention of lawyers or other officials, made "the field and the cave that was therein and all the trees that were in the field, and in all the borders around about," sure unto Abraham for a possession. —Ex.

PRESIDENT KILLS ANOTHER BEAR

Two are killed by other Members of the Party—Wild Cats are Plentiful.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Apr. 25

President Roosevelt's hunting trip has been crowned with success far beyond his expectations or those of the most sanguine of his guides. Three bears were killed by the party today and two yesterday, one by the President and one by Dr. Lambert and P. B. Stewart of Colorado Springs.

The party is almost snowbound in its present location and no attempt will be made to cross the Divide. Fifteen feet of snow is on the ground at the other side and any effort to reach Red Stone would be futile. Bob cats are thick in the country now being hunted, so plentiful in fact, that many are allowed to escape without a shot. Several fine skins have been taken however.

The bear killed by the President yesterday was one of the brown variety, not so heavy, but furnishing a much finer pelt than the first animal killed. One of the bears killed today is said to be a grizzly, but this cannot be verified.

Russia's Sinking Fund.

From Life.]

"I see that Russia is putting another large sum into a new navy."

"Yes—that's her sinking fund."

His Razor was Dull.

The following is an epitaph that a colored gentleman wrote of his friend who attended the festival and did not return—

"His soul fell from his body like
the acorn from the hull,
He fought a good fight, but his razor was dull."

The last small-pox patient will be dismissed from the Wake county pest house this week.

Bad Fire at Hobgood.

Hobgood, April 23.—Fire broke out at 3:30 a. m., in the store of E. W. Station here totally destroying his entire stock together with two barber shops, and one restaurant. Loss about $3,000; partially covered by insurance.
