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THE CRY OF ANNEXATION.

It was the artful cry of annexation raised by American protectionist during the discussion of the reciprocity measure in the last congress reaching over the Canadian hills before their election that frightened the farmers into opposing the measure. This cry was accentuated by the lavish expenditure of an election corruption fund contributed to by this favored class in America. They did not want this country to taste of the benefits of equity and equalization in taxes.

It was the first time that the people of Canada had seen the serpents trail of election corruption fund, but the taste of the forbidden fruit was as seductive as was that which tempted our first parents. Aside from the defeat of a measure that promised great and lasting good both to the Dominion and their neighbor and friend, America they have retired in this aversion of wrong the greatest statesman that country has produced in an age Sir Wilferd Laurier. But it is not the first time that wealth has impeded progress, or temporarily choked wholesome measures.

It would seem that some philanthropist who wanted to do some real good in this country would appropriate a fund for fighting pellagra, a real dangerous disease that is spreading with an alarming rapidity. It is a thousand times more dangerous, and infinity more harmful than the hook worm, but it is not holding out the temptation for men to make money out of it that the hook worm has. It reaches them.

The Hendersonville tragedy still remains a mystery. No light sufficient to illuminate the party responsible for the death of Myrtle Hawkins has yet blazed up upon this terrible crime. Some even have been simple enough to suggest suicide as the probable reason for her taking off. How on earth any rational individual could reconcile the fact with suicide, when it is known and acknowledged that although her body was found in Oeolo lake, yet she was not drowned. That her body was found in the lake, thrown there after death is strong evidence that some one had a reason, and that reason is very suggestive of her murder, of a crime. Strong circumstance point to certain parties in Hendersonville, and it is very peculiar. In our estimation the whole thing was a bungling piece of malpractice, vicious in its ignorance, and criminally so. We are inclined to believe that the officials of Hendersonville, know, or surmise more than they have ever confessed, or else they are a very dull set of officials.

The Fleming case looks bad, but perhaps the next one like it may be heard by a judge who will take a different view of the matter. He may not be so exacting as to expect preachers to prove the capability of the woman in the case, or think she should have a little more license in her deportment because she had a husband who drank.

It must be a source of serious regret to many Americans that the Canadian Reciprocity bill should have been defeated. It is strongly intimated that the money of American lumbermen and others on this side of the border who were interested in maintaining a high tariff on such articles as the reciprocity measure touched was the prime cause of the defeat of reciprocity in Canada, and we are inclined to the opinion that this was true. It is a pity however.

IF YOU WISH.

You must invite people to come to your place of business through a well worded advertisement, and then when they come treat them right, and they will keep on coming. If you wish the trade of those splendid well to do people living in Northern Alamance, Orange and Caswell counties then invite them through a well worded advertisement in the Mebane Leader.

Gov. Drummond Was Hung.

Statesville Landmark.

When Mr. F. A. Linney addressed the North Carolina editors at Boone a few weeks ago he referred to an ex-Governor of North Carolina who was hanged. The publication of Mr. Linney's address aroused some inquiry on this point and inquiry has been made of The Landmark as to the name of the Governor who suffered this ignominious fate. A friend of The Landmark who is studious and of an enquiring turn of mind, has looked up the matter and finds that the Governor was Drummond, the first Governor of the State. The story is told in Mrs. Spencer's "First Steps in North Carolina History," and is as follows:

"In 1664 the Lords Proprietors appointed the first Governor for Carolina, or rather for Albemarle country. He was William Drummond, a Scotchman by birth, who came from Virginia and was a friend of Governor Berkeley. As he was our first Governor, it is pleasant to know that he was a man of good character and highly esteemed and of good family. We know very little of the years in which he ruled the Albemarle county. He returned to Virginia afterward, and ten years later he became engaged in a serious rebellion of the Virginia people against their Governor. Berkeley was getting old and very hard and tyrannical, and odious to the colonists after having been a popular and excellent Governor for more than 30 years. They rose against him in 1676 in what is called Bacon's Rebellion, and were beaten and forced to submit, and Berkeley took a base revenge by hanging all the leaders who came into his hands. Among them was ex-Governor Drummond who had been his friend, but who felt it his duty to oppose his tyranny. The vindictive old man showed no mercy. He made a low bow to his prisoner and with cruel words of hatred told him he should be hung in half an hour. And so he was, as soon as a gallows could be built. Drummond died calmly and full of courage, believing that he died in good cause. This was the sad end of the man who had been the first Governor in our State. But for all that, he was a good and a brave man and his name stands much higher than Berkeley's. It is of no consequence how a man dies if he has lived well. Berkeley died within that same year in England, where he had gone to explain away his barbarous conduct, but the King refused to see him or to forgive him for his cruelty. He is said to have died of a broken heart, but it is not likely that he had much heart to break. The lake in the Great Dismal swamp between North Carolina and Virginia was named in honor of Governor Drummond.

So it will be seen that while the first Governor of North Carolina met death by hanging, he was victim of a tyrant. By all accounts he was a good man and guilty of no crime.

prepared a table showing how one may live on \$82.88 a year. But let us hope that in the United States the problem of living will never resolve itself into anything like that.

New Goods! New Goods!

Fall and winter stock of fall line of dry goods, shoes, hats, caps, and notions now constantly arriving. Don't fail to call and see stock.

A nice line of Owl Brand of neck wear just received.

Mebane Store, Co.

Mebane, N. C.

Panacea Spring Co.

Littleton, N. C.

Have you tried PANACEA MINERAL SPRING WATER yet for NAGGING cases of INDIGESTION?

If you wish to eat an old-time satisfactory meal and feel no discomfort thereafter get a case of this water, drink it according to directions and gladly tell your neighbor of your good fortune.

Panacea Spring Co.,

Littleton, N. C.

It Dissolved.

Jack—So you broke your engagement with Miss Expensive?
John—Neither she nor I broke it.
Jack—Well, why aren't the cards out?
John—Why, she told me what her clothing cost, and I told her what my income was. Then our engagement gently dissolved.

Happiness The Gauge Of Success.

(Galveston Daily News.)
"The magnificent spectacle of human happiness."—Sydney Smith.

The real quest of life is happiness. There is very little difference of opinion as to this, but there is much disagreement as to what constitutes happiness, and possibly more said as to how it is to be attained. Brought down to its last analysis there can be no disputing the fact that true happiness is in proportion to the righteousness—the love, the purity of heart and honesty of purpose—of the individual. Indeed love for humanity is the secret of a happy life, for he who has love for others has a desire to make them happy, and his own peace and tranquility are commensurate with his loving kindness. As Amiel says, he must have a "heart that never hardens, a never hurts." Consideration for others, "charity that suffereth long and is kind," is the most potent factor in the making of a happy life. To him it were well to

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun Views at thy hands no kindly action done."

To the love and consideration of one depends in greater or less degree the happiness of others. Byron has told us that

"... He who joy would win Must share it; happiness was born a twin."

In Texas Too.

Houston Post.
It is down hill to Christmas now, but there are a number of pleasurable stops on the way—the turkey, the fair, Thanksgiving, and a hogkilling snap being already scheduled.—Charlotte Observer.
Yes, and we are preparing for the oyster roasts and the real chili con carne weather.

Thousands of Chickens Die From Shock of Big Guns on Battleships.

Fully half of the chickens on the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland are dead as a result of shock occasioned by the terrific concussion and booming of big guns from the Atlantic fleet while engaged in target practice with the outworn battleship Texas," is the report which Dr. Douglas S. Freeman State tax commissioner, brings back from that section of the State.

"It is hard to understand the frightful effect of the guns upon the fowls," he said soon after his return to Richmond. "Just before leaving Cape Charles, I saw a very large rooster strutting about the town absolutely nude. Believing that the fowl had had its feathers plucked from its body by some unfeeling or thoughtless child, I spoke of the outrage.

"What was my surprise when informed that nearly all the chickens in Cape Charles were in a similar state of nakedness. Their feathers had been jolted out by concussion from the big guns off the coast."

Dr. Freeman found the mortality greatest among the hens in cases where death ensued. In many instances, he said, there are no longer any hens to be found. Frequently, hens laid half a dozen eggs in thirty minutes and then toppled over and died.
Dr. Freeman regards the Eastern Shore situation, so far as the fowls are concerned, the most remarkable he has ever encountered.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by All Dealers.

The Infesting Agents.

Conway Field.
If our Shell correspondent of last week will permit us, we would like to suggest that doubtless that community's patronage of the tree agent, sewing machine agent, picture dealer, etc., about which he wrote, is largely responsible for the presence of the tax execution collector thereabouts. The sooner the people of the rural communities learn to steer clear of the various agents that infest the country, and purchase their wares from a reputable home merchant, who can and will make good losses, and sooner will the smile of prosperity invade their territory.

This Is Why

OUR SALES GROW GREATER EACH SUCCEEDING WEEK BECAUSE WE ARE PLEASING OUR TRADE

We are recklessly throwing on our bargain counters at great sacrifice sales some of the prettiest, best and most attractive dry goods seen in this market. We are not waiting for the fall to give you the advantage of cut prices on summer goods, but now while there is more than two month wear for them, goods good the year round. Come and see us, we pay your railroad fare from any point between Haw River and Durham when you purchase \$15 worth of goods.

Ellis-Stone & Co.

Durham, N. C.

New Separate Skirts

Made of Panamas and Voiles that are all wool. Special values at \$4.95 and \$5.95.

BATH TOWELS AND MATS.

Large Bleached Turkish Towels 10c. Extra large and Heavy Turkish Towels, 25c. Bath mats, 48c, 98c and \$1.19.

Brown-Belk Co.,

Greensboro, N. C.

The Advance Showing Fall Suits

Is a splendid index to the many new creations of Women's Apparel to be worn this fall. There's more here ready for your inspection than the usual preliminary showing at this stage of the season, and you can form some idea of the new styles by looking over the line of Coat Suits the new stock represents.

Chas. H. Dorsett,

Greensboro, N. C.

THE PUREST AND THE BEST

I have recently installed in my Drug Store one of the latest improved Lippencott Soda Fountains, its sanitary arrangement can not be excelled. I carry constantly a well selected stock of up-to-date pure Drugs. My fall stock of notions and fancy goods will be the largest and best selected I have ever carried. Prescriptions filled with accuracy and promptness.

Mebane Drug Co.

MEBANE, N. C.