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ATTACKS SENATOR SIMMONS.

Governor Kitchin opened his batteries on Senator Simmons in Raleigh last Friday nights in a set speech of some length, and some force. The promulgation, was an artful attack so adroitly planned that it evidently carried weight to the unthinking and perhaps that was the class to whom Mr. Kitchin made his appeal.

Mr. Kitchin is a logician of more than usual force, and knows the value of the play on words quite well but he layed too much stress upon certain acts of Mr. Simmons in Congress, a stress that sought to color Senator Simmons acts to suit Mr. Kitchin's caprice and selfish ends. The ink had hardly become dry upon Mr. Kitchin Phillipic before there was a thirteen inch mortar gun growled its crushing answer from Senator Simmons and sent a shell loaded with forcible facts to burst with all the powerful energy of unanswerable truth. Mr. Kitchin's open speech ignores the existence of all the other candidates, apparently he does not care to trifle time with them.

The acquittal of Baker Bryan of Newbern of the charge of murder last Saturday was one among the many flagrant miscarriages of justice that has shamed the fair name of our state. The murder was one among the most wilful and deliberate. Not a shadow of an excuse existed for the killing except that a bad man deliberately committed a foul crime.

Murder continues and murderers are continually being turned loose. The lawyers who have framed our laws, have made it quite impossible to secure a jury that will hang a man, if the man has enough to pay for the selection of the right jury.

Spring time will soon be here, and so will the time to organize a ladies Civic League. Is there no one who will undertake this laudable work? It is no trouble to ascertain the necessity for it. Only glance around Mebane. We should be so glad to be able to chronicle some steps that were being taken looking to the organization of a Civic League.

THAT OLD-FASHIONED LADY

Sweet Picture That Some of Us Are Privileged to Carry in Our Memories.

Everybody loved that old-fashioned lady. And I find almost everyone past forty has, at the back of his mind, vivid impressions regarding her and the social life of which she was the center. One remembers the atmosphere of that day as one remembers the blush roses and apple pink of old gardens. Even yet there are gardens where blush roses grow, and I know of some women not yet old, and a few young girls, whose mere presence serves today to reproduce that atmosphere. She was dauntless and sweet, that old-fashioned lady; witty but tender; as notable a housewife as a hostess; full of gentle concern for others, with a mind ever at leisure for their affairs, and a heart whose sympathy was instantaneous in their service. She stimulated and she soothed. Fine, complicated and interesting as the old lady and finely wrought gold she delighted to wear, she was a very precious piece of porcelain. The brilliant, soft dagger-type that has preserved her early likeness for us did not idealize her beyond her just due. Perhaps the intimate secret of her influence was the impression she gave of one whose heart is fixed, one whom the world can no longer harm.—The Atlantic.

PARROT AS GERM CARRIER

Physician Finds the Bird is Subject to Disease Human Beings May Contract.

Better not keep a parrot. A physician has discovered that birds of this species are subject to a disease called psittacosis, which is peculiarly contagious, and may easily be contracted by human beings. As a germ carrier, in fact, the parrot is unrivaled. Now the Office Window is not particularly afraid of germs. They may be quite as bad, quite as dangerous, as they are represented. But what is the use of trying to get away from them? We cannot eat, drink or breathe without taking in germs. We associate with them from morning till night. They are bound to work their will with us anyway—so we may as well ignore them and have as good a time as we can, before they get us. But the Office Window is perfectly willing to take advantage of the germs as an ally against the parrot. This preposterous bird has nothing to recommend him except his unlikeliness to the bird species. He does not sing, but squawks. He is regarded as worthless unless he can "talk," in a kind of harsh resemblance to human speech. He is neither bird nor human; he is a disorderly episode in creation. He grates on the poetic soul. He is a nuisance.—New York Mail.

Pair of Mules for Sale

I am offering a pair of good heavy draft or farm mules for sale. Weight about 1150 each.

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Shocking Sounds

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see back-ache fly and your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, South Rockwood, Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine." Try it. 50 cents at Mebane Drug Co.

Remains of George Whitefield. Rev Silvester Horna, who desires to have the remains of George Whitefield brought from America and buried in the Chapel in Tottenham Court road which bears his name, may not know that a portion of those remains has already done a double journey across the Atlantic. Whitefield died of asthma September 30, 1770, while on a preaching tour in America, and was buried, by his own desire, in a vault beneath the Presbyterian church at Newburyport. Fourteen years after his death the coffin was opened, when the body was found perfect. In 1801 it was opened again, when "the flesh was gone, but the gown, cassock and bands remained." Shortly afterward a bone of the right arm was stolen by an admirer and sent to England. Protest was made, and the bone was restored to Newburyport in 1837.—London Chronicle.

He Won't Limp Now

No more limping for Tom Moor of Cochran, Ga., I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sore, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25 cents at Mebane Drug Co.

Style in Mourning.

"Spectacular mourning is not so popular as was some years ago," said the manager of a city department store in answer to an inquiry on that subject. "There is still a large business done in all kinds of mourning goods, but either the somber period has grown shorter or many bereaved persons prefer not to be conspicuous because of their sorrows, for the sale of mourning goods has fallen off. In the stationery department there seems to be no change—in fact, the demand for black bordered cards and writing paper has increased." To illustrate the quality of some "show mourning" he said: "At a stationery establishment a short time ago a woman in deepest black asked to see samples of dinner dance cards. She selected one and ordered one hundred to be done on black bordered cards, compromising with her conscience by suggesting that the border be not too heavy."

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BUDDHIST CREMATION.

The Funeral Pyre and the Disposition of the Ashes.

A Buddhist cremation is a strange and uncanny event, and it is not often that a foreigner is given to witness one. I saw some of the preliminary ceremonies at a temple in south China, but found myself apparently becoming persona non grata as the time for the cremation proper approached and did not care enough about seeing it to intrude. I have since heard and read several descriptions of the gruesome ceremony.

The priests are dressed in white sackcloth, similar to that worn by the mourners at the funerals of the laymen, and their brows are bound with white bandages. The corpse, dressed in a cowl and with the hands fixed in an attitude of prayer, is placed in a sitting position in a bamboo chair and carried to the funeral pyre by some of his fellow monks, all the other monks of the monastery following in a double line. As the procession advances the walls of the monastery echo with the chanting of prayers and the tinkling of cymbals.

When the pyre is reached the bearers place the corpse upon it, and the fagots are kindled by the head priest, and while the flames are mounting the others prostrate themselves in obeisance to the ashes of their departed brother. When the fire is burned out the attendants collect the charred bones and place them in a cinerary urn, which is often deposited in a small shrine within the precincts of the monastery, to remain there until the ninth day of the ninth month, when the ashes are sewed up in a bag of red cloth and thrown into a sort of ossuary or monastery mausoleum.—Lewis R. Freeman in Los Angeles Times.

THE FIRST SOAP.

According to Pliny, It Was In Use Among the Gauls.

Who invented soap? According to Pliny, soap was an invention of the Gauls, who used it for giving a bright hue to the hair. He also states that it was employed by the Germans both as a medicinal and as a cleansing agent, two kinds being used—hard and soft. There is reason to believe that it was introduced into Germany by the Romans, though on this point there is some difference of opinion.

Homer tells us in the "Odyssey" that Nausicaa, daughter of Alcinous, king of the Phaeacians, and her attendants washed clothes by treading upon them with their feet in pits of water, so that apparently she and her servants were unacquainted with the use of soap.

The fact that soap was obtainable by boiling together oily or fatty substances and alkalis was known at an early period of history, but it must be borne in mind that the substance referred to in the Old Testament and translated "soap" (Jeremiah II, 22, "For though thou wash thee with niter—properly, natron—soda—and take thee much soap," and Malachi IV, 2, "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap") refer to the alkali itself and not to the substances prepared from oily bodies and these alkaline matters.

The French word for soap (savon) is supposed to have been derived from the fact of its having been manufactured at Savona, near Genoa.

The manufacture of soap began in London in 1524, before which time it was supplied by Bristol at a penny per pound. A duty was imposed on soap in 1711, but after several reductions was totally repealed in 1853.—London Journal.

Washington Monument Bent by Heat.

The towering Washington monument, solid as it is, cannot resist the heat of the sun poured on its southern side on a midsummer's day without a slight bending of the gigantic shaft, which is rendered perceptible by means of a copper wire 174 feet long hanging in the center of the structure and carrying a plummet suspended in a vessel of water. At noon in summer the apex of the monument, 550 feet above the ground, is shifted by expansion of the stone a few hundredths of an inch toward the north. High winds cause perceptible motions of the plummet, and in still weather delicate vibrations of the crust of the earth otherwise unperceived are registered by it.

Blood Thicker Than Some Water. "Blood is thicker than water"—though not much thicker—and not so thick as sea water. The water of the ocean contains thirty-five parts of saline material a thousand, while the vital fluid of the human body contains but seven parts a thousand or one-fifth as much. In the human body each of its myriads of cells is bathed with this seven-tenths per cent saline fluid.—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

The Comeback.

"You used to say," she complained, "that you counted that day lost when you did not hear the sound of my voice."
"Yes, I know," he replied, "and I shall never cease to long for those dear lost days."—London Answers.

Identification.

"I shall try to leave footprints on the sands of time," said the man who is earnest, but not original.
"Very good," replied the absent-minded criminologist, "but thumb prints are now considered more reliable."—Exchange.

The beautiful is beauty seen with the eye of the soul.—Joubert.

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