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FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1901.

Ex-Senator David Bennett Hill, of New York, who has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1904, says he is not a candidate for the place, that he is neither seeking the nomination nor expecting it. We have an idea that David Bennett would accept it, if tendered him, though he is not a candidate.

The faculty and students of Turlington Institute, the people of Smithfield and of this entire section are to be congratulated that Dr. George T. Winston, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, is to deliver the commencement address here on May 24th. Dr. Winston is an entertaining speaker and a great advocate of education.

President McKinley and party left Washington Monday morning on the long trip to the Pacific. Large crowds assemble at the stations on the route to see the presidential train and great ovations are tendered him at every place where a stop is made. At several places he has made short talks and has been greeted with great enthusiasm. The people throughout the nation will wish the President a pleasant journey.

President McKinley was given a royal reception at New Orleans Wednesday night. As the train entered the station the bands played, the cannon boomed, the steam whistles screamed, and the people shouted. A banquet at which about 300 of New Orleans' most prominent men were present was tendered the President at the St. Charles Hotel. Senator McEnery presided and Governor Heard, Mayor Capdeville and the President responded to toasts.

The question of a new canal treaty is a prominent one in administration circles at Washington. Secretary Hay has been procuring the opinion of the Senators on this question, so as to be able to prepare a treaty that can be ratified by the United States Senate and at the same time be acceptable to the British Government. It is understood that a treaty which provides for the neutralization of the canal will be accepted by Great Britain. Should such a treaty be offered it is probable that England will be willing to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

The sub-commission of the State Text-Book Commission has completed its work and handed its report to the Governor. This report will be opened next Monday and the list of school books to be used in the public schools will be adopted. It is understood that there will be many changes. Some will perhaps be much better than the books now used. It will necessitate the buying of many new books at the beginning of the next session of the public schools. But in the end it will no doubt be far better for the children and the teachers. It is claimed that the books will be cheaper than they have been heretofore.

**THE FAME OF PROFESSOR CROOK.**

Fame is very easily acquired by some men at certain times. Such an instance is the case of Prof. Algie R. Crook, of the Northwestern University. A few days ago a dispatch sent out from Chicago gave the intelligence that Prof. Crook stated before his class that he had never chewed or smoked tobacco, never drank any intoxicant and never kissed a woman in his life. And the Professor is 37. Now every mail is bringing him letters from girls, old maids, widows and grass widows, containing offers of marriage. They are anxious that the Professor should find out what fun he has missed. On the other hand the Professor, who is considered handsome, thinks that the girls have missed more than he.

The Baltimore Sun closes an editorial on the subject as follows:

"Dr. Crook is professor of mineralogy and petrology, and his heart has apparently become as hard as the stones he studies and explains. But perhaps the Professor may be one of the men to whom the admonition was given, 'Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.' For when he made his famous announcement of being a kissing immune to his co-education class two of the prettiest girls were observed to blush, and it is said, then and there registered a vow to break that record. If they did, the Professor had better begin to pucker his lips.

"The Professor professes to admire Byron for the human nature that was in him, and that great poet never objected in the least to kissing or being kissed.

"I love the sex, and sometimes would reverse the tyrant's wish 'that mankind only had one neck, which he with one fell stroke might pierce.'"

My wish is quite as wide, but not so bad, And much more tender, on the whole, than here:

It being (not now, but only while a lad) That womankind had but one rosy mouth To kiss them all at once from North to South."

**NEW TAX ABSTRACTS.**

**A Number of Changes Made Necessary by the New Revenue Law.**

The tax abstracts are now being printed. Tax-payers will find a number of changes in them. Under the head of incomes for instance, they will be required to make answer to the following questions:

What was your gross income during the twelve months ending June first.

From State or United States bonds.

From salary and fees.

From annuities.

From trade or profession.

From any other source except from property taxed subject to the following deduction:

From exemption.

Income for taxation.

For making return of credits, the following form will be used:

Credits, including—

Accrued interest uncollected.

Mortgages.

Bonds.

U. S. Bonds.

State bonds.

Notes.

Bills of exchange.

Certificates.

Certificates of value of cotton, tobacco, or other property in the hands of commission merchants or agents in or out of the State.

Checks and open accounts.

Money on deposit.

Other credits due or to become due.

Certificates of deposit in bank in or out of the State.

Total credits.

Subject to following deductions:

U. S. and State bonds.

Liabilities.

Amount of credits subjects to taxation.

Note—If any person shall, with a view to evade the payment of taxes, fail or refuse to give in to the assessor any bonds, notes, claims or other evidences of debt which are subject to assessment and taxation under this act, the same shall not be recoverable by action at law or suit in equity before any of the courts of this State until they have been listed and the tax paid thereon. (Section 33, paragraph 11, Machinery Act, 1901).

Shares of stock in National and State Banks are listed by the cashier in the name of the owner for county and school taxation. The returns for State taxation are made by the banks or banking associations directly to the State Auditor.—News and Observer.

**Mr. Bryan Talks About Himself.**

In the last issue of The Commoner, Mr. Bryan has this to say concerning himself:

It is only fair that the readers of The Commoner should know what I am "up to," and if they will pardon me for being a little bit personal I will tell them. I have twice received at the hands of my party the highest honor it can bestow, and twice has my nomination been endorsed by our allies, the Populists and silver Republicans. The first nomination came from the delegates in attendance upon three conventions, the second nomination came directly from the voters of the three parties. These honors were bestowed, not because of personal merit, or as a personal compliment, but because of my advocacy of Democratic principles. I still believe in those principles, and expect to advocate them during the remainder of my life. New issues will arise from time to time but the principles set forth in the Chicago platform and the Kansas City platform are fundamental, and can be applied to all questions.

I am not planning for another presidential nomination—if I were I would not be editing a paper; if I ever become a candidate again it will be because it seems necessary for the advancement of the principles to which I adhere, and that does not now seem probable. I shall, however, take an interest in politics for several years yet, if I live, and can be relied upon to support those who as candidates advocate Democratic principles, and who can be trusted to enforce them if elected.

I have no enemies to punish. No matter what a man may have said or done against the ticket in 1896 or in 1900, that man becomes my friend the moment he accepts Democratic principles. Neither have I any disposition to reward political friends at the expense of our cause. No matter what a man may have said or done in 1896 or in 1900, that man becomes an opponent the moment he turns against Democratic principles. Political battles are fought, not in the past or the future, but in the present. The heretofore cannot be recalled, and the hereafter cannot be anticipated, but the NOW is all important.

I shall say whatever I think ought to be said, and shall write whatever I think ought to be written. This course may not be popular, but I trust that it will aid in the restoration of Jeffersonian principles.

I shall ask no reward, because I am not working for others entirely. As a citizen I am interested in having a good government under which to live; as a father I am interested in leaving a good government to my children. If a good government can be secured it will be reward enough for all that I or any one else can do.

**Noah's Good Heart.**

"What did that seedy looking fellow on the pier want of you, father?" inquired Noah's youngest hopeful of the ancient mariner.

"He wanted to come aboard with us."

"And what did you tell him?"

"I told him it was impossible."

"But I thought I saw you hand him something?"

"Well, yes, I felt so sorry for him that I loaned him my best umbrella."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**PIMPLES**

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