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The Anglo-Saxon Race.

[Continued from last week.]
From an economic viewpoint, alone, the Legislature of North Carolina should enact a stringent law against degenerating marriages. A large percentage of those under treatment in the State Hospital are the result of marriages that ought to have been prohibited by statutes. Trace back the streaks of insanity in families; trace back the weak-eyed and cripples, and the one who has been so nervous from birth that it has taken the constant watchfulness of a faithful attendant to keep him from going to pieces—I say trace them back and see if they are not the offspring of parents who were closely related by blood.

Our State Legislators, when in session, are often spoken of as "Our Solons." Have they merited the name? Who was Solon? He was the chiefest of the wise men of Greece. It was he who told Croesus, King of Lydia, that Tellus, a poor man, who died leaving valuable children to his country, was a happier man than he (Croesus) with all his gold and sumptuous furniture. Have "Our Solons" ever displayed such grit as that? No—they have created a statute forbidding a man to marry his niece, but permitting him to marry his first cousin, or cousin German. I repeat that a man's niece is the same blood kin to him as his first cousin, but only half as much as his cousin German, and that the cousin German is the same kin as his sister, or the two parental brothers, may take back after different branches of the family.

But that does not better it, because in the second generation, the red haired sister's children will take after the dark haired sister, and vice versa, showing that notwithstanding the difference in complexion, the blood is the same. But "Our Solons" have never yet found it wise to stop men from marrying women who are the equivalent of their sisters.

Four years ago a high class member of the General Assembly introduced a bill to stop cousins from marrying, but other members—gentlemen, of course, by their positions—ridiculed the bill until it died in its infancy.

One of these members must have been a bachelor who had a rich cousin sweetheart; and another was unquestionably a father, whose son was courting a wealthy cousin, or his daughter was being wooed by one, and of course a few web-footed and crazy children was nothing in the eyes of two modern Solons, when compared with thousands of dollars to come in from the other sides of the two families.

The next time such a bill is opposed in the Legislature, just take it for granted that each member opposing it, is either from a cousin town, or he is preparing to start a new one of his own.

Gov. Craig has put up a fight for better fight for better freight rates, better roads, and better prices for cotton—will he not espouse the cause of better children? Will he champion the passage of a law to stop degeneracy among his people and help them to tend towards the perfect man?—or will he and his successors continue to strain the resources of the State for tax money to support hospitals for that unfortunate class, that result from imprudent marriages.

Plutarch, that most beautiful of ancient writers, tells us that one of the characteristic things that made Alexander great, was his attention to little things.

Take care of the dimes and the dollars will take care of them.

A State Adopted Child.

Did you know that North Carolina once adopted a child? Not many of the people of North Carolina know about that adopted daughter of North Carolina. Dr. R. W. D. Connor tells about her in his book, "Makers of North Carolina History." Capt. Johnson Blakely was during the war of 1812 commander of the Wasp a vessel that did great destruction to the English vessels, destroying 13 British merchant vessels and sinking two men of war within 60 days. Before the war of 1812 Capt. Blakely won great reputation fighting pirates on the Mediterranean Sea. While waiting for the Wasp to be built at Portsmouth, N. H., Captain Blakely was married. He sailed away after the vessel which he commanded was completed and after displaying wonderful bravery and winning fame by the victories his ship had won on the high seas, his vessel was lost and no one knows the fate of Captain Johnson Blakely of Wilmington, his ship nor any of the 173 men composing the crew of the Wasp. A daughter was born to Captain Blakely while every one was guessing his fate. Her name was Udney Maria Blakely. As Captain Johnson Blakely did not return to receive the honors the Legislature of 1814 decided to make a gift to his daughter. The Governor was asked to send to Mrs. Blakely a handsome tea set to be kept by her and presented to the infant daughter of Johnson Blakely at the age of 15 years. At the same time the Legislature determined to adopt the little girl as the daughter of North Carolina, and to have her educated at the expense of the State. As soon as Udney Maria was old enough she was placed in school in Philadelphia and twice every year, until 1828, the Governor of North Carolina sent to her guardian the money to pay her expenses. Five years after Capt. Blakely's death Mrs. Blakely was married again and moved to the island of St Croix in the West Indies. When she finished school Udney Maria joined her mother and she died on the island of St Croix in 1842. She was the only child ever adopted by the State of North Carolina.—Ex.

A Faithful Representative.

There is not a member of Congress who is more loyal and faithful to his constituency than the representative from the eighth district, Hon. R. L. Doughton. His efficiency and work have placed him on important committees in the House where he is in a position to render his people and the country at large valuable service. Being himself a farmer and a man of practical ideas, he can do more just now for the farmers and agricultural interests of the south than any new man we can put up, and especially a new man who belongs to the party in the minority. The voters of the Eighth are not going to swap horses in the middle of the stream.—Lenoir Topic.

Take care of the blood of the State and the people will take care of themselves. But with continued neglect in North Carolina, finally one half of the people will have to take care of the other half.

I have written these articles to benefit the people who have no more weaknesses than I, but who have at least one that I do not possess. Thanking the editor for publishing the same, and hoping they will be seed sown in good ground, I am

Very sincerely yours,
SHEPHERD M. DUGGER.

MEANS A LONG WAR.

New York Sp. The immediate value of Antwerp to the Germans is found in the fact that it establishes their position in Belgium solidly. Hitherto with the Scheldt fortress in the hands of the Belgians the Germans have been in a position of an assailing force which has carried the outer works of a fortress, but is still outside the citadel.

Just as long as the Belgians held Antwerp the Germans had no safe line of defense north and west of the Meuse and the Sambre. They were compelled to hold this line, based on the fortresses of Liege and Namur and Maaubeuge, in great strength both to protect their lines of communication and to assure their position in Belgium, which remained the one available gate to France.

In case of an eventual retreat from the Aisne the Germans were confronted with the possibility of an attack from the north, the west and the south at the same time, and their defensive line would have to follow the outline of a huge V with the points on Liege and Metz. Such a tremendous extension of lines would require immense forces to hold them, and the advantage of numbers was bound to be against them.

Antwerp taken, the whole German line shortens up automatically and follows the Scheldt south from Antwerp by Ghent in a broad curve to the French frontier. Three-quarters of Belgium is now solidly held. All danger of attack from the north, or raids upon the line of communication vanishes. Save for the little block of territory between the Scheldt and the North Sea the whole of King Albert's kingdom, with whatever resources it still retains, is in German possession.

First of all, then, the Germans have completely established themselves in Belgium, and the task of driving them out will be long and tedious, even if the Allies presently succeed along the Aisne. Weeks and months of persistent fighting must, in the most optimistic view of Allied prospects, precede any arrival of French and British armies on the Belgo-German frontier. In addition Germany will all the time hold the Belgian gates to France and if successful against Russia can presently concentrate her masses for a new drive at Paris.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mexico's National Beverage.

Pulque is the national beverage of Mexico, but is consumed almost exclusively by the lower classes. One or two quarts of it will give you a capital joy. It sells retail from 1½ to 2 cents a quart. It has a whitish gray color, tastes like sour milk and smells like a skunk.

This remarkable beverage is extracted from a plant, or a species of cactus, known as the maguey plant. This plant attains a height of six to eight feet, with the same width. It resembles very closely a giant artichok. Its leaves are frequently ten feet long, a foot and a half wide and ten inches thick. How is that for a leaf? The juice (pulque) is extracted in much the same way that you tap a maple tree.

The plant has to grow for seven years before it gives a ny pulque, then it is tapped and it continues to give an average of 1 1-2 gallons every day for three months; then it dies. When the plant is dead its great value then begins. From the stems of the lower leaves two other drinks are made—tequila and mezcal.

These are very intoxicating, as clear as water, are drunk from small whiskey glasses and sell at from 2 to four cents a drink, about half an ounce. With the leaves of the plant they fatten cattle, thatch houses, make rope, brooms, sewing thread, needles, paper, vinegar, molasses, eaves, troughs and many other useful things; and beside these the Indians extract a worm from the leaves, which they cook, eat and consider a great delicacy.

The pulqueiras—that is, the shop where pulque is sold—are merely filthy stink pots, patronized only by the lower element of both sexes. A sober man or woman is seldom seen to enter or leave these joints. They are drunk when they go in and drunk when they come out.—Ex.

Enforcing the Cigarette Law.

Lexington Dispatch. The Dispatch has called attention several times to the fact that minors are buying cigarettes in Lexington and it is gratifying to note that the officers are making an effort to find out who is doing the selling. Wednesday a small boy was brought into court and efforts were made to induce him to tell who sold him the cigarettes. He refused to tell and was sentenced to jail. To save the boy from jail an appeal was taken in his case and he was released on bond. It is not only against the law to sell cigarettes to persons under 18 years of age, but it is against the law to give cigarettes to such persons and every good citizen should do all he can to help the officers locate the guilty person who is carrying on the illegal traffic.

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The Joint Debate.

The joint debate in the court house last Saturday afternoon between our present Congressman, Hon. R. L. Doughton and Hon. F. A. Linney, the Republican nominee for Congress from this district, attracted a large number of voters from different parts of the county. The court room was packed and many could not find even standing room.

Mr. Doughton was introduced by Ex. Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Newland and in a forceful earnest speech of one hour, he gave an account of his services to the people of his district, defended the policies of the national Democratic administration, showing that they are carrying out the pledges of reform, having enacted the Underwood-Simmons tariff law, the banking currency law, etc., and gave the people the parcel post which saves them millions of dollars annually in express charges. President Wilson's foreign policy, at peace with Mexico and all foreign nations, is praised by everybody of all parties.

Mr. Linney, introduced by Mr. E. F. Wakefield, followed in a speech of one hour, and his wit and resourcefulness brought considerable enthusiasm on the part of his political friends. He charged the Democrats with the high cost of living, with the recent sudden jump in the price of sugar and other matters which are clearly influenced by the war in Europe. Each speaker had a short rejoinder, which was used well.—Lenoir Topic.

Hopeless Lung Trouble Cured.

Many recoveries from lung troubles are due to Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It strengthens the lungs, checks the cough and gives relief at once.—Mr. W. S. Wilkins, Gates, N. C., writes: "I used Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in a case given up as hopeless and it effected a permanent cure. Get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your cough is dry and hacking, let it trickle down the throat, you will surely get relief. Only 25c at your druggist."

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court before the Clerk, George R. Clark, Administrator of J. B. Clarke, G. R. Clarke and S. M. Clarke, vs. Lula Clarke, widow, Eugene Clarke, Fred Davis, Nellie Davis, Robert Clarke, Jos. Clarke, Jay Clarke, Susan Clarke, Francis Clarke, Maggie Clarke, Ermie Clarke, Susan Moore and husband, Thos. Moore, Nellie Moore and husband, W. M. Moore, Clarke Steel, Stuart Steele, John Steele, Nancy Steele, John R. Steele, Mary Ann Steele and Frank A. Linney, guardian Ad Litem. Under an order of the Superior Court made in the above entitled proceeding, the undersigned commissioner will on the Saturday, November 7, 1914, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the postoffice in the town of Blowing Rock, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder in cash, the following real estate, situate at and near the said town of Blowing Rock: Lot No. 14 the J. B. Clarke lands, being the lot bid off by A. J. Rowe at a former sale made by the undersigned, and all right, title and interest held by the said J. B. Clarke, in a tract of land, adjoining the lands B. J. Greene, Dr. Wilson and others and known as the A. D. Blair 50-acre tract. This Oct. 3, 1914.
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