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OBSERVATIONS. The grave of Stonewall Jackson, at Lexington, was handsomely decorated on the 10th of May. The Brooklyn Eagle denounces city dogs as filthy, dangerous and useless. The Eagle should take in its ice from the sidewalk earlier.—Courier-Journal. When two girls meet they kiss. When two young men meet they don't. That shows who wants kissing the worst.—Young Folks' World. The Chicago Times remarks that there will be some comfort in listening to the phonograph; it can't button-hole you and its breath will not be bad. An American lady, writing from London, says that English women have none of the exquisite and delicate taste in dress for which our countrywomen are noted, and no idea of the harmony of colors. The scullion who edits the personal department of the New York Herald generally manages about once a week to get in a fling at some southerner. The scullion is a worthy representative of his bold boss.—Atlanta Constitution.

When Mr Jasper gets through butting his head against the stone wall of scientific truth, he will have the kindness to step over this way and explain why it is the sun always turns his coolest side upon us the very next day after a man sheds his undershirt?—Cin. Break Table. At the door of the European congress: Russian to Turk—"See here, now, you know! We are friends—treaty of alliance—complementary telegrams exchanged, and all that sort of thing. Smile—in you, look cheerful or I'll hok you again!" A grand sham battle will take place in Wheeling, W. Va., on the 30th of the present month. The military who will participate in the conflict are the first regiment, West Virginia National Guards, Morgantown Artillery, and eight pieces ordnance, and twenty-second Ohio regiment, National Guard.

Prohibition Again—A Voice from Guilford. Editor Charlotte Observer: I see one "Anti-Prohibition" attempt in answer to my recent article, and I see that "Citizen" has so effectively wound him up that it is hardly necessary to reply. He assails me and that shining light, Greensboro. I say this: the examples that Guilford's citizens have set are worthy of imitation by old Mecklenburg. We have no licensed bar-room in this county. If successful at the polls you will not regret the step. If you fail, on it hangs the ruin of souls. It is better, decidedly so, to shut out the temptation (95 of which I learn you have), and let those who will "drink any way" take it on the sly, if they choose. Our people have, mainly, learned how to do without this stimulant, and are being educated to and cherish this local option law as one of the wisest and best ever enacted by a North Carolina Legislature. This law has mainly accomplished its full intent in Greensboro. Talk about your revenue on liquor. What is it compared to the terrible destruction of the minds, souls and bodies of men! How many souls will Anti-Prohibition put on the balance with the revenue of the year in Greensboro? There is no doubt and unquestioned authority that the Maine liquor law is a wonderful success. It is so here. The jailor of Guilford has the names and figures of 1875. Prisoners that year, 75, and in '76, the first year of prohibition, 39—a difference of 36. Why is that? Mainly on account of closing all our bar-rooms and breaking the social drinking feature. Anti-Prohibition says there are many women in favor of the sale of liquor. Is it possible? Do they live in Charlotte? I don't think they do in Greensboro or Guilford. It certainly did not look so on the beautiful Sabbath afternoon before the 7th of last June, when hundreds and hundreds of them gathered at 4 p. m. all over these two townships, to call on God, as the voice of one person, that he would send voters to the polls the next Thursday and vote to put down this evil; and to the ladies of Charlotte township I say, if your 35 bar-rooms are closed by the votes of your good citizens, you need not fear "home bar-rooms," as Anti-Prohibition thinks you should. He says: "therefore advocate the free sale of liquor because it is the least harmful of strong stimulants." Does he believe that? If so, upon what basis? Or does any sane man believe it? I would not utter the assertions, or believe what Anti-Prohibition says in his several articles, for the treasures of earth: No man ever expected the law to be a perfect success. It is largely more so where tried than could be expected in so short a time. Yes, he would make a fuss also about drugstores selling. That, too, is a cause of complaint, we don't deny, but they, notwithstanding, do not and will not permit the scenes of public bar-rooms; that is, they don't here. To undertake to tell the good results would be folly indeed. It has lifted the fallen man from the ditch, placed food in his mouth and that of his wife and children. It has placed many a man in his right mind again, restored him to the confidence of his fellows, brought him into good society and, in many cases, into the church. It has given joy and gladness to hundreds of wives and children, added to our Sabbath schools and to the general morals of nearly the whole body of our population, so much so that the anti-prohibition party did not this year make any effort at the election. This is a very great argument. It carries much weight. The people have awakened to this great evil and our enemies see it too plainly to be mistaken. Another great argument is the great success attending the temperance cause, scarcely ever a charge for drinking being necessary, and here is found the banner lodge of the State. Now, these are stubborn facts. They can't be successfully contradicted, and you can have more light yet. In the face of all these and thousands of others, will the good, christian people be idle, sit still, and not make one grand effort to drive from their midst the greatest evil, in its effects, the land is cursed with? Then it has had its moral and religious effect upon the colored population alike with the whites, and they worked as faithfully for it, and rejoice now in its benefits to their race.

STATE POLITICAL ITEMS. A correspondent writing to the Greensboro News from Newbern says the Republican members of the next Legislature from that section of the State will support Judge Merrimon for the United States Senate, if they have no candidate of their own in the field. The Waddell and Steadman men of the Cape Fear district are still quarreling through the Raleigh News, notwithstanding Maj Steadman has announced his withdrawal from the race for the congressional nomination. The Wilson county Democratic convention met on the 22d, nominated Dr R W King for the Senate, Dr J M Taylor for the House, declared Vance the choice of the county for United States Senator, and Smith and Howard the county's choice for the Supreme Court bench. J C L Gudgeon has been nominated for judge and G S Ferguson for solicitor of the ninth judicial district. They are both well known as men of character and capacity. A Hint for Commencement Days. [Philadelphia Times.] The season of college commencements is upon us. During the next few weeks society will be inundated with a deluge of the sort of speeches which callow speech-makers turn adrift from commencement platforms. Before great congregations of smiling relations and approving neighbors the graduating collegians will display their oratorical and mnemonic powers by reading or reciting speeches, treatises and essays, to the manufacture of which many weary midnight hours have been devoted. Sisters, sweethearts, aunts, uncles and grandparents listen in patient exhaustion while the speeches of the other young men are being delivered. They may be on hand to hear the utterance of him on whom their affections and hopes are centered. Although the dreary mass of speeches constituting the make-up of a commencement programme is enough, if listened to as a whole, to give a healthy person an attack of dyspepsia, yet people take the risk. They conceal in a manner highly creditable to their courtesy the fact that they consider the speeches of the other young men a bore. When their own young man speaks their sleepiness disappears and their weary faces are wreathed with pleasant tokens of approbation. Whether his speech is on a subject which they comprehend, or whether, for the greater exhibition of his scholarly attainments, it is delivered in the Latin tongue, which he himself but imperfectly understands, it is all the same. Canes, umbrellas and heels are brought in violent contact with the floor, not so much for the purpose of raising the cloud of dust which inevitably rises, as to signify the discomfiture of the owner of the noise-making apparatus. At the proper moment bouquets or more elaborate floral offerings are sent by the speaker's relatives to the platform, or thrown from a distance by persons who are such inept marksmen that the missiles light on somebody's head considerably distant from the target aimed at. The parchments, worded in Latin and tastefully engraved, are handed to the graduates, and the commencement is finished. The young men go forth into the busy world to seek what they may devour, and to take a hand in the general game of getting a living in such way as may open before them.

It is strange that in the midst of the world's progress this commencement business stands substantially where it did generations ago. The only way in which the graduating young man can commend himself to a solicitous public is to make a speech. He may be without talent for speech-making, but it makes no difference. He may be able to map out a political course, or to deliver a black board with a hydrographic chart of the bottom of Baffin's Bay or of the Red Sea, but it is denied him. He might execute before the audience lightning calculations on a huge scale, to the great admiration of the beholders and to the marvelous stirring up of those who fall asleep while the Greek solution is being enunciated. But this would be irregular. He might display his knowledge of dental mechanics by filling the tooth of a fellow student or extracting a molar from the jaw of a professor. Such proceedings being out of the ordinary routine, and calculated to enliven the platform to an extraordinary degree, are not permitted. The poor fellows are tied up to the one routine of oratory, of speech, speech, speech which interests hardly anybody; speech which is generally a string of the tamest inanities; speech which in many instances has been carefully revised by professors for the credit of the establishment lest it should be too striking or too interesting or contain anything dangerously novel; speech which proves no doctrines, establishes no facts, and, as a contribution to the world's work, is of no value. If the young men who are graduated at these institutions of learning were all to be professional speech-makers it might be different. A few of them aim to be clergymen and lawyers, although they would be irregular. They are, however, crowded just now. There may be a certain degree of fitness in the making of speeches by those who are to enter these professions, but let the incipient mechanic, engineer and surgeon distinguish themselves in some other and more practical way. If it be objected that these young persons have not, during their four years of collegiate training, picked up enough knowledge to enable them to do anything but make a speech, and to do that in a veal and absurd manner, then let the verdict be so much the worse for the college, which has wasted a great deal of somebody's time, and for the impracticable old gentlemen who, being professors, have professed something which they did not more than half understand, namely, the training of the young men.

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