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TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN.

The Charlotte public, and especially the parents of children attending the public schools, will be much interested in the communication, published in this paper, by Mr. D. B. Smith, a member of the school board, in which is embodied a letter to him from Chief Orr, of the fire department.

DANGER OF PARTY EXTINCTION.

It will be recalled that one of the planks in the Ohio Republican platform, adopted last week, favored a reduction in the congressional representation of such States as have disfranchised the ignorant negro.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUDDLE

We pretend to no understanding of all the ins and outs of the legal complications which have grown out of the settlement of the affairs of the late State dispensary of South Carolina but can understand the common sense of some of the propositions involved.

NO MORE HANGING IN VIRGINIA

The bill substituting electrocution for hanging and providing that all future executions shall be conducted at the State penitentiary has passed at the State penitentiary has passed at the State penitentiary has passed at the State penitentiary.

Mr. Bryan's Omaha platform is differently viewed by the press, according to the standpoint of the paper.

It is generally regarded as a forecast of the Denver platform, as is the Taft Ohio platform of that of Chicago. The Washington Post draws a close analogy between the Omaha and Columbus deliverances and draws the conclusion: "The campaign next summer, evidently will be one of men, and not of policies."

The election of Mr. Frank B. Gary to the unexpired term of the late Senator Lattimer, of South Carolina, seems to be variously regarded in that State.

To quote only three papers, The Charleston Post says he is "a man of ability and character." The Columbia State, that "there is no reason to believe that the action of the Legislature is popular." The Anderson Mail, that "it is a thing to be ashamed of." But anyhow, it is not for long.

Japan is threatening war upon poor, helpless old China, which will no doubt avert it by an abject apology, whether an apology is due from her or not.

Nearly bankrupt as Japan is, she can set trained squadrons in the field, is furnished with first-class fighting ships and capable sailors to man them, and is skilled in the arts of war.

CHINA, GERMANY AND AMERICA AGAINST JAPAN.

There is apparently no room for doubt that the United States government fully intends, as recently reported, to make a formal protest against Japanese encroachments and usurpations in Manchuria. This protest will presumably take the form of a circular note to the powers and have as its basis the complaints of American textile manufacturers against the serious blow which has been inflicted upon their trade by Japanese administration of the Manchurian railroads.

What are Mr. Willie Hearst and his Independence League going to do this year? This is a question of growing interest, especially as affecting New York.

Mr. Hearst's principal paper and the principal organ of the League tells in an article which is printed in another column three things that they are not going to do and one that they are: They will not endorse for President Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan or Governor Johnson, but will nominate a candidate out of the League's own ranks.

Mr. Bryan had lacked no more of uttering wisdom in the Nebraska Democratic platform than in his convention address party prospects would be decidedly brighter.

But then Mr. Bryan undergoes queer changes in his mental states—almost a Democrat one day and more Populist than any avowed Populist the next.

Chief Orr Examines School Building and Makes Fire Inspection—Board of School Commissioners to be Called to Take Action on His Recommendations.

The burning of a large number of public school children in an Ohio city has shocked the feelings of the people, and has not failed to impress upon school authorities everywhere the need for extra precaution against fire in our public school buildings.

That all outside doors be hung so as to swing both ways, and that all inside and connecting doors to swing both ways; that furnaces, boilers and steam pipes and wood-work near them and also wooden walls of furnace rooms be covered with asbestos and that a heating system be substituted in the South school for the many stoves now in use there.

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It is only necessary for me to add here that the mayor of this city will be requested to call a special meeting of the board of school commissioners at an early date to take action upon the recommendations of the fire chief.

King Alfonso to Visit Barcelona, Madrid, March 8.—King Alfonso will leave here to-morrow night for Barcelona, the most strict secrecy is observed as to which of the two routes the royal train will take.

Malaria Makes Pale, Sickly Children. The Old Standard GRIEVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC drives out malaria and builds up children.

GATE CITY'S AUDITORIUM

A STRONG COMPANY ORGANIZED

Stockholders Arrange to Proceed at Once to Remove the Hippodrome Building From Norfolk for a Convention Hall—Well-Known Business Men of the County.

YET ANOTHER BANK.

The Greensboro Commercial and Savings Bank is to increase its capital from \$200,000 and be converted into a national bank comes the news that Greensboro is to have another strong national bank, with a capital of \$500,000.

GOVERNOR MAKES ADDRESS.

Governor Glenn stood in the pulpit of West Market Street Methodist church for over an hour and a half this afternoon and made an impassioned appeal to his hearers to hold their hands in the temperance campaign and rid North Carolina of the curse of strong drink.

Dr. Neyman Wrote Many Letters to Dr. Weston.

To the Editor of The Observer: I read your article on Dr. E. M. C. Neyman in today's Observer. During the latter years of Rev. James A. Weston's life he made two or three visits to see Dr. Neyman, and he told me that he was at a loss to know what to believe about him, but that the doctor told him he had some papers that he would like to him, and that he wanted them published after his death.

WHICH?

Now which will you take? she smilingly said. One kiss or a red, red rose? The rose may be kept for a long, long time. Where a kiss has gone who knows? A kiss is a fleeting, transient thing. A rose may be worn or pressed. A kiss you can keep but a moment at most. Ah, surely a rose is best.

A CURSE, NOT A BLESSING.

The Governor declared that 50 per cent of the inmates of the Soldiers' homes in this country are there as the result of strong drink, and with dramatic effect, he defied any man to stand up and say that liquor has been a blessing and not a curse to North Carolina.

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COL. OSBORN FOR HOLT.

He Thinks the Gubernatorial Contest and That For Congress in the Fifth District Both in Doubt.

Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, better known in the early days of Durham as "Bill" Osborn, was in the city yesterday shaking hands with his numerous friends. Col. Osborn lived in Durham from 1876 to 1892 and no one enjoys his trips to Durham more than he himself.

HE THOUGHT OF THE GUBERNATORIAL SITUATION.

"Well," he said, "it is too early to tell. We have three candidates who are very popular men and I do not believe any one can tell just now who will win the race. Mr. Kitchin will carry Guilford county, but both Craig and Holt will get a good many votes there."

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"That is as uncertain as the gubernatorial race. We have five candidates and they have their friends and in my opinion it is going to be a great fight. It will be impossible if all the candidates stay in the race until the convention for any one of them to be nominated on the first ballot unless there is a change between now and then. Mr. Buxton will go to the convention with Forsyth solid for him. Mr. Reid will go there with Rockingham General Royce with Granville and Brooks and Holt with Guilford. I believe the balance of the counties will be so divided that it is going to be a hard contest."

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Colonel Osborn smiled and said: "Prof. Holt is very strong in Guilford and in other counties of the district and he will run the balance of them to the throat latch if he does not defeat them."

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"Prof. Holt was born and reared in Guilford and has built up one of the most prosperous educational institutions in the South. He is very much beloved by his friends and they are leaving no stone unturned to carry his native county for him, and I believe when we hold our primaries that he will carry Guilford by a good stiff majority. Prof. Holt made a great record in the last Senate and his constituents were very much pleased with it. I hear that he has been invited to make a speech in a short time in your city. He is a forceful speaker and he will be to the line. He dodges no issues. We are very proud of him. And I want to say that I am very much pleased to find such a great number of people for him in Durham county. I am also pleased to note that there seems to be a strong sentiment here in favor of a primary election."

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In speaking of the financial condition of the country Colonel Osborn said that he believes that things are gradually getting better; that the farmers are getting a good price for their tobacco and cotton and for everything else they raise.

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An Autobiography of Lehmanowsky in Existence. Though Dr. Weston Perhaps Never Saw It. To the Editor of The Observer: I notice in The Observer of this morning your very interesting article on the subject of old Doctor Neyman's claims. It is a reference to Colonel Lehmanowsky. I have concluded that you were not aware of the existence of the autobiography of Lehmanowsky, who was colonel of the Tenth Polish Lancers under Ney during the battle of Waterloo. If I am right in this inference, I think that this book would be of great interest to you and extracts from it would prove highly interesting to your readers.

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When Dr. Weston died I am satisfied that this book had not been brought to his attention. Lehmanowsky came to this country, settled in the middle West and became well known in Indiana, Ohio and adjoining States. I suppose his book must have been written about 1850. He says that he had not heard of the story of Marshal Ney, until the latter heard of him and came to visit him, coming as one from the dead, and confiding his story to him. I have never seen any writing that bore more the earmarks of truth and sincerity, and if you have not seen it, get it and read it. Dr. Burnhelm, a Lutheran minister, now living in Charlotte, owns the copy which I read, and if he does not now have it he can give the address of the publisher.

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If you have information of this very interesting book already, why no harm has been done by my calling attention to it. R. F. BEASLEY, Monroe, March 7th.

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In setting with statistics the Governor said the total sales of whiskey in North Carolina amounted to \$39,000,000 annually, while the people of this State spend only \$5,500,000 a year for the public schools and for the care of the insane and the deaf, dumb and blind. To make another point near the close of his address the Governor declared with great emotion: "If I must hold office by bowing my knee to the whiskey power in Rockingham county and die in poverty, unshowered, unwept and unused."



If It's Not It It Looks Like It

So what difference does it make whether real Spring is here, just so it looks like it, feels like it; you must have clothes suited to it. Just now we were never better prepared to meet your wants, for every department is rich with the bright new shades of materials and garments that make one feel spring-time in their bones by their very looks.

SPECIAL VAL LACE SALE

Big freight shipment Val Lace and Insertion to match reached us 30 days late. Monday the entire lot goes on sale at reduced prices. Example: All 5c. quality 50c. per dozen, all 10c. quality \$1.00 per dozen and all other grades at the same reductions.

REAL LACE ROBES

Genuine Imported Lace Robes, White and Black, all hand finished. Price each... \$75.00

FIGURED NETS

White, Cream, Ecru and Paris shades Filet and round mesh Nets, 45 inches wide. Price the yard... 50c., 75c., \$1.00

DRESS TRIMMINGS

New Motifs, Medallions, Lace Bands, Soutache Braids, all colors; Pull Braids, Persian Bands, etc.

Demonstration of the Security Belt Buckle this week, first floor Trade street store

