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Avoid what makes in your pocket a void.

The Mormons also took sugar in their.

The next president will not veto tariff bills.

The presidential campaign of 1912 is now on at Washington.

Let's all hope that Lenoir will be able to stand the strain.

In a few more days the public will forget that Castro is lost.

Mr. Funk does not appear to like having a private bodyguard.

Wonder if the citizens of Lenoir are protected by hot air insurance.

At this distance it looks like Lincoln Beachy was flirting with death.

Champ Clark also issues an ultimatum in the matter of the tariff.

A newspaper that does not make enemies should either be waked up or buried.

It appears that party lines are becoming somewhat tangled in France also.

The class of ball put up by the city league teams is well worth patronizing.

As Uncle Sam has a surplus in the treasury the democrats can go on with tariff revision.

Self-help is all right—provided one does not help himself to what does not belong to him.

Those people who do not believe that advertising pays must have tried the billboard kind.

If that storm could have been made permanent there might be some chance of congress adjourning.

No; Kinston is not supposed to furnish all the inmates for the school for the feeble-minded.

Prophet Smith is very candid in stating that it was only Havemeyer's dollars the Mormons wanted.

Those who attend the city league ball games can not help wondering why more people do not attend.

In the light of the Day portrait and other investigation exposures that treasury surplus is truly unexpected.

When Ty Cobb goes into vaudeville he may find that making a hit and hitting the ball are two different things.

That committee of doctors is evidently of the large majority who can run a newspaper better than the editor.

If Hines did not "put Lorimer over" he had as well claim credit for it, because the public will not believe otherwise.

When suicides and "like news" is printed on yellow sheets there will be a strong rival of the sporting page in the field.

That farm-life school committee has it in its power to make agricultural history for Durham county, and it will do it.

It is said that ladies' hats will be smaller next season. The smaller the better for those who have to sit behind them.

And another thing, if the news of suicides and such were printed on separate sheets those "susceptible" people would be sure to grab that part of the paper first.

The French cabinet resigned because it failed to get a vote of confidence, but we suppose it will do no good to bring this to the attention of Lorimer.

Before stating that he would not return to Mexico under any consideration Diaz must have read of Mr. Bryan's determination not to run for the presidency any more.

FAILURE TO LIST PERSONAL PROPERTY.

As the question of listing property for taxation is one that is engaging the public thought at the present time, this being the year for general re-assessment of all kinds of property, it may be well to call the attention of the public, and especially the attention of the public authorities, to the provision of Section 5232 of the Revisal. After empowering the board of commissioners to place upon the tax books any land that may have escaped taxation, that section provides:

"In all cases where any personal property, choses in action, or any property except land, liable to taxation shall have been omitted or shall be omitted in any future year on the tax list by the owner, or person required by law to list the same, the board of commissioners shall enter the same on the duplicate of the next succeeding year, and shall add to the taxes of the current year the simple taxes of last preceding year, not exceeding five years, with twenty-five per centum added thereto, in which said property as aforesaid shall so have escaped taxation and the said board of commissioners shall value and assess the personal property aforesaid for those years, and are empowered to examine witnesses and to call for papers to determine the value and to ascertain the persons liable for the tax upon said personal property. All provisions of this section shall extend and apply to all cities, towns and like municipal corporations having the power under their charter to tax the property aforesaid, and the powers and duties herein imposed upon the board of commissioners of the county shall be exercised and performed by the board of commissioners, or the board of aldermen, as the case may be, of the city or town or other municipal corporation."

So that in addition to the provision of the law, that a person who fails to list his personal property shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction punished by fine or imprisonment or both in the discretion of the court, the imprisonment not to exceed two years, the law provides that he shall be liable for the tax for the years in which the said personal property has escaped taxation, not exceeding five years, and an additional penalty of twenty-five per cent to be added thereto. It must be apparent to every person that the failure to list property subject to taxation by our law affects not only the poor but affects the rich also. If the man of large property fails to list his property for taxation, then the property of those who list is thereby contributing a burden that it ought not to be justly called upon to contribute, and the larger the tax levied by the taxing authorities, the greater this burden. What equity, or what justice is there in requiring Mr. A to list all of his property to pay for Mr. B who fails to list his property? It is, it occurs to us, to the interest of every property owner and of every person to see that all property is placed upon the tax books and contributes its proper part to the necessary burden of government.

BETTER BANKING LAWS.

While it is admitted by many bankers that North Carolina has excellent banking laws, yet the recent closing of some nine institutions in this state has called for more stringent legislation. The additional bank legislation that is needed in the state was clearly expressed in the paper read at the recent bankers convention by Mr. George Montcastle, and written by State Bank Examiner Doughton.

It is a fact that our laws conform to a great degree with those of the federal banks, and that the integrity of our leading bankers is beyond question, yet at times, where we least expect, some banker goes wrong and the blow hits the depositors hard, which also has a tendency for many to lose faith in our monetary institutions. This could be largely avoided by the vigilance of the bank directors, which Mr. Doughton expresses as follows: "Since I have become connected with the organization which has in charge the examination and supervision of banks, I have made a special effort to get in touch with the directors and get them in touch with their banks. Our laws should limit the number of directors, outline and define some of their duties, and require that those duties be discharged. I have had to close nine banks and every one of these failures, with possibly one exception, could have been prevented by a reasonable amount of vigilance on the part of the board of directors."

Mr. Doughton further states that \$5,000 banks are dangerous to any community, as the majority of the stock in these small institutions are

as a rule held by one man. In pointing out the great danger he adds:

"Without question the greatest danger which threatens solvent banking in this state today lies in the large lines of credit which small banks are extending and in this connection by small banks my meaning is not confined to those of five or ten or even fifteen thousand dollars capitals. Our law wisely patterns after the national banking act far enough to say that banks with over \$100,000 capital may not lend more than 10 per cent of the capital and surplus to any one individual firm or corporation, but it places on other institutions no limitations whatsoever. To be sure, this is left to the discretion and direction of the corporation commission, but it ought to be regulated by statute, and no bank ought to be permitted to promote and virtually finance outside concerns. It is a discrimination against the bank of large capital, the justice of which I am unable to see."

NO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION NECESSARY.

The masterly and thought producing address of Judge J. S. Manning which appears in full elsewhere in these columns will repay careful perusal.

Judge Manning takes the ground that the calling of the much talked about constitutional convention to revise the constitution of North Carolina is entirely unnecessary at this time. His conservative and judicial presentation of the situation that now confronts the people of the state will have a steady effect on the public sentiment that just now seems bent upon a rampage of destruction of the fundamental principles of our government, this sentiment finding expression in the advocacy of the initiative, the referendum, the recall and similar innovations. Judge Manning takes the ground that it is not necessary to change the organic law of the country every time some slight reform is desired. Along this line, Judge Manning emphasizes the fact that "in respect to those principles which are fundamental to the preservation of the liberties of a people and the perpetuation of the right of the people to direct and control their own government, no mistake was made by our fathers, and no change has been made nor will ever be made in them by our people. Passing generations and passing centuries but fix and illuminate the truth of these principles and make them immortal. . . . The people of the state heretofore have been led to call a constitutional convention only when some vital and fundamental principle of government stirring and exciting the whole people has been presented for solution—not simply when there is presented some question of reform of legislative methods, or the salary of some class of state officers or the mere adjustment of some one branch of the state government."

The constitutional amendments that have been discussed recently relate to the veto power of the governor, the abolition of the office of solicitor, the increase of the number of supreme court judges, changes in the present superior court system of the state so as to divide the state into two or more circuits of rotation, and to reform legislative procedure or restricting the subjects on which the general assembly can legislate by special act.

No great or fundamental principles of government is involved in any of these questions; no great question that can stir the thought and emotions of all of the people, but only questions of policy and efficiency of the administration of government. In the opinion of Judge Manning, "if any of these subjects should be incorporated into the organic law of the state, the proper method is to submit amendments to the approval of the people of the state as a whole, and not by calling a convention." Judge Manning's discussion of the advisability of incorporating some of these amendments in the constitution is extremely interesting.

INGREDIENTS OF THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH.

A very interesting pamphlet has just been issued by the Journal of the American Medical Association showing the convictions that have been secured under the pure drug act, and the nostrums that have been barred from inter-state commerce. The labels banning the all curative properties and wholesome ingredients of these preparations are set forth in the pamphlet over against the substances that the preparations actually contained as shown by an examination of the government chemists. Patent cures for almost every known disease from headache to cancer were examined by the government chemists, and in hundreds of cases their cure-alls were found

to contain dangerous and poisonous drugs that undermine the health.

"For instance," says the extract from the Medical Journal, "Robert N. Harper, of Washington, D. C., manufactured a headache nostrum to which he gave the euphonious name 'Harper's Curforheadake Brane-Fude.' This was sold with the statements that it contained no 'poisonous ingredients of any kind' and that it was a 'harmless relief.' The bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture analyzed this 'harmless' and 'non-poisonous' preparation and reported that it consisted of the following ingredients: Alcohol (per cent by volume) . . . 24.7 Acetanilid (grains per ounce) . . . 35.0 Caffein (per cent) . . . 1.0 Antipyrin (per cent) . . . 1.0 Potassium, sodium and bromids also present.

"Inasmuch as this nostrum was shown to be neither 'harmless,' 'non-poisonous' nor a 'brain food,' Mr. Harper was found guilty of misbranding and sentenced to pay a fine of \$700."

Numbers of other headache cures were found to contain practically the same ingredients. It was in the examination of beauty preparations that the most interesting centers. Of these, there are also a large number that were barred from inter-state commerce. The analysis of "Mme. Yales Blush of Youth" is a good instance.

"Blush of youth is refreshing as concentrated dew, pure as purity—it overcomes all inactivity and imperfection of the skin and underlying structure; spiritualizes the expression and gives the countenance the glow, luster and beauty of childhood and preserves the morning of life indefinitely." For those who, like Ponce de Leon, are looking for something of this kind, the investigation of the government chemist may prove interesting. According to his analysis, "Mme. Yales's Blush of Youth" consisted of 49.85 per cent of water, 6.30 per cent of alcohol and about 43.85 per cent of glycerin, the whole colored with a coal tar dye and perfumed. From this, it is to be inferred, that the long sought for fountain of eternal youth consists essentially of a mixture of water and glycerin with a dash of alcohol.

Editorial Troubles.

When the editorial writer comes down to work, peels off his coat, comments on the weather to the man in the next cell and sits down for the day's work, the line-up which confronts him may be summarized as follows: Tariff. Lorimer. Steel Trust. Roosevelt. Taft. Mexico. Heat waves. Graduates. Safe-gate celebrations. These are the general topics and from these, with whatever local additions may be garnered, must be selected the editorial menu for the hungry readers.

Unnumbered columns have been written on the subjects outlined. Who of the fourth estate has not pointed out the answer to all tariff questions? Who has not denounced or defended Lorimer? At the hands of what newspaper has the steel trust escaped the castigation that its methods so surely invite? And so on down the line. We get along the beaten paths and walk on the shady side of these hot days. The editorial writers may not go on vacations, but one must almost conclude that their love for the infinite variety does.

One Atlantic City Trouble.

Bathroom partitions are not second hand, and consequently a sweet female voice full of dismay was plainly heard at Atlantic City on Sunday afternoon. "Oh, Laura," cried the voice, evidently addressing her girl chum in the adjoining house. "I have forgotten my abs' home! Have you one that you can loan me?" "What's the matter," queried a deep bass voice a few yards away before Laura could reply; "can't you get your hobbie skirts on!"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Terrible Blunder.

To neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. Kline's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent violent indigestion, languid or gall stones. The regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at R. Blackhall. "Johnny," said the visitor at the door, "is your father at home?" "He's trying to be Mr.," said Johnny, "but you know, Mr. Squigles mama's mother's here."—Harper's Weekly. "Did the bride appear nervous during the ceremony?" "Not a bit. So cool and collected was she that twice I saw her feet at her back to see that her gown wasn't unhooked."—Detroit Free Press.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of unclaimed letters advertised June 26th, 1911.

- Men's List. Atwater, G. Berry, Henry Bradshaw, G. W. Carr, Willie Carrington, Jno. Craddock, I. W. Chilton, J. W. Collins, J. C. Cox, Marvin Calhoun, T. E. Dall, Robert Dalton, B. T. Fernandy, Mr. E. Foster, Rev. R. E. Gibson, Latham Griffin, John Goodson, A. B. Hall, J. A. Johnson, L. A. Jiggott, Jacob King, W. E. McPherson, William Nelson, E. Leonard Randolph, E. J. Richmond, Daniel Reade, Joel W. Reeves, Thomas Ross, Willie T. Reeves, Rob. Russell, J. A. Ridley, John M. Rogers, Ulysses Smith, C. H. Spinson, Son Thompson, Dunco Trice, Norma (2) Wilkerson, W. T. Wells, Maury Williams, W. N. White & Co., A. S. Wright, B. N.

Women's List.

- Atwater, Mrs. Lizzie Abernathy, Mrs. Fannie Collier, French, Mrs. M. T. Cash, Miss Rosa Daniel, Mrs. Frank A. Davis, Mrs. Ada Emy, Mrs. Maggie Farrow, Mrs. Lillie Holoway, Miss Corinna Holeman, Nancy (col) Harris, Mrs. L. H. Harris, Mrs. Isabella Jones, Miss Alma Jones, Mrs. Roscoe Locket, Miss Ever Mitchell, Emily Massey, Mrs. F. J. McAdoo, Mrs. Annie McClan, Mrs. Maggie Rilgy, Mrs. Lizzie Stanford, Miss Maggie Stainback, Miss Belle Viphurch, Miss Elma Whitfield, Mrs. Eva Watson, Miss Vera Woods, Miss Lena Woodall, Mrs. G. F. Whitaker, Miss Mary C. When calling for the above letters, please say they are advertised and give date of list. Respectfully, J. A. GILES, P. M.

He Made It Himself.

A prosperous looking man handed a \$20 gold coin to a cigar clerk on La Salle street and asked for a cigar. The clerk was a new one, and Ray Rising, the clerk, had heard a lot about counterfeiting. It flashed through his mind that he now faced a face to face with one of them, so he threw the yellow piece down on the counter to test its ring. The coin had the right ring, but Rising was suspicious. "I guess that's just out of the mint. Wonder if it's good?" he said, looking his customer in the eye. "It ought to be," answered the man, with convincing emphasis. "Did you make it yourself?" ventured Rising. "I did that," responded the man. Rising started to telephone for the police, when the stranger handed him a card, which read: "Frank Downer, director of the United States mint, Denver, Col." The house set up the cigars.—Chicago Dispatch.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Acropines will have to be used by air castle dwellers. A girl is anxious to make a name for herself by marriage. Second love is like second childhood—a skin milk affair, at best. A dog isn't a dentist, even if he does occasionally insert teeth. A man can always please a woman by telling her that she pleases him. Did you ever see a self-made man who was dissatisfied with the job? Occasionally a girl points the finger of scorn to show off her rings.

A Serious Matter.

"Mr. Higgins takes himself very seriously," said the critical young woman. "Well," replies Miss Lavene; "you can't blame him. To be thrown into a cruel world with no more brains than he possesses would be a serious matter for anybody."—Washington Star. "What's the matter? Made an election bet to let your whiskers grow?" "No, but I jassen't cut 'em till fall. It would be a big disappointment to the summer boarders not to have some whiskers on the place to make jokes about."—Louisville Courier-Journal. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Perkins, "did you say that man stole a base?" "Yes, that's what I said." "Well, I'm glad of it. There were more than our men seemed able to do anything with."—Washington Star.

"Tommy, what did you do with that penny I gave you for taking your medicine?" "I bought a bun with one half-penny, ma, and I gave Jimmy the other one to drink the medicine for me."—Tit-Bits. Because others are worthless does not indicate that you are worth more.—Chicago News.

BE WISE! —SOW GERMAN MILLET— Food of all kinds will be very high and scarce this year. German Millet makes one of the best and most satisfactory of summer hay crops. June is the month to sow it. Pearl or Cat Millet, Cane, Black Peas, Fancy Largo Early Black Eye Peas, Soja Beans. Anything you want in Seed and at Right Prices. Haywood & Boone The Quality Drug Store. Use Lowe Brothers HIGH STANDARD PAINT Gives Best Results.

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"Look Before You Leap" Is an old saying that holds good in starting a bank account. Before you place your money in a bank look for the following safeguards: Notice the character and ability of the men who have charge of the bank; see that the officers are experienced bankers and the directors are responsible business men. The bank should have ample capital, the larger the capital the greater the protection for the depositor. A large surplus and profit fund is also an additional protection. Read the bank's statements; notice whether or not they carry a good reserve in cash and demand loans; also notice if the bank is prospering—if a bank don't make money it is not a safe bank. All the above-mentioned security is afforded our customers; if safety for their funds, with liberality and courtesy is what they want. The Citizens National Bank OF DURHAM, N. C. B. N. DUKE, President. T. B. FULLER, Vice-President. J. B. MASON, Cashier. "Resources over a million and a quarter."

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