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Watch your instincts. They tell what you are. The way to know your real character is to analyze them. When they are wrong you may conclude you are corrupt to the core. This criterion is well known. Most men apply it in estimating others. The man or woman who sees spontaneously the worst part of transactions or the evil that is in his fellows first and does it as a habit is discredited by his acquaintances. The conclusion is reached that the heart is wrong. If the life of such people does not show openly repulsive and disreputable corruption it is because fear of penalty or other selfish motives deter. Restraints in the Providence of God, save the soul from incalculable evil at the hands of its constituents. We all know of men who, we feel, need to be watched. They have given themselves away. The secret is out. Credit is all gone for them. Good men have good impulses and bad ones evil.

A humorous stretch in a speech by the versatile editor of the News and Observer on North Carolina at the late Press Convention interested us very naturally. The ideal State, said he, is the one that produces the best sweet potatoes and scuppernon grapes. North Carolina is that State and the eastern section of it wears the laurels for winning the high honor. Said the speaker wittily that an exceptional talk (afterwards named Croatan) by a distinguished citizen of Robeson) migrated from the coast region inland further and further as the scuppernons were found sweeter. At last they reached the region where they were found to be the very best and here took up their permanent abode. The section is the great county of Robeson. In very fact these grapes are more delicious and in all ways pleasing to the palate nowhere else in the world. And they grow nowhere else more profusely. In addition to this there is no more certain crop among us. Every man expects his grape vine to be full.

The long pastorates of Father McLean, 56 years at Antioch and 43 years at Philadelphia churches, Father Monroe 66 years at Spring Hill church and Father Landon over 50 years at churches whose names we do not now recall are in sharp contrast with the short length of pastorates in this section today. To the younger folks it is mysterious that these men could stay and labor so long in their charges. It is not easy to explain how these fathers could have rooted themselves so deeply and permanently in the hearts of the people. But religious convictions are man's deepest convictions. No power can sever the bonds of a pastor and people when the pastor's work has overlapped three generations. In other words, when the grandmothers of today were guided and edified and comforted by the ministrations of the man who yet lives to labor on. He and the children and children's children have come to be so dovetailed into one another through the introduction and example of mother and grandmother that no storm can tear them asunder. But such long pastorates are out of date.

Two great conventions have been held recently. Their magnitude is almost staggering. But everything grows larger as the world lives on. The International Sunday School Convention at Toronto, Canada, contained over 1800 delegates and represented 14,127,541 scholars and teachers. The most prominent and successful workers in the world were there. "Winning a Generation," was the catchy theme of the enthusiastic body. Temperance and missionary work got needed attention and the importance of well trained teachers was emphasized. An optional advance course was adopted by a small majority. The project of a great International Sunday School building to cost over \$2,000,000 went over to next year. Written examinations found no little favor.

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Ashpole News Letter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean went to Wrightsville Beach last Monday for a week's stay.

Mr. A. G. Stafford and daughter of Latta S. C., spent a day with Mr. H. G. Mitchell last week.

Mr. George Floyd, of Barnesville has accepted a position with Flood Bros. The young people are glad to welcome him among their number.

We are glad to report Dr. F. H. Pittman doing well, with every prospect of early recovery though he has Typhoid Fever.

There is a prospect of an Electric plant for our town which we hope will be carried through. Lights and a good school would do more for our town than any combination obtainable.

Miss Ha Galloway celebrated her birthday Monday with a fishing trip at Atkinson's Mill. The party had supper at the mill and drove home in the early twilight.

A mistaken report in last week's Robesonian is hereby corrected. Mr. J. A. Small's little daughter who also had fever was much better when he died and is so far recovered as to be moved with her mother to Mr. Richard Prevatt's home, where we hope she will soon be entirely recovered.

One of our greatest wants is a good boarding house. This seems harder to get than anything else. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have decided to quit which leaves only one in business and tobacco season opening.

Miss Nannie Stafford, of Latta, S. C. is spending awhile with Mr. C. G. Mitchell her grandfather.

Mr. Walter Tucker, of Raleigh, representing the Gleaves Hardware, of Philadelphia spent Wednesday night in town.

The party to The Rocks came home Tuesday satisfied with fish and mosquitoes.

Capt Willis P. Moore has gone to South Carolina to visit his daughters, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Jas. Mears, of Fair, Bluff, was a guest of Mr. J. H. Floyd last week.

Mr. Joe Burch, of Durham formerly on this tobacco market spent Thursday night in town.

Misses Agnes Ashley and Christie Floyd are visiting friends at Lumber Bridge.

Mr. Robert Ratley's pretty new cottage, on the new street to be opened above Mr. A. C. Thompsons store, will be quite an addition to that part of town.

The ladies of the Methodist church desire to thank all the friends who so kindly attended their Measuring Party last Wednesday night. It was a pleasant occasion to all. The best of behavior prevailed and the sum of \$35.00 was realized.

The building of the Lumberton Ginning Company is nearing completion. That of Legget and Purvis is complete and the machinery installed by an expert sent by the company from which it was bought.

Rev P. R. Law came over from Red Springs Friday and is visiting among his parishioners.

The opening sale of the Tobacco Warehouse will be held July 27th. In the mean time the tobacco is being brought in and bought by the managers at good prices.

Mr. Jas. Drummond is to be Auctioneer for the warehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Floyd and baby and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell and baby left Friday morning for a short stay at Southport.

Mr. G. A. N. Coppedge, who has been connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., in this place, has accepted a position with that company at Rocky Mount, N. C.

LAURINBURG.

Exchange.

Much to the amusement of the farmer, cotton is doing some acrobatic feats, but there may be a "high dive" act on the program yet.

Mr. Henry Gibson, a popular young dentist of Red Springs, was in the city Tuesday on his way to attend the "Gibson Regimen."

Mr. A. M. Hinson, of McColl, has purchased from M. J. C. Morgan his livery business and will continue his livery business at the same place.

Miss Bessie Pratt, who has been visiting Messrs. Fannie and Maude Lee for the past two weeks, left Tuesday morning for her home at Madison, N. C.

We hear that the heavy rains of last week broke several mill dams on Shoe Head creek, among them the mill dam of Mr. R. E. Lee's pond.

Scotland county holds the lead, even in smallpox; the report of the State board of health, credits our county with 2850 cases within the past twelve months.

On last Sunday afternoon a young colored man, named J. Allen, about 20 years of age was drowned at Mr. R. E. Lee's mill. He and two companions were bathing in the race when Allen got in the water above his head and was drowned. Neither of the three were able to swim.

Pembroke Items.

Misses Annie and Nettie Culbreth who have been visiting friends and relatives here returned to their home in Red Springs Monday.

Mr. Ira Creech, of Kenley, spent a few days here with the Messrs. Stanley.

Misses Rida and Bettie Thagard are visiting their brother, Mr. A. A. Thagard.

Mr. Kennedy, of Dillon, was in town on business this week.

Misses Lennie and Nina Lawler returned home Sunday from a pleasant visit to friends at Rennert.

Mr. McInis and family have returned after a pleasant stay at Wrightsville.

Miss Florence Cottingham and Messrs. Cottingham and Britt, of Dillon, stopped here last week with friends on their way to Kings Business College, Charlotte.

The Boat Had Narrow Escape.

The deliberate beaching of the crowded excursion boat Sirius Friday at New York prevented a threatened repetition of the disaster to the excursion steamer General Slocum, which cost a thousand lives thirteen months ago. The excursion boat was in the waters about North Brothers Island, where the General Slocum burned; a Sunday school picnic numbering 1,000 and composed mostly of women and children was aboard and this picnic came from the same quarter of the city as the Slocum picnickers.

In a strait near North Brothers Island the iron river excursion boat Sirius was passing the steamer William G. Payne. While rolling in the trough of the Payne's swell the Sirius was dropped violently upon a hidden rock. The blow stove a hole through a steel plate in to a bulkhead. Captain William M. Pearce headed the boat directly for the mud flats of Riker's Island, nearly a mile away. When the boat was beached the passengers were taken off and they went to their homes. At high tide the Sirius was floated.

We are in receipt of a communication from Mr. M. L. John, of Laurinburg, asking us to extend through the columns of our paper to the people of this section an invitation to the unveiling of the Quakenbush monument which will occur in the court house square at that place next Thursday the 27th inst. The programme will be appropriate and will no doubt be enjoyed by all attending.

Mr. B. H. Scott, of Wilmington, is spending a few days in town.

MAXTON

Chief.

We took a peep at the new structure being built by Mr. A. T. Cottingham last week, and were surprised at the size, and gratified at the magnificence and complete arrangement of every detail. The residence is favorably located on McCaskill Avenue, and contains 14 rooms with all modern conveniences and when completed will be among the best and most imposing homes in town.

Mr. E. A. Pifer, of Chadbourn, district deputy of the Woodmen of the World is here this week to organize a camp in Maxton. The W. O. W. is one of our strongest secret orders and the insurance feature is very attractive. We hope he will meet with encouragement and succeed in organizing a camp here.

John F. McKay, the young white man who was shot about a month ago while resisting officers a few miles south of Maxton, and who has since been in jail at Lumberton recovering from the wounds, was brought to Maxton yesterday and tried before Squire R. T. McElyea. He was bound over to Superior Court, and committed to jail.

Sidney Brewington, a young negro, broke into Mr. J. B. Weatherly's store Sunday night and secured a suit of clothes and jewelry amounting to about \$50. He was apprehended yesterday in Laurinburg by Chief of Police Hubbard, of that place, and brought back to Maxton. He submitted and was placed in the Lumberton jail to await trial. The suit of clothes and one watch were found on his person and returned to Mr. Weatherly.

Mr. W. G. Mathews, of Elmore, Sootland county, spent Tuesday in Maxton. Mr. Mathews, who is well known here, recently returned from Dawson, Ga., where he has been in the watermelon business this year. He tells us that during the month of May his section was visited by a very disastrous hail storm, and his crop of melons was almost ally destroyed. It will be remembered that Mr. Mathews was in the edge of the big hail storm which visited Scotland county in June of last year, and destroyed hundreds of acres of cotton, corn and other crops.

Report On Tobacco.

A final report on tobacco acreage and condition was issued by the Department of Agriculture in Washington Friday. The report having been made up as the result of the discovery and correction of three errors in the computations for the report of June, 1905. The preliminary report on tobacco acreage showed a large increase in the acreage over that of the preceding year in the district of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia and in the "regl" or dark district of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The corrected figures for these districts show a much smaller acreage than that indicated in the preliminary report and are substantiated by the figures of the final report which is based on the returns from the regular county and township correspondents of the Bureau of Statistics.

The cigar tobacco districts, Wisconsin alone shows a decrease from the acreage of the preceding season. Increases in the acreage are practically confined to the parts of the district raising bright yellow tobacco which are included in South Carolina and to the eastern Ohio district.

There will be two eclipses next month. On the 14th there will be a total eclipse of the moon, but will only be visible here as a partial eclipse, the moon rising during the eclipse. On the 30th there will be a total eclipse of the sun, but it too will be seen here as a partial eclipse, the sun as well as the moon rising during the eclipse.

1,000 Dollars.

While going through some old papers among the State Supreme Court records a few days ago, Mr. Joseph L. Seawell, office clerk, accidentally discovered an envelope yellow with age containing nearly \$1,000 in green backs—Confederate money. He experienced the same sensation only to a much larger extent, that the reader felt when he read the lead lines and first sentence of his story. Speechless with excitement Mr. Seawell quickly lifted the bag from its ancient receptacle, and believed for the moment that he had resurrected a fortune. Dingy corners of two \$150.00 bills extended from the fat envelope. But closer inspection revealed the worthless-ness of the stuff, and it was laid aside possibly to disappoint a future clerk.

Mr. Seawell has been engaged for nearly a month rearranging and classifying all the records belonging to the Supreme Court, and this task will be greatly appreciated by lawyers who practice before the Supreme Court, who want more facts in certain cases than are contained in the reports and wish to go back to the original records. The new system is of incalculable value to both judges and lawyers.

Prior to 1818 the Superior court judges met in conference and considered appeals, Mr. Seawell has finished with the classification and arrangement of records until the date of 1830.

The earliest paper among the records is an order to hold an election, issued by Gov. Tryon in 1769. In 1771 there was an indictment brought in the name of the king against a Carolinian. There are a great many interesting letters among the papers about early colonial life.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Teachers' Institute.

The following letter is being sent to the public teachers of Robeson county.

A Teachers' Institute for Robeson county will open at Robeson Institute, in Lumberton, on Tuesday, August 1st. This Institute is to be more than a mere series of lectures, as heretofore.

It is my purpose to make it a school for the thorough training of teachers, both in the subjects taught in the Public School curriculum and in the best methods of teaching those subjects. To the very able assistance has been secured, Prof. Alex. Graham, Principal of Charlotte Graded Schools, being the Principal, and Mrs. Louis B. Bradford, of Elizabeth Graded Schools, assistant. Both these teachers have a wide reputation and their presence assures the success of the Institute.

The Institute will last two weeks. Sec. _____ of the School Law requires continuous attendance, and this law by oath, and by loyalty to the public School system, and fidelity to the trust reposed in me as Superintendent, constrains me to enforce rigidly, and no teacher will be allowed to teach the schools of the county who fail to comply with the requirements of the law.

J. R. POOLE, Co. Supr. Lumberton, N. C. July 21 1905.

Damage at Orphanage.

Thomasville, N. C., July 22.—A fearful hail and wind storm struck the orphanage at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, doing damage to the grove and some outbuildings. The vegetables and the pea crop are almost entirely demolished. The corn crop suffered less, the damage being about 75 per cent.

Deputy Postmaster R. O. Edmunds continues quite sick of fever, we regret to learn.

Mrs. Joe Stone left last week for a hospital in Baltimore, where she will remain some time for treatment.

Mr. C. Leonard, Manager, representing the Franklin Electric Mfg. Co., spent some days in town last week.

ROWLAND DEPARTMENT,

ROWLAND, N. C.

GEO. K. McNEILL,

Editors.

WILLIAMS,

Now, that the vacation season is at its height, the stay-at-homes are beginning to conjure up compensations for the loss of the impracticable summer vacation. It takes a lot of rubbing the Aladdin lamp, however, to meet with any success in this realm of hopes deferred. Still there is an opening that may be found by persistent effort, whence the light beams a promise. It comes from contemplating the ideal as set up against the real (article), looking at the summer resort through a magazine advertisement and then beholding it through a telescope purse that has been deluded by a dark bay coin collector, masquerading as a hotel clerk, behind a Kimberly are-light. But even this philosophic view of the situation will be ebriated "sour grapes" by the other half who have been there and are going again. So, if we expect to convince our friends that we enjoyed spending the summer with second-hand dreams, conning the pictures of places that Adam overlooked when he chose an Eden and cooling our brows with a palm leaf and an occasional glance at Washington crossing the Delaware, hung upon the wall, there must be a convocation of unimpeachable argument and a fatal attack of "the smile that won't come off." Still, we can put the infinite content of languorous lassitude against the mosquitoes, the dyspeptics and the loquacious proprietor of the Inn where noise works overtime and sleep has taken the benefit of the Bankruptcy Law and the Chinese Exclusion Act, while deep in our hearts we are self confessed hypocrites, yearning for the seaside or suicide or a landlady that would drop us just beyond the horizon, where the waltz and the White Rock ripple and the "dear papas" and the wavelets moan. We may even ransack our imaginations for a hard luck story evolved from a mishap that came with a summer vacation in those days when we didn't know any better. We may go so far as to cite the absolute certainty of a telegram recalling us when we attempt such a trip, and argue personal sacrifice against needless worry. In fact, we may go any length, for it is the easiest imaginable to put up a convincing argument against a summer vacation, when the wherewithal is very much hence, and at the same moment if fortune should happen to smile, we would convert this boasted thought process into an attempt to connect a cheap rate and a convenient time that would give a train dispatcher nervous prostration. It all depends upon the point of view, the line of resistance and the space occupied by the bunch of "long g eeu."

If the South Carolinian who predicts twenty five cent cotton this winter is in earnest, he has no trouble in buying a tract at that figure now.

An aeronaut fell three thousand feet in California, the other day, and will die of course. But lots of people fall from grace the whole distance, and still live to a ripe old age.

Even the energy of the story teller is on the wane and we are pining away for lack of a good, whole some lie.

If ignorance is bliss, this old world is not as far from heaven as some people would have us believe.

The thermometers are worked to their full capacities these days.

Mr. C. P. Grantham, of McDonalds, was in town last Friday.

Mr. O. P. Chitty left for his home near Allander, Wednesday, to spend about two weeks.

Mr. A. J. McLeod and family left for Asheville Wednesday, to be gone several days.

Col. T. J. Dunn is spending sometime at his father, near Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Tom Devane, of Pembroke, was in town Wednesday.

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