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PICKING ON THE "SWELLS"

Some public speakers sometimes delight in curling the lip and having a little fun at the expense of the fellows who part their hair in the middle or give other evidence of dandyism. They never fail to get a laugh out of any crowd; and it is all right, only they make a grievous blunder in putting all dandies in the class of good-for-nothings. In his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" Oliver W. Holmes says he finds that pluck "lies at the bottom of all true dandyism. . . . You remember that the Duke said his dandy officers were his best officers." And further:

"A good many powerful and dangerous people have had a decided dash of dandyism about them. There was Alcibiades, the 'curled son of Clinias', an accomplished young man, but what would be called a 'swell' in these days. There was Aristotle, a very distinguished writer, of whom you have heard—a philosopher, in short, whom it took centuries to learn, centuries to unlearn, and is now going to take a generation or more to learn over again. Regular dandy he was. So was Marcus Antonius; and though he lost his game, he played for big stakes, and it wasn't his dandyism that spoiled his chance. Petrarcha was not to be despised as a scholar and a poet, but he was one of the same sort. So was Sir Humphrey Davy; so was Lord Palmerston, formerly, if I am not forgetful. Yes—a dandy is good for something as such; and dandies such as I was just speaking of have rocked this planet like a cradle,—aye, and left it swinging to this day.—Still, if I were you, I wouldn't go to the tailor's on the strength of these remarks and run up a long bill which will render pockets a superfluity in your next suit."

So. Just "lest we forget." When next you hear somebody with a one-story intellect and a one-horse vocabulary talking tall and big about folk who would rather be neat than slouchy, think on these things.

CLEARNESS VS. MUDDINESS

"I used to soar until I got sore", said Dr. Hagerman in his Chautauqua lecture the other day, after explaining that he was going to talk in a conversational way, for he had long since learned that in order to help anybody it is necessary to keep one's feet on the ground. He said he found out that when he was soaring there was nobody up there but himself and that if anybody else had been up there

they would not have needed him. So he decided to quit that sort of talking and try to be clear, though he said he was fully aware of the fact that some people think a speaker is deep just in proportion to the number of big words he used and as he spilled things difficult to understand. That is not depth, he explained: it is simply muddying the waters. The trouble with many people, he said, is that they always associate clearness with shallowness; if they can understand what a speaker says they think he is shallow. Too many speakers and writers think their occupation would be gone if they were to keep their feet on the ground enough to be really helpful. It is so much easier to soar and muddy the waters than it is to be simple and clear.

On a card about another matter, Mrs. Emma Lee Olmstead, Maxton, R. I., writes: "I notice that some of your folks wish a change from 'teachage', so why not call the place 'teachers' rest'? if there really is rest for that class of people." Nothing against it in Holy Writ, s'far as we know. The Book does say something about rest for the wicked bein' mighty seldom, if not altogether not there, but that does not mean teachers. Teachers are meant where it says "There is rest for the weary." If the work does not make them weary it makes them weary trying to make ends meet on what they get. The only trouble about "teacher' rest" is that it takes two words to do the work of one, which is pure waste. Teachage suits us, but we are raising no objections. Sorry to learn that "Aunt Becky", Mrs. Olmstead's mother, does not seem strong these days. Robesonian readers, all of whom love "Aunt Becky", will join with us in hoping that she will regain her strength and send more of her interesting letters to The Robesonian.

Local interest is given to a dispatch from Warsaw telling of the arrival there of equipment for playground by reason of the fact that the local Woman's Club is accumulating a fund to purchase playground equipment for the schools here. The Warsaw dispatch referred to says swings, slides, "giant strides", "ocean wave", merry-go-rounds and seesaws have been placed on the school grounds. The equipment was purchased with money made by entertainments given by the teachers during the past year, supplemented by a donation from the school board. School children of the present in many places have advantages their parents never dreamed of. Praise be for it! And playground equipment is as important as any other equipment. Everthing that contributes to physical wellbeing and fitness lessens the luring power of dissipation and immorality. To excel in any sort of game one simply has to steer clear of dissipation.

A Republican member of the House

of Congress gave members of his party in that body a bad quarter of an hour the other day when he declared that the Civil Service is a fraud and proved it. Right upon the heels of that comes an executive order from the White House which fixes it so the Postmaster General may submit to the President for appointment any one of the three making the highest grade in examination, and it is also fixed so that Democrats may be put out and replaced by Republicans. Your Civil Service is a flexible sort of thing. Ingenious party men of any party in power can always find some method of making it look like a merit system while at the same time taking care of the faithful whom it is desired to reward for party services.

Insurance Commissioner Wade issues another warning against Texas oil stock, offerings of another slick mail-order stock salesman having come to his notice. Mr. Wade thinks practically all such stock is worthless. In every case where there is chance of striking oil there is plenty of money available to finance operations and the outside public does not have any of it offered to it. If you are offered stock in a Texas oil company the offer itself is pretty good warning to investigate thoroughly before buying.

The Chautauqua which closed here the other day gave ten performances—two a day for five days—of such a uniformly high order that Lumberton, which heretofore has been backing and filling on the Chautauqua proposition, seems now thoroughly converted and it is hardly probable that there will be any further difficulty about booking the Redpath every season. More than fifty people signed the contract for next year.

Mrs. Bergdoll gets off with a fine of \$7,000. Bah! That's like fining a

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blind tiger \$5 and costs, remarks the Greensboro Daily News. So. The Bergdolls, mother and son, are things to be handled with tongs, holding one's nose the while. A fine amounting to all the gold upon the possession of which this woman build, her pride would not be too much.

News items in the papers about activities of chambers of commerce in other places reminds one forcibly of the impression one gets that the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce has gone to sleep again. A committee was appointed some months ago to employ a secretary at once, but if any action has been taken nothing has been said about it.

NO MONEY HAS BEEN BORROWED ON NEW PROGRAM

Craven's Charge Warmly Denied by Lacy. Major Bruce Craven, an old-fashioned, common, ordinary, every-day liar, State Treasurer Lacy is quoted by the Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer as saying in commenting upon the charge that the State had borrowed a half million

dollars in New York at 9 per cent. Mr. Lacy says that not a cent has been borrowed by the State during the present administration on the new road-building and permanent improvement program.

Money borrowed thus far, the News and Observer says Governor Morrison made clear Tuesday, has been borrowed in accordance with a long custom, and to pay for work already under construction or completed at the various institutions of the State.

A total of \$500,000 was borrowed, it develops, from the Page Trust Co. at Aberdeen at six per cent interest with the State receiving three per cent on deposit. This money was borrowed for institutional purposes and none of it for road building.

Only \$50,000 has been borrowed for road building and this was to anticipate the automobile tax money that will not be available before July.

A total of \$100,000 was borrowed for the East Carolina teacher training school and \$20,000 for the Goldsboro hospital.

"Likked" Candy a Joke, Says State Chemist

Recently some Charlotte school children showed all signs of being drunk after eating some candy brought by the father of one of them from Chicago. Charlotte health authorities concluded that the candy, which when broken gave out the old familiar smell, had made the children drunk and that maybe some wonderful process had been discovered by which "likker" had been locked inside the candy. Samples were sent to Raleigh, tests were applied and State Chemist Allen deposes and says not a trace of alcohol was found. So "What made the Charlotte school children drunk?" remains an unsolved question.

GIRLS! BLEACH SKIN WHITE WITH LEMON

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of Orchard White, which any drug store will supply for a few cents, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of harmless and delightful lemon bleach. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day, then shortly note the beauty and whiteness of your skin. Famous stage beauties use this lemon lotion to bleach and bring that soft, clear rose-white complexion, also as a freckle, sunburn, and tan bleach because it doesn't irritate.

Railroad Labor Board Decides to Reduce Wages

The United States Railroad Labor Board announced Tuesday that it had decided that "prevailing conditions justify to an extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wage of the employes of the carriers which are parties to the dispute already heard by the board."

The announcement, which affects labor on practically every road in the country, was entirely unexpected.

The board declared it would hand down its final decision in all wage disputes docketed prior to April 18 on June 1, to be effective July 1.

Mrs. Cynthia Britt returned Thursday afternoon to her home in Wilmington after spending several days here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Britt, Second and Walnut streets.

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