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Morning Tonic (GOETHE.)

PEOPLE are always talking about originality; but what do they mean? As soon as we are born the world begins to work upon us; and this goes on to the end.

Uncle Walt Mason

A MAN can read an almanac, and learn that he is sick; then he will groan about his back, to which he's found a crick. Before he read that book of dole, he never knew a smart; he was a hale and healthy soul, with sunshine in his heart.

Having had first column, first page and the up of it for some time as the result of the appearance of the Prins Eitel, Newport News appears to have contracted the habit and now preaches the doctrine of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm.

The women of Raleigh are doing the right thing to press the need of this city for more school buildings, or larger school buildings.

The effects of the furious snow storm are gradually being put behind the city of Raleigh. The telegraph and telephone companies, and the Carolina Light and Power Company have had great forces of men on the job of clearing away and repairing and rebuilding.

The attendance at the Damrosch concert here yesterday afternoon and last night was gratifying. In that it shows that Raleigh is a place in which there is recognition of musical talent.

It must not be forgotten by the voters of Raleigh that the primary election for the nomination of City Commissioners for Raleigh takes place next Monday.

The University of Virginia comes in for congratulations. Founder's Day was celebrated at that institution yesterday, this sounding out the last decade of the presidency of Dr. Edwin A. Alderman.

The notice a month ago that some sixty leaf tobacco warehouses were subject to a fine of \$500 each for failure to report according to law their sales of leaf tobacco for the preceding month appears to have done some good.

NEEDED—AMERICAN BACKBONE.

As strongly as we have ever believed in any proposition we believe that American backbone and confidence can meet and conquer the situation with regard to the needs of dyestuffs by American textile manufacturers.

Our views on this subject are those held by great numbers in this country, and a few days ago we published the view of Thomas A. Edison along this line, with the approving remarks of the Philadelphia Record.

To this representative body of cotton mill men Mr. Kilpatin declared that we can make the needed dyes in this country and compete with the Europeans, that the time is favorable for this, that we are approaching the supreme test of our resourcefulness.

The establishment of dye factories in the United States eventually will solve the problem, but the erection of the plants necessarily will be slow.

AN INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

The specific charge made by a city employee, the statement given publicly by citizens of Raleigh that some city employees are inflicting other city employees that they must vote for the present city officials if they wish to keep their jobs is a matter which deserves the attention of the citizens and the City Commissioners.

The charge having been made we feel that it is due to the citizens of Raleigh and to all the city employees that there be an investigation, for it is no small affair and there should be full light shed upon it.

WOMAN'S INCREASING SERVICES.

That women are to render increasing services in the educational life of the State in the future is a matter certain, and certain it that women are being offered larger opportunities now than in the past.

Goldboro has done itself very great credit in electing Mrs. Sol. C. Well one of the Board of Trustees of the Public Graded Schools.

SHOULD BE AN END OF IT.

This paper deprecates any activity on the part of white men who are candidates for office in Raleigh in registering negroes to vote for them. It is a sorry spectacle, no matter by whom it is done and there should be an end of it.

present administration, this registration of negro voters. The ins are not hypocritical about it and do not disdain support where they find it.

Spirit of the Press

For Reading in Results. Concord Tribune. King George's action in urging abstinence from intoxicating liquors throughout the British empire during the war has met with an immediate and hearty response from every quarter, high and low.

The Vindication of Josephus.

We do not mean to moralize exactly, nor to preach a sermon, but in view of what has transpired and what is now considered one of the leading, most urgent questions in England, we cannot help ruminating and cannot resist the temptation to briefly comment. To-wit:

Just after taking the portfolio of the Navy how Josephus Daniels was rallied against when he promulgated the order that henceforth the Navy of the land must be dry; that "Navy sherry" and other forms of this kind of liquid must flow no more.

Anniversary of Birth of Thomas Jefferson

By Bruce Edwards. Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, was born in Virginia, April 13, 1743.

In literature he is remembered by his "Autobiography," "Notes on Virginia," and "Correspondence." In his public work his fame is secure because he wrote the Declaration of Independence, secured the adoption of the first ten amendments to the Constitution guaranteeing personal liberty, the establishment of the University of Virginia, his influence as President for a nation based on security and freedom.

Edward Everett said of him: "On Jefferson rests the imperishable renown of having penned the Declaration of Independence, to have been the instrument of expressing in one brief, decisive act, the consecrated will and resolution of a whole family of States."

In his letter to Gary January 24, 1799, he said he favored freedom of religion and of thought and was opposed to "swearing the headman mind to the distrust of his own vision."

While the Constitution was being reconstructed from the less strong and more democratic Articles of Confederation, Jefferson was minister to France, 1785 to 1789. He knew little of the making of the document because of the lack of postal communication, of the secrecy which the deliberations were held, and of the French revolution in which he was keenly interested.

Returning to America to be the first Secretary of State in 1793, he approved the Constitution with the reservation that it was necessary to hold the colonies together but was adopted with an implied agreement for certain immediate amendments. These he accordingly urged, and though he was the only man of his friends in the administration, they were adopted, and thus was established the freedom of religion and of speech and of the press.

PEACEFUL USE OF THE PERISCOPE



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New News of Yesterday

By E. J. Edwards.

GREAT PREACHERS WHO WERE ALWAYS PREPARED.

P HILLIPS BROOKS, who was for many years rector of Trinity church, in Boston, and later of the Eastern-Massachusetts diocese, gained a reputation wherever the great masters of the pulpit are spoken of as one of the great masters of the pulpit.

I met Dr. Brooks one morning about two hours before the noonday service. He was a guest at the home of his brother, the Rev. Arthur Brooks. Somewhat reluctantly he told me of the manner in which he prepared his sermons. He said he usually had breakfast, selected his text and, having done that, he outlined the treatment of the subject, jotting down a few notes on a slip of paper, and then he would go to his study and there he would prepare the sermon.

Some years later I mentioned this anecdote to one who was very near Henry Ward Beecher, and who had an intimate knowledge of Beecher's pulpit methods as any one possessed. I asked if it were true that Beecher, sometimes preached an entirely different sermon from that which he had written or mapped out before he left his home for the church.

"Mr. Beecher never knew when he started for Plymouth church Sunday morning whether he was going to preach his prepared sermon or not," was the reply. "Many times he had the manuscript notes of the sermons in his pocket when he started for church, but instead of using them he delivered something entirely different. He used to explain this by saying that he was always peculiarly affected by his congregation. He felt that effect during the preliminary exercise. It had sometimes happened that his eyes fell upon some one member of the congregation and that led to a train of thought which he regarded as especially suitable for exposition in his morning sermon. He was peculiarly susceptible to influence of that kind. From one point of view, Beecher was always thinking of his sermon, not of any particular sermon, but something that he saw, some conversation which he had, some thoughts which at an earlier time had come to him as he reflected upon the Scriptures. In that sense he was always prepared and though he often delivered an extemporaneous sermon, yet he never spoke without preparation. It was extemporaneous in the sense that he had not prepared notes or written a sermon."

Racy of the Soil

Fruit For Wilkes.

North Wilkesboro Hustler. More than \$600 worth of nursery fruit trees were delivered to our orchardists of county at North Wilkesboro within the past week.

Farmers—Merchants—Eggs.

Mountain Court. Our farmers should not think that a merchant is making a big profit when he buys eggs at 12 cents and sells them for 19 or 20. The merchant has to pay the freight and stand the loss caused by breakage, stealing, etc.

Tobacco Acreage Reduced.

Mt. Airy Times-Leader. Talking yesterday with Mr. R. K. Simmons, secretary and treasurer of the Surry county Dry Prize Company, he gave it as his opinion, based on interviews with the farmers of Surry, Stokes and the nearby counties in Virginia, that the tobacco acreage this season will be largely reduced.

Smile and Be Happy

SURE HE DID. Hubby: Don't I anticipate your every wish? Wife: Yes; and can't tell me I can't have it.

DIDN'T HAVE TO.

I wonder Tom had the courage to propose. He didn't. He married a widow.

THAT'S DIFFERENT.

Robbie: Should a man always let his wife have the last word? Papa: Yes. Robbie: Well, Mama wants the "last word" in hats.

BLACKBOARD.

Mamma: Perhaps you'd prefer to wait and let Papa whip you? Johanna: Yes; I've got something of his.

As I Was A-Sayin'

There is a Richlands boy who thinks that Onslow county is awfully better than Jones county.

In Monday's paper there was a special in the News and Observer from Kinston in which Richlands was referred to as "the Jones county town of Richlands."

"A Richlands Boy" comes back with this: "Please don't put Richlands in Jones county. I am from Onslow county and Richlands township and you have made an awful mistake."

The News and Observer having inadvertently put Richlands in Jones hastens to take it out and put it back in Onslow where it belongs. But a Jones county man interviewed on the subject says Richlands ought to be glad that it was put in Jones even if it was for a short time only.

"I have seen the claims made in newspaper articles that an unusual number of negroes have been registered in connection with the approaching city primary and election," said Mr. R. C. Beckwith.

"I do not know of my knowledge that several hundred negroes have been registered, as reported. But if reports are true they reveal a condition that is to be deplored. "I am opposed to having the negro take a part in our Democratic primaries. Everybody knows that constitutionally the negro is a Republican and that he is in a mist in the Democratic party. Therefore it is obliged to work to the harm of the party for negroes to take a hand in the primary. As to the elections, if the negro is qualified, why, there is nothing to be said. But the primary is a different matter."

"It is a settled policy with the Democratic party that the best interest of the people demand that the negro has no part in politics and it does not become any faction of the party to try to tug in the negro as a means of carrying a political fight for to do such a thing is distinctly inconsistent with the established principles of the party. Keep the negro out of the Democratic party."

When Rev. Walter H. Dodd, the new pastor of Fullen Memorial Baptist church, came to Raleigh to be the new pastor of that church, he had not been in Raleigh in fifteen years. "I find a great change in the city," said Mr. Dodd in the fifteen years that have passed since the last time I saw Raleigh. Many new buildings have been erected. Streets have been paved and the town has grown in all directions. I am sure that there are few cities in the South that have improved more than Raleigh has done in the fifteen years that I was out of the State.