

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

WAR with Mexico is as threatening now as at any time since the overthrow of President Diaz, although the newspapers do not publish as much about the Mexican troubles now as they formerly did. They have become an old story. The seriousness of the situation on the Mexican border is not fully appreciated in the United States generally.

We are in receipt from Attorney General T. W. Bickett of a printed copy of his paper on the classification, segregation and gradation of property for purposes of taxation, recently submitted by him to the State Constitutional Commission now in session. As its title indicates it deals with the difficult problem of taxation as it affects individuals, communities and the State at large and going thoroughly into this subject it contains much food for thought and many splendid suggestions embodying the author's ideas on the question.

The fighting between the contending factions in Mexico is fiercer and more bloody than ever and quarter is seldom granted to those captured. There seems to be no better prospect now for a permanent government and the restoration of law than at any time since President Diaz was forced to leave Mexico. Our troops stationed along the border have orders not to allow any of the contending forces to come across the boundary line, and our country may at any time become involved in war by our soldiers forcibly resisting the attempt of any Mexicans to seek refuge in our territory. Whenever the defeated Mexicans, whether federal or revolutionaries, are fired on by our soldiers in trying to come across the border we may expect both sides in Mexico to unite in making war on us. It would be like a man attempting to take sides in a quarrel between a husband and wife, and both of them unite in fighting him!

THE editors of this State have fared very well thus far in the distribution of offices under our new Democratic administration, but not any better than they deserved.

First in importance is the appointment of Hon. Josephus Daniels, so long the editor of the News and Observer, to the high position of Secretary of the Navy. Next is the appointment of Major Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer, as Minister to Costa Rica. Then the following have been appointed postmasters: F. M. Williams, editor of the Newton Enterprise; J. D. Bivens, editor of the Albemarle Enterprise; J. D. Whichard, editor of the Greenville Reflector; J. W. Noell, editor of the Roxboro Courier.

Two other editors have received appointments at Washington. They are Howard Banks, editor of the Hickory Democrat, who is private secretary to the Secretary of the Navy, and O. F. Crowson, editor of the Burlington News, who has a clerkship in the Senate document room.

SENATOR WARREN, of Wyoming, has made application for a pension as a soldier in the Union army during the War between the States, although he is a millionaire. He says that he will give all his pension money to some charity and not use it for himself. His object, as he says, is to preserve in this way his war record for his posterity.

Many thousand ex-Union soldiers are drawing pensions that they do not at all need or deserve. It is a great pity that our needy and decrepit ex-Confederates cannot receive some part of the millions paid every year to such unworthy pensioners.

CURRENCY legislation is greatly needed and men of all parties should approve the efforts of President Wilson to have such legislation enacted by Congress at its present session. On last Monday he read in person to both branches of Congress a special message urging the enactment of this long needed currency legislation.

Our currency system is admittedly defective and should be improved. This is especially important now so as to avert the financial panic which the "Protected Interests" will try to create as soon as the new Democratic tariff bill is passed.

THE Senate finance committee has recommended greater tariff reductions than the House adopted. It has followed the general policy of lowering the Underwood bill duties on necessities, increasing duties on luxuries and extending the free list.

The Gettysburg Reunion.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 22.—The hills of Gettysburg, where the armies of Meade and Lee pitched their tents 50 years ago, are flecked today with canvas, harbingers of the tented city which will soon arise on the battlefield. The army of the civil war veterans from the North and the South—40,000 of them—are coming, some few in thread worn uniforms and all without their muskets, to hold a jubilee reunion on the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

Pennsylvania has been planning for the celebration of the battle for more than four years. She has appropriated \$415,000 as her share of the expense. Congress has appropriated \$150,000 to defray the expense of the government's participation, and named a commission to help carry out the plans. Every State and Territory also accepted the general invitation to participate and nearly all of them appropriated money to transport veterans and commissions.

The big camp is pitched on that part of the battlefield which lies southwest of Gettysburg. On nearly 300 acres of contiguous ground 7,000 tents and more are going up under the supervision of the War Department. Five thousand tents have been erected for the exclusive use of the veterans. The camp has been laid out like a city. Each street and each tent has a number, so it will be easy for any veteran to look up a former comrade or foe. In the center of the camp will be the headquarters of the chief quartermaster. The veterans will be encamped according to States.

Although each tent is designed to accommodate 12 men, it has been planned to assign only eight veterans to each, so as to make them as comfortable as possible. Each veteran will have a separate cot, blankets and a mess kit, which will contain a plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon and will become his personal property when he breaks camp. Each tent also will have two hand basins, a water bucket, candles and two lanterns. With the preparation of meals the veterans will have nothing to do. These will be wholesome and substantial and will be served at the ends of the company streets.

"Only veterans of the civil war may be provided food, shelter and entertainment within the great camp around the battlefield," reads the announcement of the commission. "Therefore, no woman or child or any man not a veteran will be given food, shelter or entertainment. No veteran should bring to Gettysburg any member of his family or other person for whom he will have to obtain food and quarters outside the camp unless all arrangements therefor have first been made for them before he or they come to Gettysburg."

No veteran will be permitted to bring a trunk into camp, his baggage being restricted to that which he can easily carry himself. The care of it will rest with him.

The camp will be opened on Sunday evening, June 29, the first meal to be served at supper time. Twenty meals will be served to each veteran during the week if he is in camp that long and the camp will come to an end after breakfast on Sunday, July 6.

Veterans have planned to visit historic places in and about the great area where the battle was fought and where skirmishes occurred that led up to it, and to hold reunions. The great celebration will be in full swing on the morning of July 1, exactly 50 years to the day from the time the battle opened to the west of the town.

Dog Fights Snake to Save Master.

Clearfield, Pa., June 21.—Tippy, a little mongrel dog, saved the life of his master Frank G. Harris, one time county treasurer, yesterday while the latter was on a fishing trip to Moose creek near here, by attacking a big rattlesnake that was about to strike Harris in the face.

Mr. Harris desiring to reach the other side of the stream, started to crawl over on a slippery log. Just as he reached the far end of the log a big rattler raised his head directly in front of his face and drew back to strike.

Negro Killed in Pistol Duel.

Monroe, June 21.—Frank Perry, a negro hack driver, who was shot in a pistol duel here yesterday by W. L. Dockery, died today. Dockery is a negro mail clerk running between Rutherford and Charlotte, and yesterday was administered poison in sweet milk. When he reached Charlotte he was found in his car in an unconscious condition, but prompt action of physicians saved his life. Returning to Monroe he met Perry, accused him of giving him the poison, a duel ensued with the above result.

Sleeping in Hot Weather.

From the N. C. Health Bulletin.

Nothing so fortifying as one against attacks of hot weather as a good night's sleep, and for lots of people nothing is harder to get. If you haven't taken a reasonable amount of exercise, perhaps you don't deserve much sleep. If you are troubled with indigestion eat a light fruit supper, or omit supper entirely. If your room or your bed is hot, or if you are too warm to go to sleep quickly on a hot night, take a cool bath just before retiring. A tub bath is excellent, but a cold rub-down with a cloth or sponge is almost as good. After thus becoming thoroughly cleansed and cooled by such a bath, it is comparatively easy to get a good night's sleep in spite of the hot weather.

Most Children Have Worms.

Many mothers think their children are suffering from indigestion, headache, nervousness, weakness, costiveness when they are victims of that most common of all children's ailments—worms. Pervish, ill-tempered, fretful children, who toss and grind their teeth, with bad breath and colicky pains, have all the symptoms of having worms, and should be given Kieckapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy lozenge, which expels worms, regulates the bowels, tones up the system and makes children well and happy. Kieckapoo Worm Killer is guaranteed. All druggists, or by mail, Price 25c. Kieckapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. advt.

Dream of Death Comes True.

Smithfield, June 19.—Mr. Huel L. Johnson died at his home here last night at 12 o'clock, after being confined to his bed about a week, though he had been declining health for the past two years. Tuesday morning of last week at the breakfast table Mr. Johnson told his wife and children that he had a dream the night before that was troubling him which was to the effect that within eight days he would be a corpse. On Thursday he became worse and was put to bed and died last night within the 8 days. Mr. Johnson left a widow and seven sons and one daughter. He was a Confederate veteran and would have been 78 years old tomorrow.

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As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces! Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten times as great as you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by J. C. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Killed by Lightning.

Little Rock, Ark., June 22.—R. C. Hawley was struck by lightning and killed and five persons were injured here late today when the bolt came in contact with an electric light wire and traveled into a tent where several hundred persons were attending a revival meeting. Three residences in the immediate vicinity of the tent were also struck by lightning and damaged. All of those injured will recover.

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It is generally supposed that the use of millstones is becoming less and less each year because of the introduction of other grinding machinery, but on the contrary, according to figures made public by the United States Geological Survey, the value of the production of millstones, burrstones, chasers, and drax stones in this country in 1912, amounting to \$71,414, was the largest since 1888.

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WOOD'S SEEDS. Late Seed Potatoes. June and early in July is the best time for planting for the fall crop for winter use.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as administrator of Nettle Haughton, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit them to me on or before the 18th day of June, 1913.

Rates to Gettysburg. Extremely low fares to Gettysburg, Pa., and return via Southern Railway account fiftieth anniversary battle of Gettysburg and reunion of the Blue and Gray, July 1-4, 1913. Rates from all other points on same basis.

Table with 5 columns: FROM, WK END, SUN, CUT FLOWERS, WEDDING BOUQUETS, FUNERAL DESIGNS, PALMS, FERNS, BLOOMING PLANTS, CABBAGE AND TOMATO PLANTS.

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