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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, SEPT. 2, 1915.

Court proceedings certainly have a queer aspect at times. A couple of negroes were recently arrested here for having too much liquor in their possession. The jury turned them loose and the court returned the liquor to the defendants. Over in Wilson they nab a man with a superabundance of joy juice and they send him to the roads for four months.

Wanted—a copy of a State paper published September 1st, that did not contain some mention of the oyster.

With our affairs with Germany amicably settled, let us again turn our attention to our troublesome little neighbor across the Rio Grande—he appears to need attention.

Many a kid in town, just about now, is wishing with all his might that he'll be taken down with the whooping cough.

The good roads project appears to be a mighty hard one to keep stirring. Adjoining counties are fast getting the jump on us.

"MONKEY RUM."

Unable to secure what may comparatively be called "pure" liquor, it seems to be the custom for many men in this section to satisfy their craving for alcohol by drinking a home-made concoction, which is called "monkey rum." It is a villainous stuff and a hog would turn away his head in disgust if it were set before him. Yet there are many men—who are termed "respectable"—who will greedily toss the poisonous liquor down their throats in order to appease their thirst.

When a man lets alcohol get such a hold on his constitution, he is certainly to be pitied. No wonder there are so many persons favoring prohibition. Who wouldn't—if they saw a man lower himself to eagerly drink something which a hog would refuse to touch.

SUPPORTING THE SCHOOLS.

It will not be very long before the public schools in the city will again open their doors for another term. From reports that have been received, it is indicated that a number of changes have been made in some of the courses that have been taken up, and improvements have been made along many lines.

The city schools deserve the united support of every resident of the city, but in many cases this support is sadly lacking. Parents too often are "too busy" to trouble themselves over the progress that their children are making at school, or what the schools are teaching.

We have an excellent school system in Washington. It plays an important part in the city's future welfare. It should meet with the cooperation and the assistance of every public spirited citizen.

THE HAYTIAN PROTECTORATE.

Uncle Sam, policeman, seems to have plenty of work cut out for him. He is already standing guard over the Nicaraguan government, collecting and dispensing the customs of the Dominican republic and planning to restore order in Mexico. And on top of these tasks, he is undertaking a new and momentous job in Hayti.

The state department frankly announced that it proposes to establish a protectorate over the Haytian republic for a period of ten years. Having suppressed the anarchy resulting from the assassination of the president—who himself had earned that fate by the slaughter of 150 of his political enemies—our naval authorities have presided over the inauguration of a new president and our government expects the Haytian government to agree to the proposed protectorate.

It will go farther than any similar arrangement in our history. The plan contemplates complete control of Hayti's finances, in order to remove all temptation from professional revolutionists. It is the loot they fight for, explains Secretary Lansing; their pretended revolutions are really "unorganized enterprises which involve no question of principle." The people are said to be starving, though the country is naturally rich. It seems best to intrude, take charge of the country's resources, maintain order and nurse along what slight political possibilities the people have, for a few years, in order to save them from themselves.

It may be necessary, but it's a task that inspires little enthusiasm. Congress, of course, will have the last word to say about it, and there may be objection in the Senate to ratifying the treaty.

In any event, the Haytians and all other hot-blooded Americans to the south of us, need have no fear that we mean to gobble up Hayti. They may take at 100 percent valuation the assurance given by President Wilson in his Mobile speech that we are not seeking one foot of foreign territory.

The wave of imperialism that swept over the country after the Spanish war has subsided. American sentiment is even reconciled to giving up the Philippines, which we bought with a naval victory and a big sum of money, as soon as the natives are able to take care of themselves. The European war has strengthened our natural repugnance to territorial conquest or the assertion of authority over alien races.

The one thing we are aiming at now in our national life is unity of spirit and culture. And the Haytians may rest assured that even if we wanted to swallow any other group of Americans, we should not be inclined to choose them.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS.

Washington Young Man Caught Entering a Store—Headline in New Bern Daily Journal. Is it possible that a Washington young man are not permitted to enter stores? News and Observer.

WAS WEDDED BY PROXY

New York, Sept. 3.—Wedded by proxy in Holland, Miss Rosetta Voorman has just crossed the ocean to join her "husband," Henry G. Snell. She arrived on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam from Rotterdam.

ODDITIES IN THE WAR NEWS

London, Sept. 3.—The present war is a punishment for Europe's irreligion, said the Bishop of Salisbury in a sermon at Salford Cathedral.

London—"Anzac" is the latest coined war word. It means Australian New Zealand Army Corps, now fighting at "Anzac," Gallipoli.

Liverpool—A Liverpool school girl, asked in the course of an examination to name "two fabulous animals," wrote: "The Kaiser and the Crown Prince."

London—England's family war service record is held at Ashford, Kent, where John Goulding and his eleven sons have volunteered for active army service.

Paris—French soldiers who were barred from raising hirsute facial adornments may now cultivate mustaches, by official sanction, because they add to martial appearance.

Most Famous River. Religion, history, and nature conspire to make the Jordan the most famous river of the earth. Across it the hosts of Israel were led into the Promised Land; in its waters the Christian right of baptism had its birth; up and down its valley many civilizations in the morning of history rose and fell. Perhaps the strangest thing about this famous river is that none of the ancients ever guessed that its mouth was below the level of the sea. It was not until 1874 that accurate measurements were made and the mouth of the river was found 1,292 feet below the Mediterranean, less than eighty miles away.

E. G. HUDSON'S STATEMENT. E. G. Hudson, Chambles, Ga., writes: "Last year I bought and tried Foley Cathartic Tablets. I have tried many cathartics, but for a thorough cleansing movement of the bowels without the slightest inconvenience or sickening, I believe the Foley Cathartic Tablet the best on earth. It's a perfect cathartic, with no bad effects." Everybody suffers occasionally from indigestion or constipation, so Mr. Hudson's experience is worth remembering. Stout persons say these tablets relieve that "heavy" feeling. Davenport's Pharmacy.

GERMANS WILLING FOR 'HONORABLE PEACE'

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TO BREAK UP POKER GAMES

New Bern, Sept. 3.—There is an indication that the local police are intent on breaking up those Sunday afternoon poker parties, at least recent raids made by them would make one think this was their object. A few weeks ago the cops dropped in on a little party being held down in the business section of the city, but "these present" were a little too swift for them and when they arrived on the scene the congregation was seriously discussing the European war.

RAIN LIKE SCARED THING

Clinton, Sept. 3.—An automobile owned and driven by L. N. Dodd, a lumberman of Garland, was struck by the incoming train yesterday afternoon at a private crossing at Wilson's lumber yard here. On account of lumber piles and trees near the track, Mr. Dodd did not see the train until he was driving on the track but a few yards in front of the oncoming cars. For the same reason, the automobile was not jumped by the train crew. Mr. Dodd jumped from the car just in time to save himself.

FINDS WILL IN HIS SLIPPER

Hudsonville, Mich.—When Thomas H. Stetel, pioneer resident of Filmore township, died on May 30 there began a search for a will disposing of his estate, which is valued at upward of \$80,000.

SHORTAGE OF CRANBERRIES

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