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THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR HER INSANE.

There was a conference in Raleigh a few days ago with the Governor and the Superintendents of the Insane Asylums at Raleigh and Morganton. During this conference the fact was brought out that there are over 1,000 insane whites in this State that should be in the asylums, who cannot be admitted for want of room and funds.

An appeal will be made to the next legislature for a large appropriation for the purpose of erecting more buildings to secure more funds for the maintenance of the inmates. The last legislature made an appropriation for the erection of about 185 more rooms at the asylum at Raleigh, and the money for this purpose was available last April, but as yet the addition of new rooms have not been built, and we are told that it will be over a year before they will be ready for occupancy.

And now the question arises, that if the next legislature can make appropriations to amply provide for the insane in this State, why didn't the last legislature make ample provision for the indigent insane? The superintendents of the asylums, the governor and the legislature knew that there were hundreds of insane persons in the common jails and poor houses because they could not be cared for at the asylums.

The following editorial from the Charleston News and Courier is along the right line:

"The real source of danger to the American people is to be found in their slavish submission to party rather than their independence from the domination of party bosses. We wish the conditions were such in the Southern States that we might select men for public place on their personal merits, and not on account of the party tag that they wear.

We hope the News and Courier is right in its prediction when it says the time will come in all the States of the Union when men will be elected to office because of their special fitness. The people of this State are getting tired of machine rule, and we not believe the day is far distant when the old democratic machine in this State will be overturned, and then Mr. Simmons will have to take to the tall timber.

Gov. Glenn is reported to have declared in his speech in Chattanooga, some days ago, that President Roosevelt was "the most respected leader on earth," which statement evoked an outburst of applause.

What a change in Gov. Glenn's views of the President since the election!

The Old Nick Williams Company, which is charged with defrauding the government out of a large sum of money, is still holding the boards in the Federal court at Greensboro. The case has been on trial over three weeks and the end is not yet. It is estimated the trial will cost the government at least \$25,000. One witness, a government officer, swore that Williams had tried to bribe him to help him (Williams) to defraud the government. Evidence has been introduced showing that Williams has shipped a lot of whiskey into prohibition territory in this State. Now is a good time for the State officers to get busy and draw up bills for violation of the Watts law. But will they do it? They have been averse to enforcing the law.

In the excitement over the price of cotton the people have overlooked the unusually large yield of corn this year. The Charlotte Observer calls attention to the fact that cotton is not the only crop in the United States by any means that is calculated to bring money to the farmers this year. There is, for instance, the estimated yield of 2,707,993,540 bushels of corn—the largest on record.

Why not take part of that \$100,000 penitentiary surplus to aid in providing accommodation for the insane in this State? They are all State institutions and it's a shame for that \$2000,000 to be laying idle when it is needed so bad elsewhere.

Inebriate cases should not be taken at the insane asylums when there is a cry from all over the State for more room for the indigent insane. These cases of drunks should be taken to Keely or some private sanitarium.

The Wilmington Star says: "The South has the resources and what is needed is more publicity for what we have."

The publicity of redshirtism is what has held back the development of North Carolina and her resources. It is stated that Tom Dixon, not satisfied with the misrepresentation of facts in "The Clausman," has now decided to dramatize his immoral book, "The One Woman."

A Remarkable Invention That Doesn't Pay a Cent.

W. S. Harwood has a very interesting article in the American Illustrated Magazine for December on the agricultural experiment stations throughout the country. The investigators at these stations give their lives to studying new methods for farming and to serving agricultural interest generally. Dr. S. W. Babcock, of the Wisconsin station, has invented a machine for testing milk, and it has had patented his profit would have run into millions. The invention is now used throughout the civilized world. Briefly put, this test, whose object is to determine how much butter fat there is in milk, is performed as follows:

A sample of the milk offered for sale, for instance, at a creamery, is put in a small glass bottle having a long neck, on which is a graduated scale. Enough sulphuric acid is added to dissolve all the solids in the milk save the fat. The bottle is put in a specially prepared machine, the invention of Dr. Babcock, and whirled about rapidly. Hot water is added, and the fat, which collects in the graduated neck of the bottle, may then be measured. The milk sells upon its merits, on the precise amount of butter fat it contains, no more, no less. Very much butter and cheese is now made in co-operative establishments, where, before the introduction of this test, the milk was paid for by weight. In this way injustice was suffered by the farmers having fine herds giving rich milk. Their milk came into competition with milk in quantity, or even adulterated at the pump, and they had to accept the same price. In case the farmer fancies that he is not being fairly treated, he can now, for a few dollars, buy a small but accurate testing machine, by which he can, each day, determine how much butter fat his milk contains before he starts out with it to the creamery.

ENJOYED ONE HOLIDAY.

Harry Ward Released from Road Gang Saturday and Re-arrested Monday. Harry Ward, a feeble-minded youth from Wake Forest township, bids fair to become a permanent member of the Wake road force. Mayor Sol Allen, of Wake Forest, sent him to the roads September 11 for vagrancy, and on Saturday, the 11th inst., he was released. The following Monday Detective Cooke found him in a Seaboard Air Line passenger car and Magistrate R. G. Reid sent him back to the roads for thirty days. Joe Smith, a South Carolina negro, was given thirty days for stealing a ride.—Raleigh Evening Times.

MOTHER AND CHILD DIE MYSTERIOUSLY.

Son Left an Apple for His Half-Witted Sister to Eat, which is supposed to Have Contained Paris Green—Stomachs Being Examined.

Dr. J. N. Taylor, county physician for Chatham, arrived in Raleigh yesterday with the stomachs of Mrs. Nancy Pattisall and her daughter, aged forty, who are supposed to have been poisoned by eating an apple given to them by Mrs. Pattisall's son, who lives in Sanford. The details of the affair had been circulated around the community in which the family lived, and there is strong suspicion that there was foul play. The murder or accident occurred last Thursday, the mother dying Friday, and the daughter Saturday.

The deaths are very mysterious. Mrs. Pattisall lived with her daughter and a son, near Osgood, Oakland township, Chatham county. She had a second son, Mr. William Pattisall, who lives in Sanford, to which place he had moved with his wife a year ago. Recently, it is said, they contemplated returning to the old homestead. A few days ago they paid his mother a visit, and upon leaving last Thursday afternoon, Mr. Pattisall, it is alleged, left an apple for his sister, who was said to have been half-witted. His instructions, it is said, were that none but she should eat it, and as the sister was asleep, he told his mother that the daughter alone should eat it, and keep it until she awoke, then give it to her.

After Mr. Pattisall left, it is said that Mrs. Pattisall took the apple, divided it and gave a part to her son, daughter, and a visiting kinswoman, and then ate a piece of it herself. Later in the evening and immediately after supper the son, whose name was Nick, asked his mother if her lips were burning, saying that his own were. Mrs. Pattisall replied that they were burning, and at about 7 o'clock both were taken violently ill. At 9 o'clock the mother died, and she was buried on Friday, the following day. On Saturday the daughter died, and the son, Nick, was critically ill.

It is said that the deaths and the circumstances attending them pointed so strongly to foul play, that the community demanded an investigation. Dr. J. N. Taylor, the county physician, was telegraphed for to make an investigation, and upon the advice of the county attorney, E. H. Hayes, he accompanied by Sheriff Milklin, went to the scene of the deaths Sunday night, and Dr. Taylor removed the stomach of the daughter. He then had the body of the mother dug from the grave and removed the stomach and brought both stomachs to Raleigh yesterday.

They were taken to the State Chemist but that department had no authority to make an analysis of them, and they were taken to Prof. Withers, at A. and M. College.

It is the opinion of these familiar with the circumstances that Paris green was the poison which caused the deaths, but the analysis will be awaited before further action is taken by the authorities.—News and Observer, 21st.

The Profoundly Significant Confession of a Philosopher "Old Maid."

I hesitate to speak of one aspect of the life of old maids, and yet it is the aspect which is the grandest of all our woes, all our disabilities. Here we are in the world, we women, designed by Nature for one great use, the peopling of the world. But something makes us—us unmarried women—rebels to the great command—unwilling rebels, perhaps, but none the less doomed to the punishment of rebellion. Because we were proud and silly; because we were vain and weak; because we were cold and shallow; because we were seers of visions and climbers after the impossible; because we dreamed of a black-haired suitor to the utter undoing of a red-haired one; because our parents dismissed our early wooers, and no others appeared; because, sometimes, men were fickle; or because we were born in Massachusetts instead of Utah—whatever the reason, we stand rebels to the great command. And we pay the price of that rebellion to Nature which civilization has imposed upon us. We miss the joy of love, and the nobility of a worthy motherhood. I have sometimes thought there can be bliss on earth greater than that of a loved and loving wife who folds her child in her arms, and feels her husband's arms infold them both. Here the human being touches divine heights, is creator and protector, "called to that which doth provide and not partake." No unmarried woman ever walks quite so close with God as this, or has such rapture of harmony with the universal law of life.—"Autobiography of an Old Maid," Everybody's Magazine for December.

Blockade Outfit Captured.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Nov. 13.—Today Collectors M. L. Wood and R. J. Lewis captured an illicit still of 90 gallons capacity, together with 400 gallons of mash, 8 bushels of meal, 1 sack of malt and 15 gallons of low wine. The plant had just been set up, and mash made, preparatory to doing a big business. The location was two miles southwest of Samaria postoffice, Nash county, N. C., on the lands owned by the Lewis Simmons Lumber Co. The owner of the outfit is unknown.

Over \$4,000,000 Worth of Whiskey Burned.

Connellsville, Pa., Nov. 19.—At the Overholt distillery at Bradford, today, 810,000 gallons of whiskey furnished a spectacular fire, entailing a loss of \$4,000,000. The main bonded warehouse was burned to the ground. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squibs of Interest we have Gathered with our paste-pot and Shears.

Unless we preserve our forests what will become of the Democrats who, Bryan says, have taken to the woods?—Union Republican.

Times are good and everybody happy, yet when Congress meets again in December, the Democrats will begin to condemn Republican policies under which prosperity reigns.—Shelby Aurora.

An Organ 105 Years Old.

The large pipe organ in the Home Moravian church, Salem, has been in active service 105 years, and today its tone is as pure and sweet as any of the more modern instruments in the churches and chapels. This exceptional longevity is the more remarkable when we take into consideration the fact that the Moravians have many services and that the organ is used at a majority of these gatherings.—Winston Republican.

Sunday Everyday Somewhere.

A perpetual Sabbath is being celebrated on earth. This is not generally known, for most people think that the day they call Sunday is the only one so celebrated. The Greeks observe Monday, the Persians Tuesday, the Assyrians Wednesday, the Egyptians Thursday, the Turks Friday, the Hebrews and several Christian sects Saturday, and the Christians Sunday. So really it is Sunday every day to some one on the earth.—Exchange.

What a Rebate Is.

A good deal of the present confusion arises from a quibbling (or legal) use of terms. The difficulty lies in our various applications of the words "rebate" and "discrimination" as in politics it lies in the use of the word "bribery." What is a rebate? Strictly speaking, a rebate is a sum of money secretly paid back by a railroad company to a favored shipper as a refund upon his freight rate. And in this narrow sense, rebating is undoubtedly much less common than formerly. But the people who are unaccustomed to making close distinctions—to whom stealing of any one of the seventeen kinds known to the law is still plain stealing—use the word "rebate" in a much wider sense. It means any sort of favoritism to one shipper that is not given to all shippers. We find the same distinction in politics. "Bribery" in the narrow sense—the ugly crude payment of cash—may be disappearing from politics. But "bribery" in the wider sense, meaning any reward for corrupt political services, flourishes like the proverbial green bay-tree.

Indeed, there has been the same development in railroad (and in wider business) corruption, as in political corruption. The railroad Crokers have followed the railroad Tweeds; and we discover that the crude cash rebate is being replaced by scores of cunning devices of discrimination which accomplish the same results even more successfully and secretly than the cash rebate. Such, for example, are the widespread abuses that have grown up around the private car system, the industrial railroad, the "line" elevator; such is the midnight tariff, the abuse of the carting and switching charge, and innumerable other devices. And these new methods have not even the virtue of open-air robbery. They are the work of underhand cunning, performed in the twilight of legality.—From "Railroad Rebates," by Ray Standard Baker, in the December McClure's.

A NEW SWINDLE IN FRUIT TREES.

No Such Thing as German Grafted Trees Known to Nurserymen.

Fruit tree agents from some northern nursery are going from one end of the State to the other selling what they call "German grafted" trees. They claim that apples, peaches and pears grafted on this stock is immune from disease and do not need to be sprayed for disease or insects. These same men are offering what they are pleased to call the "bush strawberry." This is a worthless plant, which was imported several years ago, and is not a strawberry at all. Our efficient State Horticulturist, Professor Hume, says these trees are of no value whatever, and classifies them as a "double-barreled swindle." The proper authorities ought to take immediate steps to stop this fraud and punish the rascals who are defrauding our people. This last fraud is as bad, if not worse, than the once famous "cherry tree" swindle, which was exposed about a year ago, and its managers hauled up before the courts and justly punished. There is no such thing as "German-grafted" trees known to legitimate nurserymen.—Daily Industrial News.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 20.

The body of William Spivey, the Hertford man who had been missing three weeks, was found Sunday in a dense woods near Belvidere, by Braxton Berry. It was in an advanced stage of decomposition, and the examination failed to show if he had met with foul play. In the same clump of bushes was found an empty jug which he had filled at Gates county distillery. The belief prevails that death resulted from exposure while on a spree. Berry notified the relatives of the dead man and burial quickly followed the removal.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

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Opinion is much divided on Tom Dixon's play of "The Clausman."

Some of the papers of the South recommend it highly and advise all persons to see it. We cannot look at it in that way. We have not seen the play, but have read the two novels from which it is made, and were thoroughly disgusted in the reading. The play may omit the disgusting scenes depicted in the novels. The novels pretend to be an answer to "Uncle Tom's Cabin." They are as much overdrawn and untruthful on the one side as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is on the other. The "Leopard's Spots" and "The Clausman" are as much a travesty on conditions at the South immediately after the war between the States as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is on those just preceding it. Neither is any truer to nature than the other. The play is a powerful one, and all through the South the people will flock to see it. What its effect on conditions in this section will remain to be seen. Of course Dixon does not care what it will be. He is after the money. If he gets full houses during the tour of his company he will be satisfied. He will go back north with his pockets full of the dollars of the Southern people. What difference will it make to him with his family safe in their northern home, how many Southern women are placed in danger by negro brutes whose lustful passions have been fired by this spectacular renewal of scenes all Southern men wish to have forgotten?—Wilmington Messenger.

Father and Child Allowed to Die Without Medicine.

Davie Record.] Somewhat of a sensation has been caused by the death of the three-year old son of Mrs. Nannie Jones Palmer, of Fulton, said to have been due to the blind faith of the mother in the efficacy of the faith cure, and to her refusal to permit medical aid for the little boy before it was too late. The child was taken sick Thursday, and by Saturday was choking with cold and gasping for breath. Mrs. Palmer said that she gave the boy some simple remedies, believing that this would not violate the teachings of the church. Members of the church called at the house and encouraged the woman to stand by her faith. This she did until 9 p. m. Saturday, when the boy was near death's door. At this time she sent for Dr. George Barksdale, who declared the case to be diphtheria and the patient beyond hope. Three hours later the child was dead. Four other Palmer children in the house showed symptoms of the disease, but when the doctor offered, free of charge, to inoculate them with antitoxin the mother refused, declaring that this would be equivalent to a renunciation of her faith. Later, however, she had changed her mind and announced her consent to the treatment. The case has attracted much attention and may be made a subject of investigation by the health authorities. Eight months ago the husband of Mrs. Palmer died from blood poisoning. He, too, would not consent to the services of a physician.

THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

An Irish Potato and a Buckeye Cured Rheumatism.

Duplin Journal.] Col. L. W. Hodges was in town Saturday, in good spirits, as usual, with his Irish potato and buckeye in his pockets to witch off the rheumatism. Thirty years ago, while exploiting the big cave on his place, he caught the rheumatism from the damp air and suffered much till he began wearing an Irish potato and buckeye in his pockets, and has had relief since. The potato is now hard, slick, brown in color, and looks like everything else but a potato. While talking he took away some warts off the hands of friends passing by, and is now engaged in perfecting the "Elixir of Life," a youth-renewing remedy, that laughs at old age and keeps away the winter's frost of age. When this is completed he will banish Dr. Osler and his chloroform for old age-notions and make old age but the spring time of perpetual youth, renewed continually at sixty years. With the rising of the sap next spring Col. Hodges will take a few of the oldest subscribers of the Journal for experiment, and happy will be those chosen.

Body of William Spivey Found in a Decomposed State.

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