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MORE POWER TO THE VOTER

The Chronicle does not believe that any city in the country has a higher general average of citizenship than has Charlotte. Our voters are intelligent and they are honest and safe. During the past few years the people of the city have been keenly interested in the affairs of the municipality. They realize that they are bearing the burden of the government and they want to see results. They have come to see the inefficiency and the inadequacy, the wastefulness and the cumbersomness of the present system of government. They are ripe for the commission form and they want it.

Under the commission form of government, with the initiative, referendum and recall in operation, the voter is all-powerful. The commissioners must exercise economy, secure efficiency in all departments of the government and render good service generally or the voter may recall any who are delinquent in their duties or who can't measure up to their responsibilities. Franchises and other important matters are passed upon by the voters themselves and not by their representatives. The voter does not have to depend upon someone else to judge of the merits of these things.

menship, where intelligence it at a low ebb and no interest is manifested in public affairs the commission form might be inferior to some other form that would vest all power in the hands of mayor and aldermen. In Charlotte the reverse is true. With intelligent and patriotic and public spirited voters we certainly need have no fear of going wrong under the commission form.

The richest people on earth per capita are members of the Osage Indian nation. It is stated that these people are worth in actual cash and lands \$50,000,000 and the census shows only 2,200 Osages in the nation. The government gave each \$5,000 in cash when the lands were segregated into allotments and also 670 acres of land each, now worth approximately \$40 .-000,000. The average income from oil and gas royalties is a little over \$400 a year for each Indian, besides \$3 an acre per Indian from grazing throughout the State in prospective land. An Osage Indian under certai conditions may sell his land, but the title to the oil and gas resources gressive legislation will be enacted is held by the government, and the royalties derived from the sale of these products are credited to a fund that is periodically distributed among the Indians. The lands are held to be worth on an average \$25 an acre for agricultural purposes.

The school board of a town in Pennsylvania has issued an order prohibiting the teachers from dancing any night of the school week and not satisfied with this the board went forther and fixed it so that the young women could not secure a hall for their Friday night, dances. These dances have been conducted by the Sterling Club, an organization composed exclusively of teachers. It is natural that such indignation is expressed at the action of the school board, and threats to strike are being made by the teachers. Let the teachers strike and public sympathy will be with them. What right has any body of men to dictate what a teacher, the friends feeling that they must reshall and shall not do after school hours so long as their conduct is above reproach? School teachers, like any other beings resent interference with their liberties.

The city of Charlotte is paying be sure that it is joy that Mery nearly \$100,000 interest each year upon a bonded indebtedness of more than \$2,150,000 which it has been forced to assume to secure paved streets and other municipal improvements. The tax-payers of the city are under present circumstances forced to pay nearly \$200,000 annually into the treasury of Mecklenburg County, which, of course, has never found it mecessary to issue bonds for the purpose of building roads and bridges and making other improvements.

Not only has the city of Charlotte flargely supported the government of Mecklenburg County in the building of roads and bridges and its other activities, but it has done so during the past neveral years without being represented on the board of county commissioners.

The county of Mecklenburg outcounties which help to support them. ty of gray matter.

THE GOOD OF LIVE STOCK SHOWS

The stock-raisers of Iredell County have been holding a live stock show at Statesville this week and a most creditable exhibit was made accordthe piedmont and mountain counties of the State and everywhere great im- them. provement has been noted in the quality of cattle, hogs and other live stock shown and also an increase in the number of exhibits.

A little more than a decade ago a respectable live stock show in any North Carolina county would have been an impossibility. Then a few farmers began to realize the opportunities presented by the live stock industry and began importing a few pure breed animals. The neighbors of these were interested and other importations followed, while the herds were rapidly increased at home. Later there was a small live stock show and these exhibits had the effect of stimulating interest in the industry. In some counties now there are dozens of breeders of pure bred stock who are not only making good profits from their stock but are helping the general cause of stock raising by their influence upon others who witness their success and see their stock.

The farmers of the State are beginning to realize generally that it costs no more to raise a 1,200 to 1,600pound Hereford or Shorthorn steer than it does to raise a scrub steer that will weigh 600 pounds. And it costs no more to raise and feed a dairy cow that will give four and five gallons of milk a day than it does to raise and feed a scrub that will return two gallons of milk a day. The live stock shows have had much to do with the development of the industry and promises to greatly influence it in the

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION.

The Chronicle is today publishing an editorial from The Raleigh News and Observer, outlining several measures of progressive legislation which will be considered in the approaching General Assembly. Several of the measures advocated will undoubtedly become laws. For instance it seems certain that a law will be passed providing for a six-months school term In a city with a low order of citi- all over the State and it is not improbable that the same law will provide for compulsory education, for which sentiment has been rapidly developing, especially during the past

Some provisions will probably be made for State aid in highway work. possibly to the extent of providing for the working of State convicts upon the roads. Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes advocated working the convicts upon the roads and giving the families who have been dependent upon them some remuneration for their labor. This is eminently just and proper and will be done some day, but we fear that North Carolina is not quite ready to go quite this far. However, there is some probability that the convicts will be transferred from railroad and other construction work to the building of State high-

The Legislature meets on January legislation and it is generally believed that more really important and pro-'than has been enacted by any past

THE SPUG MOVEMENT.

The Chronicle is in full sympathy with the "spug" movement, as Mrs. August Belmont terms the propagan- ment of loftlest integrity. da of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giying." The immediate object of the organization, which has spread to many of the larger cities, is to put an end to the perfunctory giving of Christmas presents. The Christmastide is a joyous season and none of the pretty customs that make it such should be allowed to fall into disuse. But the giving of expensive presents merely because one is afra'd the recipient of the gift is going to do likewise and when one cannot afford it-there should be an end to this sort of thing. Frequently a person who is not troubled by the lack of money embarrass their less fortunate friends by giving expensive presents, ciprocate. Of course this is not always the case, but too often it is. Everyone should be as liberal as they feel like and should spread joy over as wide a circle as possible, but they should also exercise discretion and bring to the recipient of every they give.

Apropos nothing in particular it may be remarked that one of the livest weekly papers in North Carolina is edited and managed by two ladies, Misses Euna Clum Atwood and Miss Kate Griswold, editor and manger respectively of the Southport News, which lives up to its motto, "Independent in Politics, Fearless in Policy." The News is easily one of at is what might be termed a "quick" asset, too,

Harry Lehr, the monkey of the New York "400," declares that he has left America for all time. Now if we can stamp out smallpox and tuberculosis and pellagra and hookworm we will have an ideal country sure enough.

bide of Charlotte is in exactly the game relationship with the city of declares that "Girls should not kiss a wondrous fascination and seductive man without reason." No, girls, be graces have given her a host of adof the State are in with the other sure to select a nice fellow with plen-City of the South, beautiful, pro-gregive, wide-awake Charlotte.

. If Charlotte had had a civic learned as live as the Greater Charlotte Club is it would have had a commission form of government already and would not now being paying nearly \$200,000 ing to all reports. During the past annually for the building of roads few weeks similar shows and poultry and bridges in the county while isshows have been held in several of suing bonds for building city streets and bridges or else doing without

> Some Congressmen defend the 20 cents mileage allowance by declaring that the amount enables Congressmen to take their families to Washington and that the morals of the members is best conserved by this course. Men whose morals require such protection have no business in Congress.

Don't try to fight a woman's organization unless you have some women lined up with you. See what happened to those Philadelphia egg dealers who tried to buck the Philadelphia Housekeepers' League.

Those Kansas women who have been summoned for jury duty are beginning to learn that there is more to citizenship then the right to talk politics and vote:

ODDS AND ENDS

A new roofing material is steel coated with lead. A clothes brush that plays a tune while being used is a novelty.

American chewing gum is being sold in all large cities in Ger-Miss Rosie Kelley, Batesville, Ark.,

has a trunk once owned by George Washington. The demand for their hides in South Africa is met by

alligators in incubators. Clevelanders are talking of having roof garden on their proposed new

city hall building. New York schools are warning. children against the practice of roller

No ship is allowed to pass through the Suez Canal without a searchlight of a specified type.

skating in the streets.

Grass stains may be removed from washable fabrics by rubbing with fresh lard before washing.

Wages in Japan have risen 50 per ent in ten years, and the cost living has jumped 33 per cent. In the first seven months this year

Genrmany exported 20,000,000 filament electric lamps. A mathematical genius has figured that 25,344,000 soap bubbles can be

made from a pound of soap. Pittsburg women are advocating

the opening of "curbstone markets" to cut the cost of living.

RADIANT REFLECTIONS

BY HENRY BLOUNT.

A Wilson boy has become insanely in love with a very fat girl who weighs three hundred pounds. We presume he was in-fat-uated with her "winning-weighs," and yielded to her "soulful

An old bachelor, upon hearing that the evening before and sat up until 12 o'clock with only one chair 8. There is naturally much interest in the room, said that was impossible unless one of them stood up. Upon hearing this remark a very brilliant and up-to-date young lady said that "the ignorance and stupidity of old bachelors were indeed most amazing

> Howard Rowe has donned the official robe of sheriff of Wilson County. and we know he will wear it gracefuly and without a wringle of dishonor and without the least stain of corrup tion, for he is the soul of honor, the exponent of honesty and the embodi- rails were laid down Worth street

Wilson Superior Court for the trial of the criminal docket will convene Monday, the able and learned Judge Justice will preside. The most important case and around which the despest and intensest interest is clustering is that of Mr. Beland for killing his wife by shooting her to death. He will be most ably defended by some legal giants, most prominent of whom is that great criminal lawyer, the Hon. John E. Woodward.

The prosecution will be in strong and powerful hands, for the able So licitor Alisbrook will be most efficiently aided by that brilliant lawyer, Will A. Lucas, one of the most thrilling and electrifying speakers in the State. And so in the trial of that case there will be a battle royal between

And while our thoughts are upon legal giants we will refer to a crowned king in the realm of elogeunce and oratory and dramatic impressiveness. A highly intellectual gentleman with fine discriminating judgment, and who had been a Superior Court clerk for ten years and who had heard the ablest lawyers in the State, told us that the Hon. Frank Spruill of Rocky Mount was the greatest lawyer he had ever heard. And recently when we heard that he was to defend the Atlantic Coast Line in a suit for a large amount of damages we determined to hear the case and study him closely. And never have we seen a case managed with more adreit tactfulness, and with more high skill and such masterly ability. And in his argument we never heard loftler flights of sublimest eloquence or more elecers and in the tenderness of his sympathies he reminds us of a huge. grand, lofty, giant oak tree-the very monarch of the forest, capable in its Southport's most valuable assets, and massive strength and titanic power of resisting the most furious sweep of the wildest storms, yet holding in the leafy recesses of its nmbrageous bowers a nestling place where mother birds can safely brood her tender young, and teach them their first sweet notes in the minstrelsy of song. And we know this tribute to one of the intellectual giants of the age will be read with deep interest by many people in Charlotte, for his brilliant and accomplished daughter married a high-toned and elegant citizen of

mirers in her new home-the Queen

AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Daily Incidents, Facts And Comment Gathered from The **Newspapers Of The State**

A SANATARIUM FOR PELLAGRA. Dr. E. H. Bowling Will Erecet a Hos-pital For Pellagra Patients at Burbam.

(Durham Sun.) Plans for the building of a pel-agra santarium have nearly been completed by Dr. E. H. Bowling. and should nothing come up to inter-fere, work on the building will begin within the next few weeks. For several months Dr. Bowling has been fostering a great desrie to erect a sanitarium for pellagra patients, and thinks that he now has everything in readiness for the building. A site for the hospital has been picked in the western suburbs of the city,

near the new Watts Hospital. While there has been but pellagra cases in the city within the past few weeks, and only one or two deaths from the disease, there are cases being reported from other itles nearby. Up until the present time there are only a few pellagra sanitariums in the country, the need for them not being known. However, last year an epidemic of pellagra started in this city, and for several weeks careful and rigid investigations were made as to its cause and origination. The best that any of the physicians could find out was only within the past few years. The people of the city with the physicians became very anxious over the situation, and with hard work and after many deaths the epidemic was

A CHARITY HOSPITAL

The Civic League of Durham Raising Funds to Build Sanitorium For Tubercular Patients.

(Durham Sun.) The civic league met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Foushee and discussed ways and means for the building of a sanitarium for consumption. In face, the movement was launched at the meeting this afternoon, and the members are greatly enthused over the prospects. The idea of the ladies is to build a hospital not to cost less than \$10,-000 in this city, and let t ibe used for tubercular patients only. The hospital will be a free institution and will be equipped in the most modern and up-to-date manner.

That 'a sanitarium for the consumtives of the city has been a need for years is well known, and as no others would launch a movement to get it, the civic league has undertaken the task. The plans for the sanitarium have been well laid, and there seems to be no reason why the movement should drop, should the people of Durham respond as they always do to a worthy cause.

Wadesboro Man Loses Two Children by Gas (Messenger and Intelligencer.) Mrs. M. J. Coppedge has just reeived a telegram from her son, fr. P. N. Coppedge of Little Rock, rk., saying that his two children overcome by gas and died last night, and that his wife was in a serious condition but is expected to live. Mr. Coppedge left Wadesboro several years ago, and married in Arkansas. He and his wife have visited his relatives here, and were here, if we mistake not, less than two years ago. The little children were both girls probably three and five years

> Cleaning Up Concord. (Concord Tribune.)

The city health authorities performed a good service yesterday when they started a force of hands to work cleaning up the back lots of the city. Much rubbish and oftimes filthy garbage collects in such places and it, is well that the authorities gave the matter attention before the real Winter weather comes. A general cleaning around all premises is advisable wh'le veather is such as to permit the trash to be hauled away readily.

The New Road Into Fayetteville.

(The Observer.) The Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad here! Yesterday the cross-ties and nearly to the point where the track turns into the depot lot, and an engine and dump cars were run over the same. We understand that the first regular train over the road from Aberdeen to Fayetteville will roll in here on December 23.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

This a Good Time to Observe Condition of Roads—York County Folks Admonished. (Rock Hill Herald.)

During the present Winter citizens of York County will have ample opportunity to ascertain just how bad the roads of this county can become. It is not probable that they will be in worse condition than in previous years, but they will be as bad as ever. before, perhaps. It is strange that with this object lesson before them for several months in each year the people of York County have not yet determined to take some practical steps in permanent road construc-Some of the public road mileage of the county is being improved. it is true, by the chaingang, but how long will it require to build modern roads throughout the county by this method? Nobody is able to answer the question with exactness, but it is safe to predict that few people now living will ever see all the roads of the county modernized under the present system.

There is but one way to secure ood roads in this generation and that is to sell a half-million or million dollars worth of bonds and have macadamized roads constructed by trifying outbursts of soul-moving ora- contract. Every intelligent and wellfact merely lack information in re-gard to road building in these latter days. However, the concrete question is simply, shall we go on for generations enduring bad roads or take the necessary and proper steps to secure good roads? Like every other prob-em relating to the public welfare, this question is up to the people.

> Compulsory Education. (Spartanburg Herald.)

After all the thing most to be desired is an intelligent citizenship. The Spartanburg grand jury has dis-tinguished itself and reflected credit The Spartanburg grand jury has distinguished itself and reflected credit upon the county by its recent recommendation in favor of compulsory education as a means of reducing crime. And compulsory education is not only a means of reducing crime, but it is a means of enriching the people, building up a section and developing individuals who may, con-

AFTER THE TIGERS.

Detectives Round Up Bell-Boys Greensboro Record.)

A detective from the Southern Dective Agency of Raleigh has worked for the past week in Greensboro on the retailing of whiskey and in a round-up last night several men were arrested by the police. In the were several negro employes of local hotels, from all of whom the detective alleged he purchased whiskey. A large quantity of the alco-holic goods was brought into court as exhibits in the trials held this merning before Judge N. L. Eure. In handling the cases before him in which convictions were secured, the municipal court judge showed that he is in earnest in his avowed intention of helping to end the selling of whiskey in Greensboro. fines were allowed, his honor holding that stiff road sentences to all convicted is the only way that will ever be successful in deterring men from handling whiskey contrary to the law. Defendants today in every case asked for fines, intimating that stood prepared to pay, but their pleas were unavailing.

Norfolk Southern May Be Interested (Raleigh News and Observer.)
The Carolina Railroad Company, chartered by the Secretary of State yesterday afternoon, will take over the lumber road built by the Hines Bros.' Lumber Company of Kinston from that city to Snow Hill, Greene County, a distance of \$5 miles. From the personnel of the incorporators the inference is drawn that the Norfolk Southern has acquired the property, which was built not only as a lumber road, but to do the bustness of a common carrier. The road has been in operation about five years. The authorized capital is \$175,000 and the incorporators are T. Millard, J. C. Helms, Jr., S. Hawkins, R. A. Black and Manly of Norfolk, Va., and .W. M. Hayes of Kinston.

Attempt to Dynamite Church.

(Burlington News.) attempt was made one night week to dynamite Frieden's Lutheran Church near Gibsonville. Ay oung man by the name of Sum mers happened to pass the church after midnight and noticed two men working under the church, using a flashlight. He called to them and they ran. Securing help, he investi-gated and found that a large hole had been made in the foundation of were preparing to use dynamite.

This is the second attempt, the other attempt having been made last August. There is a story that there s money buried under the foundation of the church and it is supposed that these men were hunting for the buried treasure. The other story is that it is supposed that there money in the cornerstone and the men were after this.

The Town of St. Paul. Wagram Correspondent in 'Laurinburg Exchange.)

Your correspondent returned a fe days ago from a delightful visit to St. Paul. One who has not visited that ommunity for four years would be surprised at the marvelous growth the town has made in that short time. From one store and a population of bout 50, it has grown to a town of about 15 stores and a population of ship, a good hotel, two wen equipped ligh school and three Churches led by three progressive pastors, are some of the factors that helped to make St. Paul the good town it

Arrested For Selling City Water. (High Point Enterprise.) Jim Bynum, a negro man living on Bencini row, was arrested Patrolman McGee for selling water. The negro was paying \$1 a month flat rate, and it is alleged he sold to about fifteen negro families

This case comes up later. The of ense is a misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of \$5 for each offense No New Discovery

(Durham Herald.) Legislature has been Demo cratic for several years and every body of course understands that the party had wanted an anti-trus law with teeth it could have had it.

tribute to the sum of human happi-

selves permanent places in the his-

Compulsory education is coming in South Carolina and those men who take the lead to bring about this great reform will make for them-

tory of the State.

ness and achievement.

SPARKLERS (Charleston News and Courter. A lovely woman is dangerous, but no o dangerous as her hatpin.

(New York Sun.) Little Suffragette-Don't you want a little dolly that talks? Second Little Suffragette-No. I want one that breaks windows.

(Judge:) Mrs. Justwed-Just think of it, deares ne. Twenty-five years from day before yesterday will be our sliver anniversary.

(Baltimore American.) "Has your friend any histrionic aspi-rations?" "Oh, he don't bother any about history. He wants to be an

New Minister-How did you like m; sermon this morning? Enthusiastic Parishioner—It was simply grandilo-

(Baltimore American.)

Lawyer-My retaining fee will be 35. 000. Prioner (in cell for murder)-Gee, it costs a lot to live nowadays.

Giant and Pigmy. (Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.) They called him Punny Pepper, ze-

be reminded of the frog in the fable.

One day, in a particularly tropical

From The Chatelaine's Point Of View

That was a good and gracious ruling of Postmaster Hitchcock in resard to the disposition of letters written to Santa Claus, and while it will accomplish much it must fall far feathered friends that the approach of short of the beneficent purpose in the festive season when human beings view. If the charitable and benevo- will do their gobbling for them. lent societies of a city would avail themselves of a simple device the Cht-deprecation. As she strokes the glossy elaine once saw in a large department store it would prove a very easy and effective method of reaching not only the little ones and making them hap-

py, but the parents as well, whose identity and needs could be ascer-

tained no other way.

This arrangement was a little place cut off and supplied with a sham telephone fixture over the entrance to which in large letters was the legend: "Children's Direct Telephone to Santa Claus; come in and 'phone early for what you wish him to bring you." This should be largely advertised in the local papers. The benevolent so-cleties have a keeper of the telephone booth on hand to take down the names and adresses of the poorer children as well as the articles they desire. The Chatelaine observed that the mothers of the well-to-do children were always on hand and made a note of what the little tots asked for, so that there would be no disappointment Christmas morning, but if the idea once got abroad in the city that free telephonic communication could be had with Santa Ciaus, lots of poor people too proud to be gand yet too tenderhearted to have their children denied a simple pleasure which other kind hearts were ready and anxious to bestow would most gladly let their little ones avail themselves of this means of gratifying their wishes. It might be emphasized that those who wanted clothes and food wuld be as tenderly cared for by Santa Claus as those who wished for only toys. Any of the stores would be glad of the free advertising and would doubtless supply the keeper of the telephone booth provided a fair proportion of

were purchased there

It seems a great pity that the pride of life and the lust of the eye should have made the visitations of Santa Claus such costly and sumptuous occasions, but the pace has been set, the standard has been fixed and there is no possibility of returning to simpler conditions when a rag doll with inked features brought as much rapture to the childish heart as the most beautiful German doll that ever lisped, 'mamma, and papa" to a skilfully administered pressure upon the solar plexus. It must cost the good old saint a deal of deep thinking and many summings up of his resources to enable him to adjust the contents of his this, too, when his recent understand. pack to the demands which—ever ising and interpretation of the terms of
creasing sumptuousness and extravathe Hay-Pauncefote treaty have almost see him tugging at his beard or scratching his bald head under the cnows how to make Marie Jane Hanks' Christmas presents seem as nice and desirable to her as' little Edith Gwendolen Fauntleroy's gifts appear to her. By his arithmetic as count he knows there must be a vast difference in the cost of the two sets of gifts and he shafles his head in sad acceptance of the fact, but being a philosopher as well as a saint he is clause involving so much should have comforted in the thought that twixt passed unchallenged. Our British Marie Jane and Edith Gwendolen fate cousins have simply gotten the better and fashion hath fixed an impassable gulf and neither will ever know what the other received so he goes on his do is either to stand by the treaty as smiling way, doing as did "the poor accepted by us and pay our tolls as benighted Hindoo, the very best he other Nations will do, or reopen the

So far the old Congress, so soon be numbered with the things that were, shows no alarming signs of senility in its legislation; on the contrary a wholesome discrimination and an enlightened conservatism mark its actions especially in declining to create another pauper class by pensioning future ex-Presidents to the tune of \$25,000 per annum and in refusing to allow Mrs. Martin Littleton's flery seal and patriotic fervor to hold up Mr. Jefferson Levy on the National highway for the possession of Monticello. The woman's monumental frontery would be laughable if she did not take berself and her patriotism so seriously. What the Nation and the State of Virginia owe Mr. Levy for the restoration and preservation of Monticello cannot be adequately estimated. Had it fallen into the hands of a less enlightened and patriotic man of large means, there is no telling in what form of vandalism his care of it might have found expression. As it is, Monticello is as nearly as it was in Mr. Jefferson's day as it is possible for it to be. That it will eventually come into the per-Virginia to be preserved by her as a but it is going to do her own work acred trust whither every citizen who reveres the name and work of Jefferson may come, seems a foregone conclusion. In the meantime, it is to be desired that the general government or the State of Virginia shall take steps to preserve Jefferson's last resting place and the monument that marks the spot from further mutilation, for that it has suffered at the hands of student hero worshipers is

TAXES! TAXES!

It is absolutely necessary hould collect the State and County taxes promptly, in order that I may make the required settlement with the State and be able to pay to the county funds, with which to carry on I, therefore, give notice that all taxes must be paid on or before Jan-

uary 1st, 1913, as circumstances will equire that after that date, I shall nforce such collections by process of I hope my friends will pay up and enable me to avoid this disagreeable

necessity. N. W. WALLACE. Sheriff Mecklenburg County, N. C. 28-4sat

AMENDED NOTICE

\$550,000 State of North

Dated January 1st, 1913, payable January 1st, 1913, Payable
January 1st, 1953, Without prior option. Interest four per centum per
annum, payable semi-annually January 1st and July 1st. Both principal
and interest payable at the National
Park Bank, New York City. The uncause he was, besides being one of the most peppery the smallest, one of the most peppery officers in the regiment. To see him 12 o'clock M. Tuesday, December 17, throwing out his 32-inch chest was to furnished, together with full information, by the undersigned or Caidwell, Masslich & Reed, attorneys, 100 Broadway, New York, whose favorable opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. These bonds are tax exempt. North Carolina and must be deducted in appraising shares in banks for taxation to the extent that the surplus of the bank is invested therein.

B. R. LACY.

attested by the bit of it dating from the Chatelaine's childhood which may yet be found stowed away somewhere in the ancient demesne.

The Chatelaine spends so many nappy, sympathetic hours with her feathered friends that the approach of will do their gobbling for them, fills her with a kind of awesome dread and plumage of the great greedy gobblers that fall over one another trying to feed from her hand, she feels almost as wicked as Guy Fawkes or any other would-be murderer. She finds her chief consolation in knowing she

won't take any personal part in "gob-

bling" up her own turkeys, and at odd times she is further consoled by inditing elegies which run rather plagiaristically after this fashion Why should the spirit of a turkey be proud. Oh why, why should he gobble As if Thanksgiving and Christmas were

Or a joy season he longed to see? Why should he follow the grasshopper's O'er the meadow's bright tangle Or rest at noon in the shade of the

His sand-ruffled plumage Why should he search for the first ripened sheaf That gleams golden in the sunset glow, Or why should he linger by the dogwood tree When its luscious red berries hang

Why should he hasten with a lover's speed Where the frost-kissed persimmons first fall. Why should he gambol all the days of Oh why, why should he gobble at all?

the articles bought for the children Echo answers why, proud bird of the own greedy game you're At your beaten You gobbled and grew your whole life through For one single purpose-to be eaten.

It is a rather queer coincidence

that President-Elect Wilson should

have left academic shades for active

political and official life and that the outgoing President should return after his political career is practically closed, to the classic shades of his alma mater to instruct the rising young statesmen of the Nation in constitutional and international law and eopardy and temporary eclipse. It that after all the expense and trouble of building the Panama Canal Ameri can vessels should be made to pay toll just as other Nations must do, but just as we cannot have our pie and eat it too, neither can we retain our toll and our honor too. It is a sad reflection on the mental acumen and statesmanship of Mr. Hay as well as on the President and Congress that approved the treaty in question that a of us by their supe for statecraft and diplomacy and all there is for us to question and submit the matter to arbitration. The Chatelaine doesn't like to croak, "I told you so," but she is sorely tempted to do so, for the files of The Observer in the year o race 1904 will show how strongly sh lisapproved and protested agains Roosevelt's unjust but highly applaud ed coup d' etat in the acquisition of the canal zone. This toll business, however it may be settled, is going to cost us something, maybe in shekels, maybe in honor, but that won't end our trouble for our sister Repub lic, the United States of Colombia, is

loss entailed on her by Roosevelt's brilliant coup d'etat. This, even if arbitrated by the Hague Tribunal, will not fall far short of the hundred million demanded by Colombia. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard. And now Miss Jane Addams (one cannot help wondering why she spell it with two d's) has gone and tied her solidity and strength to the tail of Roosevelt's kite and is sailing, sail ing, saling, no one knows whither. If he annexed Miss Addams for ballast it was very well, nothing could need it more than that new, unseasoned steam or hot air launch in which he possession of the State of is cavorting once again into notoriety, great harm and make her a mere cat's paw. Her work needed not the boosting and support she fondly beheved affiliation with Roosevelt would give it, and she has made a great mistake to try what honestly seemed to her a short cut to success. She will see this later, but at the parting of the ways her sad song will be, "Twas

clamoring for indemnification for the

Wrong Answer. (Tit Bits.)

A Sunday school superintendent determined, in the kindness of his heart, to give a big treat to all the boys and girls in the Sunday school. His garden was a large one, and this year the strawberry crop was rich and abundant; so he told the children that if they came to the school room on the following evening (Monday) each of them would be given a plate of ripe strawberries, with an abundance of sugar and cream. Of course, every boy and girl was there. When they had finished the

superintendent sald: "Have you all had a good time?" "Yes, sir, thank you!" came from hundred grateful, happy lads and "Could you est any more?" asked Mr. Grayson. 'No, thank you, sir," replied the "Now," said the genial superin-tendent, "suppose you had gone into my garden and taken those straw-

you have enjoyed them so much? "Oh, no, sir!" shouted all bairns at once. "Why not?" asked Mr. Grayson.
No reply. So he put the question
again, but still there was no reply.

At last one dear little chappie put up his hand, thinking he knew the right answer.
"Well?" said Mr. Grayson, looking hard at Georgie Marsden.

Then Georgie replied so winsome "Please, teacher, we shouldn't 'ave 'ad any sugar and cream wi' 'em.'

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder, A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense springs. That meant an expense of 150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all tealers.