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No doubt the greater per cent of the girl babies of the future will be named "Alice."

The Blackburn trouble seems to be somewhat like hot taffy "The longer you chew it the bigger it gets."

If you can't use a pair of wooden skates with proficiency these days you are counted a back number.

It must be a source of great justification to father Rockefeller to think how he has them fooled as to his whereabouts.

Blackburn may be innocent of the allegations pending against him, but we should not care to be in his shoes just at the present.

"This is so sudden" has lost its weight. The Federal grand jury on yesterday returned another true bill against "the drummer boy."

The News correspondent from Asheville tells of the conviction and sentence of Louis Charles Pauline de Recardo, alias Ernest Orvia. Ye gods! Is anyone surprised at the decision of the jury?

In speaking of the finale of the White House wedding the Daily Economist says, "The great agony is over." The great agony! And what would Teddy say to that?

Since the death of John A. McCall, his "Friday," Andy Hamilton, will probably now return from "gay Paree" and declare that he was only doing with all that money as his dead master bade.

The anniversary of the birth of George Washington was appropriately celebrated at the University on the 22nd. Several excellent addresses were delivered. We give, in another part of the paper today, a good account of the entire celebration.

Occasionally we hear of some negro or friendless white man getting a penitentiary sentence for stealing some trivial article or other. One is almost led to grow sceptic of Justice when they see this and then hear of men like McCurdy who can steal thousands of the people's money and go scot free.

Oh, the innate suspense, the mortal terror, the thousand pangs that racking nerves must meekly bear at the sight, of some fearless youngster zig-zagging to-wards you on a pair of skates! There is no success, and one can only "grin and bear it." If you get run over just quietly get up and apologize to the youngster, or the skates either one. It makes little difference as far as appreciation goes.

The Louisville Courier Journal says that Queen Margaret of Italy is thinking of coming over to the United States for the purpose of making a tour of our country in an automobile, and the editor fervently adds, "God save the Queen!" We should like to submit that it might be more appropriate to say, "God save those mortals along her route!"

On yesterday the notorious wife-murderer, Johann Hoch, was executed. For sometime it appeared that Hoch would either be acquitted, or that his sentence would be changed to life imprisonment, but not so. The Governor remained steadfast and refused to interfere. Even while the death march was in progress Hoch's attorneys were vainly attempting to get an extension of time. Justice triumphed, however, and the state of Illinois has given the lesson out that a murderer in that state cannot always go free, even though he has influential friends and able attorneys.

A lot of the people who are raving and pulling their hair over the fact that William J. Bryan chose to withdraw his connection from a college that accepted what he considered tainted money, would have been equally ready to rip and snort if he had remained with the institution. They would have then accused him, no doubt, of being untrue in his fight against the corrupt money powers. One beauty about it, however, the feeble denunciations of Mr. Bryan only fan the flame, and Mr. Bryan continues to grow in popularity each day among the thinking, conservative men of America.

A SOCIALIST HIT.

We print today in another part of the paper a letter from Mr. Ridsen S. Asbury, of this city, protesting against an editorial we wrote sometime ago warning against any tendency whatever towards socialism.

It is not the custom of The News to

pay any attention whatever to letters signed, "Yours for Socialism" or in fact any other kind of "isms" save Americanism, but we hope later on, when time and space allows, to give some attention to Mr. Asbury's letter.

We regret that the "bare statement of our conclusion," and by the way the conclusion long ago reached (for Socialism is no new creed) by the great majority of the American people, fails to set well with the "logical mind" of the brother; and that he desires some facts and figures in the case before he can get over the idea that Socialism is the only doctrine that will ever bring about the age-long dream of the brotherhood of mankind—sounds pretty doesn't it?

But by way of parenthesis we would state that few people in North Carolina are ready to set sail in the bark of Socialism, where individuality is an unknown quantity; where the established American social relations are uprooted and where men and women live in blissful kerhoot, everybody minding everybody else's business. In fact our good orthodox people care little about a disquisition upon the doctrine, for they are satisfied with the government founded by their fathers.

GROSVENOR DETHRONED.

The fate of the politician is as treacherous as the sea. There is never much assurance of anything. Political popularity, like riches, has wings, and you can never know when the huzzas and plaudits will give place to criticism and ostracism.

One thing that brings to our mind more clearly than ever before the instability of popularity is the report of the ignominious defeat of Congressman Grosvenor of the eleventh district of Ohio. He has been a member of congress since the forty ninth with the exception of the fifty second congress.

For twenty years he has represented his district in the halls of congress. Consequently knowing his past popularity it is with a feeling somewhat tinged with regret and sorrow, that we heard the other day of his absolute defeat. The old man was unable to carry even his own county.

For years Mr. Grosvenor has been one of the guiding spirits in the national congress, and this sudden reversal of political fortune must surely go hard with the old man.

As we stated in the beginning, it is impossible to know when the wheels of the political band wagon, that have borne a man for a time, will turn suddenly and grind him beneath them in the dust.

This is, however, one of the most unexpected reversals we have heard of in some time, lest it be in the case of the veteran Joe Blackburn of Kentucky.

We cannot but feel sorry for both Blackburn and Grosvenor, to be dethroned and forgotten in the fall time of their public careers. It all teaches the uncertainty of political prosperity.

Rafting On The Wisconsin.

At the mills they made up the big rafts according to a certain system. A crib was made of boards, say, sixteen feet long, and was built in layers, cob-house fashion, until it was perhaps a couple of feet deep, all fastened by long hard-wood pegs. Seven of these cribs made a "piece"; and three pieces, side by side, lashed together by lines fastened to the boats, made what was called a "Wisconsin river raft." That was about as large as a raft could be and run safely the various dams and bars and rapids. After they got to the mouth of the Wisconsin the men would shift these pieces and bunch up a number of Wisconsin river rafts into one vast, slow-moving snake of sawn timbers, a thing of terror to all the steamboats on the river until at last it found its destination, perhaps tying up at some bayou far down toward St. Louis. Once such a raft piled up on the middle pier of the Dubuque bridge, and ran up the abutment to the bridge floor, frightening half to death some three hundred gaping folk who had come out to see the wild men go through. But that was merely an incident. It was merely an incident if at night the men, asleep and forgetful of the green lights which ought to show that they were running, awoke under a volley of profanity and saw floating before them the bow of some river steamer, whose captain and pilot obliterated them by all the saints of the river to have a better care for the observance of the law.—Emerson Hough in "On the Little Bull Rapids," in The Outing Magazine for March.

New Religious Sect.

The Charlotte News says: "It is stated that there is a new religion among the negroes of Atlanta. The new sect have as one of their fundamental principles that all female communicants must hug and kiss the preacher and the elders of the church. The police of Atlanta are to investigate this new brand of religious kissers and huggers. The trouble about it would appear to us to be that there would be danger of superfluity of preachers."—Our Home.

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