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"A GREAT STATE BENEFACTION."

Under the above heading The Wilmington Star commends the movement started by Dr. McGeachy for a home for fallen women:

"The Charlotte News says it discovers general popular approval of a plan advocated by the Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy of that city for a state institution in which to give women a chance to retrace their lives and become useful members of society. Such a home will give them a chance and prepare them for occupations by which they can support themselves.

"That is a Christian way of dealing with a problem. It is different from the un-Christian way of hounding them after the ways of the law, a custom which the best thought of the country is turning from a repentant way. The state has institutions for its other unfortunates and delinquents, so there could be no greater public benefaction than just such an institution as Dr. McGeachy advocates."

We believe that the general attitude of all papers and individuals would be found favorable to such a proposition. The remarkably hearty response to the movement is encouraging.

"I will give as much to the cause as any other man in Charlotte, no matter who he is."

That was the first greeting Dr. McGeachy had the morning after he preached his sermon.

The movement should become statewide for the same deplorable situation faces every city for correct solution.

The press can, and will render valuable aid in arousing the people to the need of such an institution.

PARIS SENSATION-MAD.

"Gay Paree" is rent with conflicting thrills. The populace rants and raves and refuses to be quieted. Troops have been added to the police force and strenuous efforts are constantly made to keep the crowds quiet. Students fight. Demonstrations are started in cafes, on the streets—anywhere.

And all because of a pistol shot, with a woman in the case.

When Madame Caillaux shot and killed the editor of the Figara because of his attacks upon her husband, who is minister of finance, she speedily became the popular heroine of the hour.

Great crowds flock about the prison where she is incarcerated and cheer her.

The head of the bar of Paris has undertaken her defense and will plead the unwritten law, claiming that she shot to clear her name and the good name of her husband.

Two million Parisians are receiving just the kind of excitement they relish, but the balance of France's forty million population goes about the even terror of its way as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

There is no place on earth just like Paris.

THE SEVEN DAY PAPER.

The recent anonuncement of The Raleigh News and Observer that it will shortly begin to issue a paper each day in the week has called attention to other papers issuing seven days a week.

The Concord Tribune corrects Brother London in the following:

"The Chatham Record, speaking of the announcement that The Raleigh News and Observer will, after next Monday, issue a paper seven days in the week, says:

"'Heretofore The Charlotte Observer and The Greensboro News have been the only newspapers in this state that were published every day, and no doubt there would be great dissatisfaction among their readers if their Monday morning editions were discontinued.'

"Brother London has been caught napping. For quite a long time both the Asheville Citizen and The Charlotte News have issued papers every day in the week. The latter has the distinction of being the only afternoon paper in the state which issues a Sunday edition."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE LOSES.

The effort to annex to the constitution an amendment favoring woman suffrage failed in the senate yesterday.

The vote on the resolution proposing the amendment stood 34 against 35.

A two-thirds vote was necessary to insure the passage of the resolution, and the vote fell far short of that number.

The majority of Southern senators voted against the resolution.

We are prepared to admit without equivocation that the weather man is some ground hog.

Sometimes the aviator becomes a man of many parts.

Our usual Friday morning snow.

DECADENCE OF POPULAR TASTE.

(Columbia Record.)

No one can have watched the life of our cities for the last few years without noticing the extraordinary rage for all that is not respectable, not only among men, but quite as strongly among woman, says London Truth.

Truth's indictment of the society of today is a terrific one, if true, and that it is true any one of middle age and less, with eyes to see, even in our more provincial communities, can testify.

Continuing, Truth says:

Thanks to dress and social customs, one can watch the new dislike of propriety best in women. Ten years ago every chorus girl wanted to look like a duchess; and her notion of a duchess, if perhaps a little highly colored, was yet remarkably like the current idea of a gentlewoman. Nowadays the chorus girl goes her own way, sets her own fashions, makes her own customs, secure of having all our duchess assiduously imitating her so soon as her new coiffure or her extra inch of knee have been displayed on the stage. There was a time when a theatrical drssmaker never dreamed of drawing any custom from the world of great aides. Now their books are crowded with titled customers, who are anxious to look as much like Totty Tips or Lotty Lacks as possible, and would even undergo an operation if they could thereby get the same adolescent smile.

Last year a fashionable bride, daughter of a great house, was married in a dress not modified but exactly copied from one worn by the heroine of a certain long-lived musical comedy. She not only had it copied (and one may admit that it was very pretty, although it lacked taste in one or two details), but in the accounts of her wedding which appeared in the press, she, or her representative, took care that his detail should be mentioned. Those who describe dresses worn at the courts, too, know how often a debutante is clothed in exact imitation of those stage ladies who look so young and innocent that one can see the bloom upon their faces.

In public amusement, too,, the same tendency is increasingly visible. Woman go as a matter of course to places where they used not to be admitted. There is nothing in that; but both men and women seem to prefer things which have a show of being improper. It is a little dowdy to be respectable, or to seem so; and this applies very strongly to conversation. Not only do women hear language which they would once have swooned to read, but they take an open pride in not being shocked by it.

In respect to public amusements, we have the most astonishing and undeniable evidence—the evidence of our own senses, in fact—of the revolt of popular taste against the restraints of propriety. So pronounced has the public taste and preference become for loose, suggestive and immoral performances, that no other sort of amusement, no matter how eminent and famous of its class, whether it be tragedy, comedy, grand opera or what not, can command a crowded house, while an Evelyn Thaw, with no fame of any sort to commend her but her infamy—Zeigfield's Follies, wherein women sport as nearly in nature's garments as Mother Eve in the Garden of Eden, and others of this class of amusements, are guaranteed paying to houses packed to "standing room." But the most astonishing part of it is the character of the audiences that patronie these performances. In the days of the original "Black Crook" and later only men patronized this class of performance and any woman seen there would have been placed beyond the pale of polite society. But today this class of performances attracts, the most mixed audiences seen at our theaters. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, even girls in their teens accompanied by their beaus, freely attend them, witness the most risque stunts and listen to the broadest and coarsest allusion, without even blushing.

Can such things be
And overcome us, like a summer cloud
Without our special wonder?

THE MERRY GO ROUND.

(Charleston News and Courier.)

Another reason why the county-to-county campaign should be done away with this summer is advanced by the Greenville Piedmont. Already, it suggests, there are eleven prospective candidates for governor and it is possible that before the lists are closed still others will announce themselves. "With the candidates for the other offices to speak, it will be impossible," it continues, "to allot over ten or fifteen minutes to each gubernatorial aspirant. It would be impossible for any of these candidates to properly discuss the issues of the day in such a brief period of time. It will be impossible for the voters to size up the various candidates under such conditions."

To state the case is enough. No argument is needed to convince any intelligent man that as an educational institution the county-to-county campaign is a farce. All that it now amounts to is to furnish degrading spectacles for those who gather about the speakers in the hope that the vile epithets they are almost sure to bear may possibly eventuate in something more serious.

The county-to-county campaign is utterly indefensible. When the democratic club meetings are held next month there should go up from all parts of South Carolina a demand upon the state convention that the present practice be abandoned once and for all. Its continuation is a disgrace to the state.

OLD COINS.

(Winston-Salem Sentinel.)

Mr. C. C. Spainhour brought to The Sentinel office this morning some very old coins, which he has had in his possession for fifteen or more years. Among them were two 50 cent pieces dated 1808 and 1822 respectively. Also two quarters dated '1854, which he prizes as the date of his birth. He also has a silver certificate bearing 1886 as the date of issue. The engraving is entitled "History Instructing Youth," the former pointing to the declaration of independence as if relating the story to a youth at her side. This interesting study is surrounded by a border of wreaths, each bearing the name of great statesmen who have contributed to the making of the history of the nation. Mr. Spainhour states that he has been offered good premiums for some in his collection.

PRIMARY IN LEE.

(Waxhaw Enterprise.)

Lee county now has a legalized primary for both parties. The Sanford Express in talking about the political out look says that it is presumed that the candidates will make a canvass of the county before the primary as the voters will want to see what sort of fellows they are going to have on the ticket. The primary is the best method of selecting candidates and the people of Lee will soon find that it is a great improvement over the old convention plan. In the legalized primary the sentiment of the people is clearly ascertained.

MOST IMPORTANT.

(Lumberton Robesonian.)

Don't fail to note that when a physician from another state who is studying health work being done in the various states came to North Carolina that Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, brought him to Robeson county, considering that Robeson affords a fair example of the best health work being done in North Carolina. But a dispatch from Raleigh, published elsewhere in this paper, would seem to indicate that physicians and undertakers are neglecting the important matter of giving in vital statistics. This is a most important matter that should not be neglected.

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