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SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

The Commonwealth touching the mutability of things, asks the following pertinent questions with reference to indisputable changes in the government of North Carolina:

"How much has the government of North Carolina been improved within the last seven years? Is the State as well able to pay the claims on its treasury as it was seven years ago?"

"Are the various counties in the State paying their own bills as they were seven years ago?"

"Are the State institutions considered by competent men of all parties in as good condition as they were seven years ago?"

"Is the free school machinery running as smoothly as it was seven years ago?"

"Is the State's good name as untarnished in the eyes of our sister States as it was seven years ago?"

"Is there that harmony of feeling amongst our people that began to be seriously disturbed about seven years ago?"

"Are there as few blenous crimes on record within the boundaries of our State as there was seven years ago?"

"Does it look, now under the present circumstances, that North Carolina is as desirable a State to live in as it was seven years ago?"

"Would capitalists from other States as readily invest their money here as they would seven years ago?"

"Is there that confidence in North Carolina between man and man that prevailed seven years ago?"

"Are the best people of the State as well satisfied with the present conditions of affairs as they were seven years ago?"

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, in his speech at the barbecue of the Patriotic Sons of America at Albany on Monday made a general tear-up of millionaires, monopolies and politicians. He formally read ex-Senator Hill and ex-Secretary Whitney out of the Democratic party. At the rate of progress which some of the more violent managing statesmen are making in "kicking Democrats out of the party" the kicked will soon be more numerous than the kickers.—Durham Sun.

The Hawaiian annexation scheme is on foot again and there is talk even of calling the Senate together before the December term if the inhabitants of those distant volcanic islands accept our wooing. It would be in order to tell us what we want with them; but the same question was asked about Alaska once.

TWO REFORMS INSTEAD OF ONE.

You can't get ahead of the women. An ordinance was passed and enforced in Atlanta recently against the high hat in the theater.

The women submit gracefully to taking off their big hats, but now they have appealed to the city council to stop the nuisance of rushing out for drinks between acts as practiced by the men. They are right of course and it may turn out to be two reforms instead of one.

Country Editor in Politics.

Examination of our exchanges shows that the country editor is dropping into politics. In many instances he cuts a very respectable figure, and his well-considered statements will doubtless be stolen freely and frequently by his metropolitan brethren. There are two kinds of political writing: The one deals in ridicule, in appeals to prejudice and in false statements. The other recognizes that parties and men are fallible, and that party principles are some times modified by new conditions. This conservative style of writing will win in the end, because readers are after facts and are not to be hoodwinked long. The political editor has the right to present the best side of his party, and to stoutly maintain its teachings and principles; but this can be done without indulging in personalities or consigning his opponents to the bottomless pit. The latter style of political writing is now almost obsolete, and the editor who adopts it is not only old-fashioned, but is far behind his readers in point of intelligence.—Press and Printer.

Not So Bad As Thought to Be.

The most sensational story has been set afloat and pious hearts have been grieved about the fate of Miss Cisneros, said to be a relative of the Cuban president. It was stated that she was to be exiled to the Spanish penal colony at Morocco. A number of prominent American women, including Mrs. Jefferson Davis, have interceded with the Queen Regent of Spain for her. Her treatment was said to be a wreaking of revenge on the unfortunate girl. The following dispatch from Gen. Lee will set the matter at rest:

Havana, Sept. 2.—If the Duke of Tetar's order for the removal of Evangelina Cisneros to a convent has been received here, which the authorities will not admit, no action has been taken. Meantime, there is no danger that the girl will be harshly dealt with. It would appear that her release is only a question of time. She is comfortably situated now as is possible in any Spanish prison. She is well dressed, has her meals sent from the restaurant and is accorded privacy.

John Church Confessed.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 2.—John Church, a veteran moonshiner, was captured in the mountains today. He made a full confession and promised to aid in the capture of others implicated in the murder of Captain Taylor and party. The party proceeded with Church under a heavy guard after warning him that any attempt at treachery would be paid with his life. The posse is now thought to be in Newton county.

Waiting For "Mike."

Michael Sullivan, an old soldier, is recounting his experience in the Crimea: "So the commander-in-chief rides up as the army shtood in loine of bhattie, and he calls out: "Is Mike Sullivan in the ranks?" "Here I am, general," siz Oi. "Then let the engagement begin," siz he."—London Truth.

Twelve Pointed Paragraphs. Most people are like eggs, too full of themselves to hold anything else. It's hard for anybody else to please the man who is well pleased with himself.

You never see a bankrupt at a charity soup house. That's where his victims go.

Politeness is an investment that is often overlooked, but it yields big dividends.

The milk of human kindness is not very heavily enameled with cream.

If the tombstones were reliable, the devil would soon be wearing mourning.

The charity that begins at home is often so discouraged that it never gets any father.

Truth is eternal, but Time changes it from day to day so that its own mother wouldn't recognize it.

If the sun had nothing to do but shine on the righteous, it wouldn't have to rise so early.

Men and watches are judged by their works, both have wheels.

Some men are born great and some have to be elected.

Some men are like dice, easily rattled, but hard to shake.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Cuban racket has thus far cost Spain \$200,000,000 in gold and she isn't as far along in getting the Cubans down as when she started. She could make money by trading Cuba off for a dog and killing the dog.—Morning Star.

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