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THE USE OF ALCOHOL TO RESIST COLD.

Our late friend Dr. Isaac I. Hayes, who was surgeon to Kane's Second Grinnell Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, 1853-'55, said his observations had led him to so far question the beneficial use of alcoholic liquors for the purpose of resisting the severity of the Arctic cold that he should discourage the use of them, if, indeed, he should not absolutely deny the use of them for that purpose to the crew of the expedition he was then undertaking to fit out for the Arctic Regions through Baffin's Bay, which sailed in 1860.

Gov. Seales has appointed Mr. Lewin W. Barringer, a member of the Philadelphia bar, to represent him at the meeting of Governors to be held in Philadelphia December 10th for the purpose of arranging a programme for celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Barringer is a native of North Carolina, and a son of the late D. M. Barringer, who was Minister to Spain during President Pierce's administration. Our acquaintance with him warrants us in representing him to be an accomplished gentleman and one who is well qualified to act well his part on this occasion.

THE LATE SNOW.

The head piece to the month of December in the old fashioned almanacs represent a cheerful open wood fire, with the governor seated on one side indulging in a reflective smoke, and his old lady at his side knitting, against whose chair stands a purring cat, while the faithful dog sleeps at their feet. On the other side of the chimney our girl is occupied at the spinning-wheel, and baby is seated near by apparently interested in looking over the pictures in a primer. It is a comfortable, contented, happy scene. The illustrator who designed this head piece seems to have considered December as an off month of the year given up to fireside comfort, and homely enjoyment. Such a time we are now experiencing during this brutal month, though it is rarely that we find ourselves snow-bound as early in the season as December. It is consoling, however, to know that the late snow is quite favorable to the growth of small grain.

THE CONGRESS.

The second session of the forty-ninth Congress met last Monday. We often hear it remarked that the Nation is wanting in statesmen of commanding genius like the three men whose names are usually associated together—Webster, Clay and Calhoun. But, if our Congress is wanting these days in capacity of the highest order of commanding genius, or grand conception, it certainly possesses the capacity of adroit management, of skilful fetch, of ready resource, which however, when gathered into a focus, and set working, usually prove a very formidable power indeed.

The recess since the last session and the result of the late elections would have schooled the members in a further knowledge of public sentiment than they had acquired when Congress adjourned. Should the seeming defection among the Democratic members manifest itself in a lack of harmonious action the result may seriously affect the future of parties, for the Democratic majority is so small that the Democratic members must agree to a man in order to accomplish any end, and of this there is little reliable prospect. It is true that we may pretty safely count on the co-operation of some of the Republican members upon the vital question of Tariff Reform, if not upon other questions that affect the future of the country. But nous verrons.

Considerable commotion was felt at Charleston on the 28th of last month by another earth-shake.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ABOUT TOBACCO.

A well known gentleman in this State who takes a deep interest in the cultivation of tobacco has recently sent out a circular to the largest sellers and buyers from New York to St. Louis with reference to the depression in the leaf tobacco market. The circulars were sent to every market in Virginia and North Carolina, and the questions asked were as follows:

- 1. What, in your judgment, is the real cause of the present depression in the leaf tobacco market?
2. Does not really fine tobacco, whether bright or dark, bring paying prices to the farmer?
3. What recommendations should, in your judgment, be made to the tobacco planters, in connection with the crop to be planted next season?

The gist of the answers was as follows:

- 1. The farmer must make his own food crops for man and beast, and not depend on his tobacco crop to pay for these necessities. The one crop man, no matter what the crop is, is always in peril.
2. He must plant fewer acres of tobacco, feed the plant liberally, and give it the very best attention possible otherwise at every stage of its progress from the seed bed to the warehouse; and that only the land suitable to the type should be employed, and that no attempt should be made to force crops for "brights" unless the tobacco is silky and yellows well on the hill.
3. Fine tobacco, whether bright or dark, has always brought paying prices, and always will.

4. It is impossible for us to compete with other countries in the production of low grade stock. The world is overwhelmed with it, and it can't be sold at any but ruinous prices to the grower. We possess an advantage not vouchsafed to other countries, we can make fine tobacco; and to throw away this advantage, and content ourselves with the production of low-grade tobacco, is to commit in act of folly that must work damage to the whole community. The farmer, like everybody else who has anything to sell, must please his customer else his labor will be in vain.

We heartily commend this sensible advice to our friends in the country. Good tobacco has always brought good prices, it always will bring good prices and it is bringing good prices now. There is a healthy demand in this market for a good article and farmers who have made it will realize handsome profits.

Again we would impress upon them the necessity of diversified crops. Farmers say a half acre in tobacco will bring enough to pay for two acres planted in corn. Granting that this is true, suppose the half acre in tobacco fails—may suppose the season is a bad one for tobacco and the entire crop fails, what can the farmer depend upon for the support of his family? The judicious farmer will not stake everything on one crop. He will be prepared for all sorts of seasons, but in order to do this he will have to plant more than one crop. The one-crop farmer is the one-idea farmer and the one-idea man can't succeed.—Danville Weekly Register.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

The Wilmington Star says: "Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, has issued a pastoral letter in which he warns his people against unsound ideas of the rights of property." "Unsound ideas" underlie all the crookedness which men manifest as to "rights of property" and rights of many other things. Right principles are in danger on every hand. It is almost useless, it would seem to warn men against dangers which beset them. These are one great Strait Edge by which men and principles are to be tried: "The word of the Lord is right, and all His works are done in truth." Society has drifted away from the great Test, and hence "right ideas," are lost.—Greensboro Workman.

The old-time article in the Topic last week was of interest to several old citizens, some of whom point out mistakes in it. We had gotten the notion somehow that the ballot was an invention of the reconstruction period, but we are informed that there never was a time in North Carolina when it was not in use at elections and when people voted twice. Dr. Newland informs us that James Graham beat his brother, David Newland, in 1835 by a small majority and that Newland contested the election alleging fraud. The House voted that neither was entitled to the seat and ordered a new election. Newland however, was allowed his per diem. In the next election Graham was successful.—Lenoir Topic.

The detention of the through mail between here and Winston for several days on account of snow has disappointed us in receiving the President's message till our paper was made up.

This is the short session of Congress—about ten weeks.

STATE NEWS.

Greensboro Workman: We learn that Hon. Jas. W. Reid has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. We have not learned the amount of his liabilities, or who is the assignee.

Greensboro North Star: The Danville & New River Railroad is now in trouble for want of funds to pay fixed charges. The old game of freezing out the stockholders will probably commence.

Winston Republican: A Yadkin county babe was recently born into this world of sin with quite a novel relationship, being blessed with five living grand-fathers and three living grand-mothers. The Outlook says the father of the child is Newton Dickson, living near Conrad Post-office in that county.

Rockingham Rocket: It won't do to monkey with the "blue jeans" fraternity any more. Our esteemed contemporary, the Statesville Landmark, has had to apologize for publishing the fact that a citizen of Iredell recently purchased his first pair of "store" blue jeans. Bro Caldwell will probably not people wear what they please henceforth.

Wilmington Star: It is said that the friends of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company are arranging for the extension of their system from Norfolk, Va., to Jacksonville, Fla., and the great Pennsylvania Railroad corporation is backing them up. The new route, it is said, will be independent of all other lines, and the most direct that can be chosen. In some quarters it is regarded as only a scheme on the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad to bring the Atlantic Coast Line to terms. Other persons, however think that the road will be built, running down the coast from Norfolk and following the line on which it was intended that the Wilmington and Charleston Railroad should be built. In this event Wilmington would have another great through line to the North, which could not fail to add to its commercial importance.

Lenoir Topic: Caldwell's reputation as a manufacturing county is growing. The popularity of Patterson jeans is increasing.—The amount of the pensions allowed by the State to Confederate veterans is \$14.10 instead of \$24.10, as incorrectly stated week before last.—The partridges are still plentiful notwithstanding the intruders made upon them. Last Friday Messrs. Newland and Howell went out and bagged 40 and George Moore and his uncle, P. G. Moore, Esq., killed 89 around Loveady, Saturday.—On yesterday two weeks ago, Carrie, a six year old child of Mr. Henry Steele, on the Yadkin, had one of his eyes put out by an accident. The baby was sitting down in the kitchen when a larger child threw a case knife in at the door and it unfortunately struck the baby's eye and entered beneath the eye-ball. Dr. Houch was called in and the little one is now all right with the exception of being blind in one eye.

BRIEFS.

Strawberries were picked in a garden at Norris, Mich., during a snowstorm this week.

A patriot at Rochester, N. Y., voted sixteen times before his trickery was discovered.

A national uniform marriage law for the United States is to be urged in Congress by a special committee appointed by a meeting of Hebrew rabbis in New York on Tuesday.

If it is true that valuable gold deposits have been discovered in Oklahoma the Indian question as to that region may be regarded as settled, and not in favor of the Indian.

The legislature of New Jersey will be democratic on joint ballot provided the two labor members, who are democrats, will act with the democratic wing. It is understood that they will support Abbott for the United States Senatorship.

MORSELS OF FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A strong shock of earthquake visited Taskend today and caused considerable damage in the Russian quarter.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Cardinal Manning today ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood Lord Charles Thynne, aged seventy-three years, and formerly a canon in the established church.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—It is announced here that Russia does not insist upon the selection of Prince Nicholas, of Montenegro, as a candidate for the Bulgarian throne.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The municipal council of Paris has requested the United States minister Melane, to intercede with the governor of Illinois in behalf of the condemned anarchists of Chicago.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—The Superior of the Oblate Fathers has announced that no Knight of Labor will be allowed to partake of the sacrament.

THE PROPOSED LEASE.

An outrage upon the State of North Carolina is threatened, against the perpetration of which we hope the united press of the State will urge its vigorous protest. We refer to the attempt or offer of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company to renew its lease of the North Carolina railroad. A lease of this road was made when the Republicans had control of our State government and it was openly charged then, and has generally been believed since, that the lease was obtained by bribery and corruption. And now when the term has only about half expired it is gravely proposed to extend the lease for another long term of years!

We have much confidence in the good judgment and sterling patriotism of Gov. Seales, and we sincerely hope he will not permit this outrage to be perpetrated. There is plenty of time before the present lease expires, within which to consider this proposal to renew it. And before the year 1901 shall come, there may be, and doubtless will be, other and more favorable proposals from other road companies to lease this valuable road. But there is no need, and indeed we do not think it advisable, for the State to lease the road to any company. This, however, can be a matter for future discussion and consideration. At present we utterly and emphatically oppose and protest against the proposed extension of the lease to the R. & D. Co., and we hope the press of the State will unite in this opposition. The Raleigh News and Observer deserves the thanks of the public for its recent editorial on this subject.—Chatham Record.

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