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FORWARD-LOOKING PEOPLE

The Greensboro News makes the point that the Republican party can never hope to be a factor in North Carolina politics as long as it takes the niggardly position that the state must not spend money for progress.

The Record believes that the Democratic party can afford to push the state for everything both are worth. North Carolinians are conservative in some things, but show them that results are being obtained, and they are quick to push. We have seen that demonstrated.

The Record hopes that the Democrats will consider the needs of the state and address itself to them. If it costs money, nobody will complain.

SOLDIERS OF VERDUN

"You have seen my children," remarked a French general to a war correspondent at Verdun. "I say to you that the Old Guard of Napoleon Bonaparte was not so great as my army of Verdun."

WANT THEIR DEMANDS

Why should the railway brotherhoods not feel that because congress gave them the eight-hour day, no higher authority should be allowed to pass on the question. Their point of view is different from that of the public's. They were ready to strike when congress came to their rescue and now if the courts should consider the question on its merits, as congress was charged with not doing, the brotherhoods are still ready to fight for their demands.

UNCOVER RASCALITY

If there are any indications of the misuse of money in the presidential campaign—and the administration leaders must believe there are—then a searching investigation is in order. The public, regardless of political affiliations, wants to see fair and square elections and an exposure, as in Ohio and Indiana a few years ago, will do a great deal towards keeping rascals away from the polls.

According to Colonel Watts, Harnett county probably will receive the banner for making the biggest percentage of Democrats gains. Harnett overturned a Republican majority this time and returned to its old love.

How would you like to be president with the railroad strike, the Mexican situation and the submarine issue staring you in the face?

There was little work done last week, but we can keep busy from now on until Christmas.

The next station is Thanksgiving.

The old were refused to spread.

Change in Surnames: New York Tribune. Surnames grow mellow with age. Not only do they themselves usually undergo subtle changes in spelling and form, which changes their distinction, but the common speech from which they are sprung changes gradually, in its turn, until after a name's original descriptiveness is obliterated. In other cases long usages blur its origin. Even when we come to such names as Drinkwater, Doolittle and Toothache we are inclined to forget the reference to ancestral peculiarities contained in them. Time has dignified these entitlements.

To realize all this one has only to contrast them with those surnames in the making which the Indians are known. In a recent sale of Indian lands in the Standing Rock reservation of North Dakota there figured such names as Kate, Good, Cow and Barney Two Bears, her nearest neighbor. There the habitat of Mary Yellow Fat adjoined that of Melda Crowfoot, and Mrs. Crazy Walking shared the same section with Elk Ghost, Agatha Big Shield, Mary Lean Dove, Jennie Dog Man and Mary Shave Head are all listed in the transaction, and so are Mrs. Did Not Butcher, Mrs. Foster Red Fish and Helen Difficult.

As compared with these Thunder-shield seems rather a mild and conventional cognomen, and Morris Step Thundershield, might sign his name on an eastern hotel register without exciting undue attention. But his name is simply an example of the process of adjustment to family use which all will undergo to some degree in time. Mrs. Stanton Grinstead will serve as another instance in those two cases the primary reform has been, apparently, the welding of two words into one. Were Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Doolittle and Mr. Toothache to sign themselves Drink Water and Do Little and Tooth Acher we should without previous acquaintance with these gentlemen put them down as Indians, too, should we not?

Won't Speak English: Kansas City Star. The Mexican, even though he be appenanted with the American, clings to his native tongue. The better class of Mexicans often speak several languages, yet they have little time for any one who does not speak Spanish. The poorer classes along the border often pick up a smattering of English, but they are even more reticent about speaking it than their better educated countrymen.

A sergeant in the Third regiment, while at Laredo, was walking along a street with a sergeant of the Ninth infantry, which has been stationed there for more than two years. As they approached a corner they were uncertain which way to turn. A ragged, sleepy looking water carrier was filling his barrel from a plug at the side of the walk. The Third regiment sergeant stepped to the side of his car and asked: "Which way are we from Santa Maria avenue?" The Mexican turned a blank countenance. He shook his head slowly and said: "Ye no se Ingles," and gave his donkey the word to move on.

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Murray Knew Best Literary Digest.

Grant Allen was sitting one day in the shade of the sphinx. Turing for some point of detail to his Baedeker guide book, a sheik looked at him sadly, and shook his head. "Murray good," he said, in a voice of warning. "Baedeker no good." "Oh," answered the novelist, "why do you object to Baedeker?" The sheik crossed his hands and looked down on him with the pitying eyes of Islam. "Baedeker bad book," he repeated. "Murray very, very good." Murray, say, "Give the sheik half a crown." Baedeker say, "Give the sheik a shilling."

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BARNETT TO GET BANNER

Statesville Landmark. Mr. A. D. Watts, who is handy with the election figures, finds that the gain in the vote cast for President Wilson in Iredell over that of four years ago is 31-9-10 per cent. The gain in the vote for governor—the vote for Bickett over Craig four years ago—is 24-2-10 per cent. On this vote Mr. Watts hoped that Iredell would win the Democratic banner offered by State Chairman Warren for the largest gain in the Democratic vote in any county over that of four years ago, but it seems that the banner will go to Harnett county, where the estimated gain is 42 per cent.

The Republicans also made considerable increase in their vote in Iredell, as the election returns show. Of the Democratic vote in the state Mecklenburg gave the biggest Democratic majority but not the biggest Democratic vote. Wake county cast more votes for Bickett than did any other county, its total being 4,719. Guilford was next with 4,588 and Mecklenburg third with 4,403.

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