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### Dewey and His House.

The change of sentiment in regard to Admiral Dewey is another illustration of the fickleness of popular applause. A few months ago millions of people were making their throats sore cheering the hero of Manila Bay. Nothing was too good for Dewey. Alas, poor hero he dared once too often to ask the people no questions, He accepted a nations gift and gave it to his new wife, and his glory had vanished like the morning dew. His wife gave the gift to Dewey's son and still they clamor.

This is a shame to Americans. If they gave the house to Dewey and it was his and a man who helped buy that house had no business to abuse him for any disposition he might see fit to make of it.

For our part we wish he had flatly refused it or would return it now. We certainly hope that Mr. Schley will have too good taste to accept a house if the committee buys him one. It will add nothing to his glory, whilst his refusal would be a just rebuke to the Dewey defamers.

### Clean Politics.

By this we do not mean politics that are thoroughly purged from corruption, but the kind that is most popular in some of

the large cities of our country as evidenced by the late elections. Whilst there is much to be cleared away in order to cleanse America's politics, yet much has been done to ride down ring rule and the heelers. In several of our large cities the American citizens had manhood enough to vote for principle instead of party. Many of our large cities the American citizens had manhood enough to vote for principle instead of party. Many of our city governments had become very corrupt, but the time is coming, when men will no longer vote for a man simply because he is a party nominee. The lash has been used until its force is no longer dreaded. Voters realize that it's not party they need, but men of honor, integrity, zeal and good common sense to administer public affairs. The men who have made a living by playing with the credulity of the voter will either work or beg in the future unless by rascality they have laid up for a rainy day.

### Education Comes First.

The Legislature intended to make the one hundred thousand dollars available for public schools and the act shows that it did in plain terms what it intended to do. The suggestion that the State Treasurer claims the right to delay payment, or to make the claim secondary to other appropriations, is not approved by the legislators. The Asheville Gazette quotes the Hon. Locke Craig, chairman of the House Committee on Education, as saying:

The act was introduced by Mr. Holman, of Iredell, and passed by a large majority of both houses. The members of the Legislature felt that the term of the public schools should be lengthened and that bill was framed so as to distribute the money pro rata according to the

number of children in the state regardless of the amount of taxes paid by each county. The language generally employed in acts providing for appropriations directs the Treasurer to pay such sum out of the money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. This act makes no such conditions. It is mandatory. It directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue his warrants upon the Auditor to the treasurer of the school fund for each county on the first Monday in January. The Auditor will then issue his draft on the State Treasurer for the same amount. No discretion is allowed any officer of the state as to the distribution and payment of this money. The money will be distributed and paid unless some officer wilfully disobeys the provisions of a plain statute. If any officer should disobey the law it seems to me it would be the duty of those in charge of the public school interest to apply to the courts for a mandamus compelling obedience and the payment of this money to the Public schools of the State. The right of the children to their money is clean and unmistakable.

We hope Superintendent Mebane will take the necessary steps at once to see that the purposes of the act are neither delayed nor defeated. The education of the children is the first great concern of the State.

If Cotton is King, Neil will hardly be High Chancellor.

### The Price of War.

In the past year 6,916 U. S. soldiers met death—less than 1,000 in battle and nearly 6,000 by malignant fever. Of those who were discharged, many were ruined by disease. This is the price of war. How much better would it be if they were employed at home building beautiful homes