

Some of the gingers heretofore are saying that if the government gets any reports from their places next year, it will have to watch for them.

It is safe to say that no more popular a man has been inaugurated Governor of North Carolina in a long time, than the man who will take the oath of office tomorrow. Popularity is generally a dangerous sign, but it is to be hoped that in this instance it is a false one.

It is said that the Russian military rules require that General Stessel, the heroic commander who was forced to surrender Port Arthur, must go home and stand court martial for having surrendered. A system that would perpetrate such a barbarity upon men who went through the hell that the defenders of Port Arthur did, does not deserve any success at all.

It takes us all a good while to learn things. In 1898 when the smallpox first appeared in this section as an after effect of the war with Spain, everybody would run at the mere mention of it, and a great many would run as quickly at the mention of vaccination. Now the most of us have learned that vaccination is the only safe thing, but a great many are still inclined to run from it as of yore.

Mr. Brodie L. Duke, of the famous family of tobacco manufacturers of Durham, seems to be destined to stand before the yellow foot lights for sometime. Not many months ago he secured a divorce from his wife, who was then living in California. About three months ago he was secretly married in New York to a Chicago "business woman." Last week he was forced to leave his bride in the hotel where they were living, to be confined in a hospital in New York for inebriates, his sons having secured his confinement. Now it turns out that the late bride is a kind of Mrs. Chadwick, and that her marriage to Mr. Duke was in the nature of a deal in frenzied finance, and Mr. Duke says he really doesn't remember having been married at all.

A correspondent of the Columbia State, writing from Westover, S. C., says:

"One of England's kings was puzzled to know how the apple got into the dumplings; some of the American sovereigns are anxious to know how the mouse got into the flask. He is in it, surrounded by 'XX Silver Brook,' chemically pure, South Carolina dispensary whiskey. The flask was bought from one of the dispensaries in Columbia about a week ago, and is now in the home of a farmer in this section, to be sent back to the place whence it came. The rodent must have died 'crazy drunk,' as he is standing on his head with his tail turned straight toward the cork. We suggest that our great moral institution could do very much for the cause of temperance by adopting the 'Rodent Brand' exclusively and having the mouse in each flask."

Not gaudy, but certainly neat.

The War.

Charlotte Observer, Jan. 9th.

As was to have been expected, the offer from General Stessel to surrender Port Arthur was received by General Nogi on Sunday, and on the night of January 1st the supposedly impregnable Russian stronghold gave up, and today the Japanese are in full control, and some 25,000 soldiers of the Russian empire are now on their way to Japan as prisoners of war. The fall of Port Arthur had been expected almost daily for months. In May last the port was entirely cut off from communication with the outside world, and since that time thousands of lives have been sacrificed in an effort to secure possession of this point, on which the Russians seemed to lay so much stress. The manner in which it held out was marvelous, and its final fall was primarily due to failure of the ammunition supply, although of course it would finally have been taken anyhow. The terms of capitulation were readily agreed upon, and the Japanese have at last attained the object for which thousands of their countrymen gave up their lives. Among the killed were two sons of General Nogi, who commanded the Japanese forces in front of Port Arthur.

The indications now are that the fall of Port Arthur, while perhaps the most important single event since the war opened, with the possible exception of the destruction of the Russian Port Arthur fleet, will have no immediate effect on the final outcome of the contest. There are in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a million men facing each other almost within a stone's throw at Mukden, and as soon as the weather permits they will doubtless begin a determined campaign. The statement is made in a dispatch from Mukden that while the news of the fall of Port Arthur was not generally known among the Russian troops until last Saturday, it had been suspected by reason of the prolonged cheering heard along the Japanese lines a few days previous, thus showing that the hostile armies are almost within rifle range of each other. Occasionally one side or the other opens a bombardment of more or less severity, but both sides are never in a fighting mood at the same time, so that the firing amounts to little.

Though next to nothing is said about it at this time, it is probable that both armies are strengthening their forces for a vigorous campaign as soon as mild weather sets in in Manchuria.

Aside from the moral effect of the fall of Port Arthur, Japan will doubtless gain considerable advantage. She can now open up Port Arthur, as she had already done Dalny, and the Third Army, excepting a small garrison, can be utilized against General Kuropatkin.

The manner in which General Stessel chose to surrender robbed the correspondents of a great opportunity—that of being able to tell in their best language how the place was taken by storm. There will, however, doubtless be much matter of interest regarding the fall of the fortress which will sift through later. The censorship seems to be exceedingly strict now, and it will probably remain for months to supply the story of the siege, especially from the inside.

The news of General Stessel's surrender was withheld from the Russian public for three days, and then officially announced, the statement being accompanied by the official reports from Port Arthur, telling of the pitiable condition of the garrison and the bravery displayed by the soldiers. This appears to have been a good stroke, for the people of Russia were so affected by the desperate efforts of the garrison to hold out against overwhelming odds that there was no spirit to encourage an anti-government demonstration, as had been feared. Just why it was necessary to withhold the news for three days, however, is unexplained. The government which can keep its subjects thus in ignorance of what the whole world knows concerning their own affairs, indeed deserves the name of "despot." But then, it must be admitted, that there are many people in the Czar's domains who are fitted for no other form of government, and therein lies the prime cause of the great empire's weakness.

Thirty Mules and Horses Burned.

Rockingham Special, this, to Charlotte Observer.

A fire occurred here early this morning appalling in its nature. The lively stable of M. L. Hinson was destroyed, together with over thirty mules and horses. All day the atmosphere of the town has been laden with the sickening odor of burning flesh as the charred and half burned carcasses of the poor animals lay among the smouldering ruins.

The fire originated about two o'clock. When first discovered it had gained such headway that the stables in which it started could not be entered. The building was an immense wooden structure containing the stables, warehouse and store of M. L. Hinson and A. W. Porter & Co., and situated in that part of town known as "The Rockets." Mr. Hinson does a large live stock business and had on hand belonging to himself and others 33 horses and mules, all of which were burned to death. One lone mule broke out in some way and escaped from the flames, but was burned so badly that he had to be killed.

The groans of the doomed animals before they were overcome is said to have been terrible to listen to.

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The news comes from New York that leading bankers in that city have been buying much cotton during the past fifteen days. They have no use for cotton because they have no mills. The only thing that could induce them to buy cotton would be a belief that it is too low and will go up in price later on.—News and Observer.

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"Keep a Pullin'!"

To the Editor of The Journal:

We do not know who wrote this poem, but cotton is six cents, and merchants, farmers and all classes are wearing sad faces. We think it very appropriate right now, and we all should find some comfort and consolation in this "bunch" of sense. Very truly, W. E. RICHARDSON. Monroe, N. C., Dec. 30th, 1904.

"Keep a Pullin'!"

If the tide is runnin' strong, Keep a pullin'! If the wind is blowing wrong, Keep a pullin'! Taint no use to cuss and swear, Wastes your breath to rip and tear, If it rains or ef it's fair, Keep a pullin'!

'Thout it's winter or it's May, Keep a pullin'! Ef you're in the ring to stay, Keep a pullin'! 'Thout you can't see 'em a ray, Sun is bound to shine some day, Got to come 'fore long your way, Keep a pullin'!

When you're sick an' tired too, Keep a pullin'! Never 'low you're feelin' blue, Keep a pullin'! Ain't no good in blamin' fate, 'Cause you're workin' hard and late, Better say you feel first rate, An' 'keep a pullin'!

Fish don't bite just for the wishin', Keep a pullin'! Change your bait and keep on fishin', Keep a pullin'! Luck ain't nailed to any spot, Men you envy, like as not, Envy your job and lot, Keep a pullin'!

Sympathy is just a fake, Keep a pullin'! No one feels it when you ache, Keep a pullin'! Only this is worth 'erwhile, And you'll find it helps a pile, When the wind blows hard, just smile, An' 'keep a pullin'!

Ef your runners strike bare ground, Keep a pullin'! Don't give up, and don't go round, Keep a pullin'! Wouldn't give a horse his grain, Ef he wouldn't break his chain, Back up prompt and pull again, An' 'keep a pullin'!

'Spose you haven't got a cent, Keep a pullin'! Not a red to pay the rent, Keep a pullin'! Gettin' 'busted' ain't no crime, Garry, 'mighty! That's the time, Grit will make a man sublime, Keep a pullin'!

Can't fetch business with a whine, Keep a pullin'! Grin and swear you're feelin' fine, An' 'keep a pullin'! Summin' up, my brother, you Hain't got no other thing to do: Simply got to pull her through, An' 'keep a pullin'!

The Governor's Last Message.

The Legislature of 1905 met Wednesday, and Mr. O. H. Guion of Newbern was chosen speaker. Governor Aycock's last message to the legislature was a good one. He congratulated the lawmakers on the excellent condition of the State's affairs, notably the \$539,683 balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, and the admirable working of the revenue and machinery works of the last assembly. He endorses recommendations previously made by the State treasurer and the Corporation Commission as to taxation and its adjustment. He recommends that it be made a misdemeanor to use a railroad track as a highway except to go directly across it.

Regarding the famous South Dakota bond that the bonds may be sold for less than the \$27,400, and the question of some adjustment of the remaining bonds of that class outstanding is commended for serious consideration. The Governor reviews the needs of each of the State educational institutions and recommends that provision be made for the payment of the travelling expenses of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, since the railroads have declined to longer issue passes for him.

It is recommended that all laws creating causes for divorce since the Code of 1883, be repealed and no divorces allowed except for scriptural causes. That \$50,000 of the earnings of the penitentiary be appropriated for the establishment of a reformatory for young criminals. That no child that is over twelve years of age and under fourteen and cannot read and write shall be allowed to work in the factories, and no child under twelve be allowed to work. It is recommended that the salaries of the judges be increased to \$3,500. That the Watts law be perfected and all exceptions from the operation of the law repealed. In conclusion he expresses thanks for the co-operation of all State officers and others.

It is also recommended that the Governor's salary be increased to \$5,000, and that the salaries of the Supreme Court judges be increased.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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New Species of Hog.

Readers of the Journal.

A new species of kind of hog seems to have been developed in Johnston county. They have solid feet like a horse instead of split ones. Some specimens of this variety of porkers were recently sold dressed in the Raleigh market along with a number of others of the usual cloven-foot variety, according to the Evening Times. Dr. Samuel V. Smiley, who lives near Benson, Johnston county, is the man who sold these freak-footed swine, and in answer to a question asked by a Times representative he said: "These round-footed hogs are not merely freaks of nature, but were a distinct stock or breed to themselves. He had brought his first sow, he said, from Onslow county several years ago and had been breeding the variety ever since, because there was every indication that the species was exempt from hog cholera. Dr. Smiley said that his first pig with round feet had been in the pen with others that died of the cholera, and yet never took it, and at that time the disease was epidemic in that section. And from that time to this he had never known a round-footed pig or hog to have cholera."

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Good Spring Items.

Correspondence of the Journal.

Marshville, R. F. D. 3, Jan. 5.—The Christmas holidays passed off quietly and people have gone to work again. In fact, some of them hardly stopped work for Christmas. Mr. L. E. Huggins left last Saturday to take charge of a school at the Stewart school house in New Salem township.

The farmers of this community seem determined to hold on to their cotton until the price advances if they possibly can, and to plant less another year. This is right, farmers can make prices if they will. On New Year's morning just before 9 o'clock, Miss Mary Leonard, daughter of Mr. J. T. Deonard, bid farewell to this world of sorrow and went to live with Him "Who gave His life for us that through Him we might have eternal life." She had been suffering for several days with typhoid fever and died of heart failure. She was 18 years old and had been a member of Bethel Baptist church for several years. She was buried Monday at 11 o'clock at the family grave yard near Mr. W. T. Little's. She was a kind and obedient daughter, possessed a lovely and friendly disposition and was a great favorite of all who knew her. She will be greatly missed, but may the bereaved ones find consolation in the thought that their loss is her eternal gain. In the language of her father, "She is not dead—she is only asleep." Her influence and example will continue to live on until the great judgment day, when the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall arise.

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