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SHEPARD AND AYCOCK.

Just now there seems to be a movement, the strength of which will develop later on, to fling a "new banner to the breeze." This new banner bears this device: For president, Edward M. Shepard, of New York; for vice-president, Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina.

Undoubtedly the above named gentlemen would make a great race, and it is more than likely that they would make a winning one.

Mr. Shepard is especially strong in the north and east, and Gov. Aycock is the peer of any man in the south in statesmanship and popularity. The joining of these two names would tend to strengthen the old time winning alliance between the south and the north. Without such an alliance the Democrats need hardly hope to win.

THE FREE PRESS has advocated the nomination of Judge Parker for the head of the ticket. While perhaps the chief justice would make a more available man, he could scarcely be reckoned a stronger man than Mr. Shepard, a lawyer of much ability, a publicist and a statesman.

It is unnecessary to refer to the splendid qualities of our "educational governor." To confess ignorance on this point is to "argue one's self unred." Governor Aycock has not merely a State reputation but it is national in extent.

GRADED AND UNGRADED TOBACCO.

There seems to be more or less dissatisfaction on the part of some farmers relative to the recently announced intention of the Kinston board of trade not to handle ungraded tobacco.

On the sober second thought it will be seen that the board of trade is right, and that the course they propose is the wisest that could be pursued. It is best for tobacco buyers and best for the farmers.

Fully 90 per cent. of the buyers on the market refuse to touch ungraded tobacco. Why should they buy ungraded tobacco when they can get an ample supply of the graded product ready for use? This ample supply will always be at hand, because farmers know that it is to their advantage to grade their leaf before marketing it. They know this for the simple reason that their crops graded will bring them two or three times as much as the same crops ungraded would bring. Self interest will make most of the farmers grade their crops.

If the warehousemen had an unlimited storage capacity it would no doubt pay them to buy up the ungraded crop at the lower price it would naturally bring, and then realize a good profit on its sale. But as a matter of fact they haven't available the necessary storage capacity.

Besides this, a market is ultimately injured in the estimation of the farmer by handling ungraded leaf. This is a natural result of the fact that the farmer's receipts will certainly drop if his tobacco comes in poor and good qualities mixed. He will be paid for the poor quality and will have the privilege of throwing in the good leaf. When this state of affairs arises dissatisfaction naturally comes about.

Then, to avoid this and for the interests of all the farmers especially, every crop should be carefully graded. The Kinston board of trade has merely done what all the leading tobacco markets are doing or have done. Wilson, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Goldsboro and perhaps other markets have adopted this rule in regard to grading.

Some small markets or some places that are trying to establish a market, have agreed to take ungraded tobacco. But such a practice will not benefit the market, and will be disastrous to the farmers.

Kinston's market is firmly established, and the farmers recognize the fact.

It would seem that Uncle Sam has gone into the diamond business on a large scale. During the fiscal year just ended, more than thirty million dollars worth of diamonds and other precious stones were brought into the United States.

This is an increase of 50 per cent. on the importations of 1901, double the figures of 1899, and more than six times the average during the period 1894-'7. Prior to 1897 the total value of importations had seldom, if ever, reached ten million dollars per annum.

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HOW KNOWLEDGE MAY BE INCREASED



By ANDREW D. WHITE, Former Ambassador to Russia and Germany



I WOULD establish at the twenty or twenty-five foremost universities professorships and fellowships, or scholarships, in comparative legislation. At present law schools teach what law is. They should teach also WHAT LAW OUGHT TO BE. Fellowships, if established, would attract young men, who would influence their fellow citizens. Another result would be to train young men for positions executive, legislative and judicial. Improvement in law would be slow, but SURE, and a tendency would ensue to homogeneity of the law.

My second proposal would be the establishment of professorships of comparative administration of institutions, public, penal, corrective, eleemosynary and special. What some of them now are our newspapers tell us from time to time, TO OUR SHAME.

Third.—Establish professorships and fellowships in international law for the best development intellectually and of conscience of our young men. Our consular service is now next to the largest in the world and we need a larger proportion of trained men.

Fourth.—Establish twenty or twenty-five professorships and fellowships of the history of civilization and of political ethics. The aim should be to SHOW MAN'S PROGRESS IN CIVILIZATION and to deduce further evolution of civilization.

Fifth.—Add similarly established professorships and fellowships in the history of the United States. That would promote enlightened patriotism and would stimulate many to join in public service, enhance what is best in legislation and polity, and it would filter down to the people at large.

I would summon aid of literature and letters; would employ a person fit to illustrate by the voice—by merely reading, as Richardson read—the masterpieces of literature, our finest poems and orations. Professors might well follow such a reading by lectures that tear to pieces and ANALYZE those gems. Add music and art and organ if you please to your university curriculum.

How much will this cost? It would be large, say \$13,000,000 or \$14,000,000—say one-twentieth as much as a tunnel would cost to get people into New York ten minutes quicker. There is nothing in the size of the sum which need to discourage us, for we have seen some large gifts made directly.

THERE ARE SEVERAL MEN ABLE TO MAKE THE GIFTS OUTLINED SINGLY, AND WILLING TO DO SO, NO DOUBT, IF THEY COULD BE PERSUADED THAT THEY WOULD BE WELL BESTOWED.

I would select the universities as recipients by a commission of competent men, who should vote by ballot after obtaining needed data as to the institutions which most fully do university work.

Universities are taking hold of the national life in ways unthought of fifty years ago. But is this influence normally exerted on public life yet by universities? I doubt it. In our courts it has a strong hold, but not yet in our city boards, our legislatures and congress do I see such proportion of university bred men as every patriot must desire. I would back up Theodore Roosevelt, John Hay and Governor General William H. Taft with many men of their training. I would always have in public position a very large proportion, perhaps a majority, of men of affairs—SELF MADE MEN, who take practical hold on the everyday work of life and who have TESTED THEORY BY PRACTICE and reality—but I would as certainly have our universities much more numerous represented than at present.

UNITED FAMILY FEELING ———By Mrs. RUSSELL S E A THING OF THE PAST

I AM an old fashioned woman, but it seems to me that we don't have the loving mothers that we used to have. I was recently in a party that included the heads of a number of the leading girls' schools. They were earnestly discussing the necessity of the mother developing and cultivating her intellect so that she could be a companion to her children when they grew up. It seems to me the child needs the loving companionship of a mother just as much at four as at twenty-four.

THE UNITED FAMILY FEELING OF THE OLD DAYS SEEMS TO BE GONE. Take any of our rich families as an example and see how they are scattered over the earth.

We need more personality in our teaching nowadays also. The ambition of the teachers today seems to be to get through with their classes as quickly and with as little trouble as possible and then get off to Europe.

The girls should make themselves lovely, godly, womanly, so as to MAKE OURS THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THROUGH ITS WOMEN.

"OUR CONQUEST OF OURSELVES"

By AUSTEN G. FOX, New York Lawyer

IT is said that our military and naval prowess in the war with Spain has added to our national prestige. It was NOT, HOWEVER, IN ROUTING SPANISH TROOPS or sinking Spanish ships that we showed our true greatness, but in OUR CONQUEST OF OURSELVES. We had coveted Cuba for a century. At last our flag floated over Havana. The island was in our possession. The world expected us to remain, and there was grave danger that we might remain. What nobler tribute can history pay to the president of the United States than that in the hour of the nation's trial and temptation to betray its honor and

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Germany's Socialist Leader.
The man of the hour in Germany is August Bebel, leader of the Social Democratic party, which increased its vote in the recent election to over 2,500,000. This makes it the strongest political organization in Germany, with



AUGUST BEBEL.

eighty-one members in the reichstag. Ferdinand August Bebel was born in 1840. He entered political life as a Socialist in 1867 and was a member of the first reichstag of the German empire in 1871. With Liebknecht he for years stood at the front of the socialist agitation in Germany, and since the death of Liebknecht about a year ago Bebel has been the recognized leader of the socialist movement. As a member from the Hamburg district he also leads the party in the reichstag.

Bebel has been several times in prison for political offenses. "In all I have spent fifty-seven months behind prison bars for my principles," he says. Bebel has written several works on socialism and one novel.

He Discovered New Illuminant.

Professor George P. Frankforter, dean of the School of Chemistry of the University of Minnesota, has discovered a new illuminating gas which, he claims, will compete with coal gas for illuminating purposes. The new gas is made from stumps. Stumps of the Douglas fir tree cover an immense area of the "cut over" timber lands of the west. The stumps have been considered of no value and have been burned out to rid the land for agricultural purposes. Professor Frankforter has discovered that in the burning the Douglas fir stumps throw off a gas that is excellent for heating or illuminating, and the byproduct of pitch is so valuable that some of the stumps, so says the professor, are worth as much as \$200 each. "This pitch," according to Professor Frankforter, "if properly treated produces a turpentine inestimably superior to that now obtained from the southern forests, the supply of which is decreasing year by year. While possessing all the chemical and medicinal qualities of the commercial turpentine, the new kind, produced from fir stumps, is absolutely free from all disagreeable smell and taste."

Chief of Staff.

Major General S. B. M. Young has been designated as chief of staff of the army, to take effect from Aug. 15, upon the retirement of Lieutenant General Miles. When he retires for age in January next he will be succeeded as chief of the staff by General Adna R. Chaffee. In his new position General Young will have more power than ever



GENERAL S. B. M. YOUNG.

before possessed by an officer of the army. The chief of staff will absorb practically all the important duties of the adjutant general. The general staff will have jurisdiction over the entire army and while powerful in peace will be even more so in war, for it will plan all campaigns and perfect systems for the utilization of all the national facilities.

Major General H. C. Corbin, adjutant general, and Brigadier General Carter have been assigned to the general staff, which is thereby completed, as more than forty subordinate officers have already been named. Generals Corbin and Carter have been active in promotion of the general staff scheme and will be useful in putting it in operation.

Major General Young's plans as president of the Army War college will be made by Brigadier General Carter.

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