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THE DISPENSARY WINS.

By a small majority the temperance forces won the dispensary election that was held here yesterday. Quite a number of voters did not avail themselves of their privilege. The election was quiet and orderly. The dispensary which was authorized will be established on Jan. 1, 1904.

Now that the question has been decided nothing is left for the people of Kinston to do but to settle down to a realization of the new condition of affairs that will soon be inaugurated, and as some of our contemporaries have said, "make it a success." However, the financial "success" is only a secondary matter, merely incidental to the principal object in view. It is, of course, the intention of the dispensary people to restrict the consumption of liquor to the minimum, and this intention necessarily leaves out the financial aspect.

The dispensary will be an experiment in our midst for at least two years. At the expiration of that time our people can vote it out if it does not come up to their expectations as an instrument of reform. Whether it will do this or not depends upon the way in which the dispensary is operated, and this alone.

United States Treasurer Roberts closed the American Bankers' Association at San Francisco with an address in which he makes some interesting statements. Last year we produced \$80,000,000 of gold, almost a hundred times as much as we produced before the great discoveries on the Pacific coast. We are now producing about 30 per cent. of the entire yearly output of the civilized world. In addition to this gold supply the use of credit has multiplied "to at least four times the amount of cash added to our supply." While this increase of credit has led to some wild speculation, it has also increased the activity of industry, created a demand for labor, increased the purchasing ability of the mass of the people, and promoted general prosperity.

The race question has got no place in national politics, neither Senator Gorman nor President Roosevelt need try to give it a place. In sections where the purity of the ballot is threatened by an avalanche of ignorance and depravity, it is well enough to make an issue of an ignorant suffrage. That is a matter that should be discussed and settled by the communities affected, and by them alone.

The senator and president might as well leave it alone when it comes to national politics. Something of the profitability of our fisheries is seen in the fact, according to the Morehead City Coaster, that the Bank of Carteret paid out fifty thousand dollars last week to fishermen. That is quite a sum to be turned loose in one week, and it but emphasizes the variety of productive industries in which our people may engage.

Lawsuits in Siam.

They have sometimes a curious way of deciding lawsuits in north Siam. Both parties are put under cold water and the one staying under the longer wins the suit.

Fatherly Criticism.

Rhoda Broughton's first work, published before she was thirty, created a great sensation on account of its vigorous unconventionality. She asked her father his opinion of the work, and he, ignorant of his daughter's authorship, replied that it was an unfit book for her to read.

Allen Landlords.

Rent from American property owned by foreigners or Americans living abroad is believed to amount annually to not less than \$25,000,000.

Coffee Drinkers.

There are coffee inebriates in Paris. Usually they are laundresses, a class of women who are specially devoted to the fragrant beverage. The coffee inebriate comes at last to such a state that he or she lives almost exclusively on an effusion of the beloved berry, with the addition of a little bread soaked in it.

Chemical Union.

Chemical union is the result of the attraction of unsatisfied electric charges on different atoms for one another.

When Flows Were Invented.

During the reign in China of King Sheo Nung Shy (2737 to 2696 B. C.) he not only discovered the curative virtues of plants, but also first fashioned timber into plows and taught the people the art of husbandry and instituted the practice of holding markets for exchange of commodities.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

CAUSE OF THE ILL FEELING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

How They Compare in Naval Strength in the Pacific—Wonderful Military Development of the Island Empire in Recent Years.

The possibility of an armed clash between Russia and Japan has reawakened interest in the political condition which for several years has disturbed the far east and suggests a comparison of the relative fighting strength of the two nations. Eight years ago Japan, as the prize of her victory over China, demanded and obtained by treaty the control of Manchuria, which Russia subsequently took from her and holds at the present time. Russia also prevented Japan from taking possession of Korea, and for that the Japanese have never forgiven the czar. The want of a sufficiently strong fleet prevented Japan from retaining the fruits of her victory, but the government at once set to work to create a navy adequate to cope with her mighty rival, and the result is now seen in the splendid squadrons which today she is able to assemble and which menace the confidence of the ruler of the giant of the north in the far east.

To Admiral Gombel Yamamoto, minister of marine, is due much of the



PREMIER KATSURA OF JAPAN.

credit of the rapid naval armament of Japan. He has been unremitting in his endeavors to make his country powerful on the sea and has rapidly brought Japan to the front as a naval power.

Field Marshal Viscount Taro Katsura, premier of Japan, has been equally persistent and successful in improving and strengthening the army. He is a trained soldier as well as statesman and acquired his military education in a German war college. He entered the Japanese army in 1867 and saw his first real fighting in the war of restoration in Japan. He served with distinction in the Chino-Japanese war as commander in chief of the Third Division and is mainly responsible for the military reform in Japan which enabled her soldiers to easily vanquish the Chinese. General Katsura was war minister before becoming head of the cabinet in 1901.

Japan's army on a peace footing is about 140,000, and her total war strength slightly over 450,000 men. Her navy consists of nearly 100 vessels, including eight battle ships of the first class, two of the second class, six huge armored cruisers and fourteen protected cruisers, besides a large fleet of gunboats and torpedo vessels. All these are of modern build and equipment and are among the very finest in the world. Her three navy yards at Sasebo, Kure and Yokosuka are rich in modern resources, and she has a body of trained seamen numbering 20,000, with a great mercantile marine to boot.

The Japanese battle ships are not only larger than the Russian ships of



ADMIRAL BARON GOMBEL YAMAMOTO.

that class in eastern waters, but have much heavier batteries. A comparison of the weight of projectiles that can be thrown by the respective fleets would, it is said by experts, show a great superiority for Japan.

The Japanese also handle their ships well and have learned rapidly how to profit by the good points in European navies. The enlisted men are recruited by voluntary enlistment, by conscription from the fishing fleets and by transfers from the army. The officers are educated in the naval colleges, of which there are several in the empire, and are in every way competent and efficient.

As to the outcome of a war between Russia and Japan, naval authorities hesitate to predict, as Russia has had no recent naval experience worth mentioning. Japan's war with China proved her to be manifestly superior to the Celestials, but only a conflict with Russia would prove anything of the relative ability of the two nations. That a clash is bound to occur sooner or later seems to be the opinion of those who have made a study of conditions in the far east.

CUTTIN' CORN.

Folks may hanker all they kear for the country in th' fall; They may rave about th' beauty Of th' autumn leaves an' all; They may talk about th' glory Of th' sunshine an' th' haze; They may gush about th' grandeur Of th' gold an' purple days; But they're just a relicklection Makes me glad, as sure's you're born! Gee, I'm glad I'm not out there Cuttin' corn!

Spanish needles in yer jumper An' yer threadbare overalls; Cockleburrs as thick as hops that's Growin' on th' garden walls; Dead ole blades that keeps a-sawin' At yer blistered neck an' ears; I recall it just as easy, Though it's been a heap o' years Since I ust 't take my cutter An' go growin' out at morn To put in a whole long day at 'Cuttin' corn!

Heap o' things a man don't fancy In this city life o' ours, Where ye've got 't keep a-spurrrin' At yer mind a'n' body's powers; Sleep don't find yer eyes so easy, As it did when ye was tired With the long day's tug an' rustle, That th' farmin' work required; But ye'll never catch me frettin' Ner a-pinin' round, forlorn, While I realize I'm safe from 'Cuttin' corn!

—S. W. Gillman in Baltimore American.

Hard Luck.



"You look hungry, Foxy." "I am. All the people in this neighborhood are getting to be vegetarians, and they've quit raising chickens."—Chicago American.

Not Inviting.

She had heard a great deal about heaven, and she had also heard considerable about the other place. As usual, her idea of the other place was much less laxy than her idea of heaven. People are not very specific when they speak about heaven. "Heaven isn't like the bad place," she remarked inquiringly on one occasion.

"No, my dear," her mother replied. "It's just the reverse of it." The little one was silent for some time while she figured out what the reverse would be. "I don't believe I want to go there," she announced at last. "I never did like cold weather."—Chicago Post.

Confidence.

Willie and Tommy are two Michigan youngsters who are pugilistically inclined. The other day the following conversation took place between them: "Aw," said Willie tauntingly, "you're afraid t' fight—that's wot it is." "Naw, I ain't," protested Tommy stoutly. "But if I fight my ma 'll find it out an' lick me." "How 'll she find it out, eh?" "She'll see the doctor goin' t' your house."—Lyre.

His Experience.

"It's funny what mistakes some newspapers make," said Meandering Mike. "What's de matter?" asked Ploking Pete.

"Here's one dat keeps talkin' 'bout de prisoner at de bar. My observation is that you don't have to keep a man prisoner at no bar. Mos' likely de only way to git him loose is to tell him it's 12 o'clock an' put out de lights."—Washington Star.

Favorite of Providence.

"I declar'," said Brother Dickey, "I got ter be mo' keerful in future—I sho' has!" "What's the trouble now?" "Well, suh, I whirled in an' prayed for rain dea two hours on a half, an' dey come a regular deluge dat come mighty high down in de bee' mule I had. Providence is so partial ter me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Feminine Exception.

"Yes, Mrs. Dimbleton has a delightful generous disposition." "Indeed?" "Yes, indeed. She'd share her last crust with a friend." "Would she?" "She would. She'd give him any thing she possessed except the last word."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Show For Place.

"Your friend Orpheus Slicker is very obsequious to Senator Key these days," said the political observer. "I suppose he's playing him to win." "More likely," replied the sporting man, "he's playing him for a place."—Philadelphia Record.

Six Girls.

He's just an ordinary man. His clothes are rather old, and his shoes have been resoled. He doesn't put on any style or try to make a show; He really can't afford it, for he has six girls, you know.

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The Tax List of the Town of Kinston has been placed in my hands for collection, and all are notified to come forward and pay their Town Taxes without delay. Very respectfully, L. J. MEWBORNE, Clerk.

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