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WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1916

If we could philosophize like Uncle Watt or Mark Twain we'd expatiate today on "when a fellow's done his best."

It might be well to let Villa in on that conference in progress at New London. He is said to be making his plans to "get in" as soon as Pershing gets out.

It would be right funny if Warden Osborne turned the tables on his "persecutors" to the extent of convicting them of conspiracy and having them sent to the prison of which he is warden.

There has been little question in the minds of the public that the attempted ousting of Warden Osborne of Sing Sing and his attendant prosecution on various ugly charges were nothing short of persecution. Mr. Osborne's complete exoneration and vindication from all wrong-doing, and his re-instatement as warden were gratifying. Whether his counter attack on his enemies will amount to any good or not remains to be seen. Certainly if he has the evidence to show a conspiracy he is justified in pushing his charges most vigorously.

Here comes Britton and alleges, as did Cowan, non-receipt of our invite to attend a real fair in October. He says: "The Kinston Free Press reproaches us for failing to respond to its 'cordial invite' to attend a real fair that is to be pulled off in Kinston in October. Never touched us, for we never got that invite. 'Kum! Kum!' along with it."—No reproach intended, Old Man, just didn't want you to plead lack of time for making ready to leave your "mill" for the occasion. The dates are October 24 to 27, and don't forget to Kum! Kum! (R. S. V. P. in your columns with a boost for the second annual exhibition of the big ten county fair at Kinston.)

### THE CASWELL SCHOOL.

Crowded for room to care for the children already taken in at the Caswell School and having several times as many on the outside knocking for admittance as have been received is the trying problem that confronts Superintendent McNairy. And one that must be solved for him.

When the Caswell School was first instituted it was with considerable misgivings on the part of a large number of legislators, even those who voted for it, and the people at large in the State did not begin to realize what an important and essential step was being taken. No sooner had the doors of the institution been thrown open for the reception of children than it was demonstrated that the provisions made were entirely inadequate for the needs of the State. The 1915 legislature took cognizance of the splendid work being done by the school and the duty of the State to provide further for its up-building and maintenance and made additional appropriations, not so much as was needed and asked for, but the Caswell School fared reasonably well as compared with the other State institutions.

The 1917 legislature must do much more for the Caswell School, if a work, which is conceded by all who take the time to investigate to be second in importance to none in the betterment of mankind, shall go on and grow as it should. Dr. McNairy should not be handicapped in the good that he is accomplishing by lack of means to extend the influence and usefulness of the school to touch a larger need that is manifest throughout the State by the applications for admittance that are multiplying.

The Free Press hopes that Senator Pollock and Representative Brothers of this district and county, will see to

it that the merits of the Caswell School and its claim on the State will not go unsung when the solons gather at Raleigh in January.

### FARMERS GO ON RECORD.

The Free Press is glad that the farmers of the State have seen fit, as noted in the news columns of Tuesday's issue, to go on record as favoring medical inspection of their children attending the public schools of the State. The position of this paper on this important matter is well known. Last year Dr. G. M. Cooper of the State Board of Health came to Kinston and made a proposition to the commissioners of Lenoir to have the children in the schools of this county inspected by an expert in the employ of the State. The plan suggested by Dr. Cooper was a co-operative one, whereby the County Board of Education was to pay part of the expense incident to a month or six weeks' work and the county was to pay about two hundred dollars. The commissioners did not see their way clear to make the paltry appropriation. The Free Press hopes that the State Board of Health will renew their offer this year, and that the commissioners and other boards, which may be called upon to co-operate in the matter, will be ready to join in and give to the children of Lenoir the benefit of the inspection.

It has been proven by experience that much of the backwardness and lack of progress on the part of children is due to physical more than mental disabilities and the result of the inspection system is to ascertain the seat of trouble and set in motion remedial measures. In the majority of such cases it is found that simple remedies serve to relieve all trouble and put the child in condition to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the school for mental growth. Can any man say that the end does not justify the means? The farmers did well to go to record in this matter. Their action should give encouragement to various boards of county commissioners, which are afraid to take the initiative in such work until public sentiment has been created. Let Lenoir line up.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

#### "PRESIDENT GARFIELD ON THE SECTIONAL ISSUE."

Winston-Salem Sentinel: "President Garfield of Williams College, son of a former Republican President of the United States, is an ardent advocate of the re-election of President Wilson. He feels that the record of achievement to the credit of his administration and his attitude on vital public problems entitle him to support. And a recent letter written by him to Mr. Burton, chairman of the College Men's Hughes League, shows that he is thoroughly disgusted with the introduction by the Republicans into the campaign of the sectional issue. Here is what he says on that subject:

"Permit me to add that the sectional issue, raised by some of the Republican leaders, is repugnant to the American spirit and the welfare of our institutions. Under the circumstances, it offends the sense of fair dealing with political opponents, it tends to arouse old fires of passion and, if successful, will disunite a people now united and incidentally destroy the party that fosters so calamitous an issue."

"And we feel sure there are thousands upon thousands of American people, many of them Republicans, who feel much as Mr. Garfield does regarding this matter."

#### "THE ONE LESSON."

Greensboro Record: "The lawyers pleading for the life of Terry, tried for a murder which he confessed, based their sole argument upon the fact that thirty years ago he was industrious, he was hard working, he was a good neighbor—but finally, taking to drink he went down and down until he became a disagreeable neighbor; until his mind was deranged—until he committed murder. That was the burden of his lawyers' plea. They had nothing else to defend him with—and they took his checkered character and held that up as evidence that he should not be hanged."

"And certainly there was presented as strong an argument against John Barleycorn as was ever presented in Guilford's courthouse."

Men who study these questions will tell you that long continued use and abuse of alcohol will destroy the brain. Others will tell you, and cite you examples, to show that it may destroy the stomach, but it never affects the brain works.

But however, it is, there is happily coming a time when

men will quit drinking whisky—they will find that it isn't popular. Many witnesses in the Terry case swore that in later years when they saw him drunk they got out of his way—he was so disgusting. Whisky made Terry morose. It made him see things no doubt of that, but it didn't justify the murder he committed.

"For a jury to attempt to decide from evidence adduced whether a man's sane or insane is not quite the thing. There are certain indications of insanity, and it looks to us that when a man confesses he committed murder, makes no charge of malice, makes no plea of self-defense, but confesses that he deliberately shot down a citizen, there should be a commission, paid by the State, to examine the man's sanity, and that report should be accepted before the trial goes on. And if insane, there should be a way to keep such people safely housed for the remaining years of their lives."

### DURING WHICH TIME A DOZEN DINNERS MIGHT GROW COLDER IN ALASKA

New London, Conn., Sep. 27.—"You will please come over to dinner at 2 o'clock." The speaker is an American. The polite Mexican answers:

"Do you mean Mexican or English time?" You mean English time. So the Mexican will be at dinner between 2 and 3 p. m. But if, inadvertently, you should designate "Mexican time," the invited guest would appear anytime between 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.

That is "Manana"—tomorrow—and it is so typical that a Mexican learns another who realizes that "punctuality is the politeness of kings."

### COMING TRADE CRISIS TO BE DISCUSSED AT COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

Washington, Sept. 27.—Comprehensive discussion of ways and means of meeting the "foreign trade crisis" expected after the war, has been decided upon as a feature of the Southern Commercial Congress Convention at Norfolk in December, it announced here.



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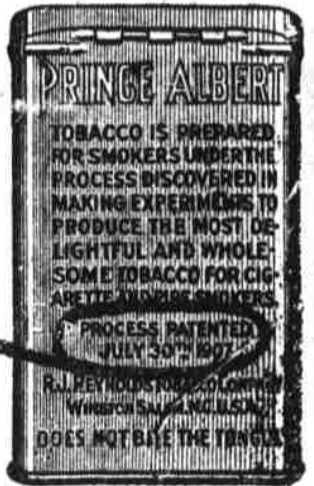
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## MIKE THE MESSENGER

HE USES GOOD JUDGMENT THIS TIME. BY WALT DESMOND.

**Panel 1:** BY MICKEY—I JUST OPENED DIS OLD SAVIN' BANK AN' DISCOVERED AN' STILL THIRTY CENTS TO TH' GOOD! ME FER A SODA AN' TH' MOVIES!

**Panel 2:** SPECIAL TODAY "HAPPY GO LUCKY" IN 5 PARTS. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO TAKE IN DIS SHOW OR NOT—I'LL TOS A COIN AN' DECIDE!

**Panel 3:** HEAD EH!—WELL DAT MEANS A COUPLA ICE CREAM SODAS!

**Panel 4:** AW I THINK TH' BEST THING I CAN DO IS TO FIND A TEMPORARY JOB AN' PUT DIS THIRTY CENTS BACK IN TH' BANK—IT MAY COME IN HANDY FER A RAINY DAY!

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