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In the recent civil service examination at Washington the women clerks passed with higher honors than the men.

The people of Wilmington subscribed \$17,000 toward the stock of the *Messenger* Company; not long ago the people of Statesville gave the *Landmark* a fine new press and here only a week or two since the people of Kernersville presented the *News* with a brand new Campbell. That's the way to do it. Our stocking is up, too.

We see by the *Anniston Hot Blast* that Mr. E. A. Oldham, formerly of the *Winston Sentinel* has entered upon his duties as business manager of that paper. It will be a surprise to us if he does not score a most flattering success. The tact, brains and energy that served Mr. Oldham so well in North Carolina journalism will not be at a discount in Anniston.

THE PRICE OF SELF RESPECT.

A writer in the *Epoch*, speaking of the propriety of Harvard students serving as hotel waiters during the summer vacation, says:

"It is degrading and has always been considered so, for a man to wait upon his equal in the capacity of a servant."

We remember some one who said, "But I am among you as he that serveth."—*New York Independent*.

Our objection to this sort of service does not rest upon the above mentioned ground, but upon the abominable system of feeing or "tipping" waiters and other servants at the summer hotels. It is a custom everywhere prevalent, recognized by both waiter and hotel proprietor. The expected perquisites or "perg," to which that word has been corrupted, are just as much a factor in determining what money wages the waiter shall receive as is the board and lodging which he gets. At the hotels in the White Mountains during the years from 1875 to 1878 the wages of male waiters declined from \$20.00 per month to \$12.00 for no reason except that hotel proprietors found there were plenty of young men willing to accept this small pay on account of the chance for perquisites. Setting aside the injustice of allowing patrons of hotels to pay more than double a fair price for the service rendered them, there is nothing more degrading, more destructive of self-respect than the receiving of these "tips."

"Ich dien" is a noble motto, and though to many the constant smell of food may be disagreeable, the sight of multitudinous scraps and fag-ends of

feasts rather revolting, yet there is nothing disgraceful in passing the salt to your equal or inferior, even if you have to stand behind his chair to do it. But if you do it obsequiously, with an eye to possible half-dollars, if you study this or that guest's appearance, determining the zeal of your service by the probability of a reward to which you have no right, then are you disgraced, then do you lose each hour some portion of that priceless treasure, a manly and self-respecting spirit.

It is often true that the waiter, a bright student from one of our leading colleges, is immeasurably the superior in brains, in education and in manners of the person whom it is his duty to serve. The well-bred waiter finds it sometimes difficult to repress laughter at the *gaucheries* of the rich but ill-bred people to be found in every hotel dining room. It may not be intellectually improving to have to attend to the creature comforts of such people three times per day, but it is honest work enough and should not be refused when no other employment offers. When, however, you neglect some other party at your table who has a reputation for *paying* but not *giving* and throw yourself heart and soul into the service of the above-mentioned ill-bred millionaire, because you expect a large fee, you deserve the contempt of every honest man. As the matter stands now, don't go into a summer hotel as waiter. When the practice of feeing is stopped and hotel proprietors pay honest wages for honest work there'll be no objection, provided you are not strong enough to work in the hay-field or go to the Grand Banks fishing.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

By a late decision of the Southern Passenger Association, teachers south of the Ohio river and Washington, and east of the Mississippi river, can purchase round trip tickets to Chicago at a fare one way, going July 5-12, returning July 15-18, or until September 8, if arrangements are made by each traveler in Chicago. Holders of these return tickets must pay the annual fee of \$2 to N. E. A. in Chicago and have their return tickets stamped by N. E. A. at the Exposition building.

W. D. PARKER,
Supt. Transportation.

A special feature and one that will no doubt be quite instructive to our stock raisers who visit the Institute and Fair at Mt. Holly ten miles west of Charlotte, on the Catawba river, August 10th to 13th will be the lecture on "Diseases of Domesticated Animals and the necessity for humane treatment", delivered by Dr. J. N. Cook, Veterinary Surgeon, of Atlanta.