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U. S. Dollar is an unusual name which appears on the state confederate pension roll. He is a citizen of Ashe county and his pension is \$18 per year.

As a knockout preparation (as far as the railroads are concerned) Glenn's pure North Carolina nerve tonic is even more effective than the more widely known old North Carolina corn—Shelby Star.

The Alabama Legislature has passed a law requiring all pistols sold in that State to be not less than two feet in length. Doubtless the idea is to force all "pistol toters" to use their weapons for walking sticks.

Professor J. Allen Holt, of Oak Ridge, tells the Winston Sentinel that he has not made all of his plans yet, but in all probability he will enter the race for the congressional nomination in the Fifth district.

At Asheville Judge Pritchard of the United States Circuit Court, continued the injunction against B. C. Beckwith, a Raleigh lawyer, restraining him from bringing suits against the railroads for violating the North Carolina 21 cents passenger rate law.

An Ohio lawyer says there is no such thing as a brainstorm. Lucky man; he never tried to get out a newspaper and had half a column of type to fall out of the form and a belt break and the folder go fizz and the engine balk, all inside of forty-five minutes.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, handed out a text on which many editorials have been written when he remarked that "the Democratic platform should expressly and distinctly put the fight upon the issues of the revision of the tariff and opposition to the centralization of power in the general government and the usurpation of power by the Executive Department of the government."

There is no place in this present day world for the kicker and fault-finder. When things are not going right, it is very hard not to grumble and kick sometimes. If you have troubles, keep them to yourself; the world has no time to listen to them. The world will, however, listen to you and pay attention to you if you preach the doctrine of cheerfulness and look on the bright side of things.

The North Carolina Patriotic Society, P. C. Ennis, secretary, is doing much to awaken interest in the North Carolina flag; so much so that it is hard now to supply the demands for these flags, the orders for them coming in for all sizes and grades of fabric. The flags are now waving over practically all the State and county buildings in compliance with the act of the last Legislature. But as yet Granville has not secured one.

A Monument to Mr. J. H. Mills.

We are indebted to Mr. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, N. C., for the suggestion and earnest plea for a monument to the memory of Mr. J. H. Mills, who founded and built the first two orphan homes in North Carolina. Mr. Mills was not only a pioneer in orphanage work in our state, but led in wisdom a sacrifice in making the work practical and possible. His voice moved the people of North Carolina as well as the Baptists to lay hold of this work as no other man could have moved them in his day. Yes, there should be a monument erected to his memory. I believe that the men and women whose lives have been directly blessed by his services will gladly build this memorial when a proper appeal is made to them for the sacrifice. I want to arise to nominate Mr. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, as chairman of the committee to raise the funds and erect this monument. Then let the managers of the two orphanages he founded—Oxford and Thomasville—be the other two members of the committee, and let the good work be done. What say you, brethren? I mention the name of Mr. Edwards first because his great interest in the matter first brought it to our attention.—Biblical Recorder.

WARNING. If you have kidney and bladder trouble and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to blame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder diseases. J. G. Hall.

JAPAN THE SIZE OF MONTANA.

Has More Than Half as Many Inhabitants as the United States.

Here is some information about Japan, in tabloid form, culled from various sources:

Japan has about the same area as Montana, with more than half as many people as there are in the United States.

Japan has every kind of manufacturing—cotton goods, telescopes, watches, knives, spoons, electric machinery, matches, clocks, woolen goods and a host of other lines.

Japan has railroads gridironing the Empire, electric lights in all the large cities and telegraph lines all over the country.

Japan was thrown open to the world in 1854 through the efforts of Commodore Perry, of the United States navy.

The nation has in its historic archives the histories of 130 rulers, of whom 10 were females.

Historians of the Empire declare that the present ruler is the representative of a dynasty that has existed for 2,500 years.

The monetary unit is the gold yen, whose nominal value approximates the weight and value of an American dollar.

Japan has gold, silver, copper, lead, tin and mercury in abundance, besides coal and iron.

Japan raises sufficient agricultural products to feed her own people and leave a good quantity for export.

Japan did not have a single battleship of the first class.

Tokio, the capital and largest city of the Empire, has a population of nearly 2,000,000. Osaka is the next largest city, with a population of about 1,000,000.

The constitution of Japan secures absolute freedom of religious belief and practice, so long as it is not prejudicial to peace and order.

The principal ports of Japan lie at the heads of gulfs, the channels leading to which are nearly all well fortified.

The army of the Empire is organized on a uniform system on the basis of conscription. The Emperor has the supreme command of the army and navy.

The strength of the Japanese army on a war footing is estimated at 40,000 officers and 1,125,300 non-commissioned officers and men.

The constitution which governs Japan at present was adopted February 11, 1889. The supreme power belongs to the chief of the dynasty, Emperor Mutsu-Hito, who was born November 3, 1842, and ascended the throne February 13, 1867. His eldest son, Prince Yoshi Hito Harunomiga, is the heir-apparent.

Government is vested, according to the constitution, in a house of peers and a chamber of representatives. The house of peers is composed of the male members of the Imperial family who have attained their majority, all princes and marquises who are above 26 years of age; counts, viscounts and barons of the Empire, elected by their peers for a term of seven years; members for life nominated by the Emperor, and, finally, fifteen members elected by the taxpayers and confirmed by the Emperor in their power for seven years.

Electors—three hundred members of the chamber of representatives—are restricted to males at least 25 years of age and paying at least \$15 a year in taxes. No one is eligible who has not paid his district poll tax at least one year.

Executive power is exercised by delegation of the Emperor and under his high direction by the Minister of the Interior of Justice, of Finance, of War, of Communications of Foreign Affairs, of Public Instruction and of Agriculture and Commerce, Vice Ministers, similar to assistant secretaries, assist the Ministers in transacting business.

The Farmers Creed.

More than 60 years ago Henry W. Beecher, the great pulpit orator, gave voice to the following farmer's creed which possesses lasting qualities:

We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation.

We believe that the soil loves to eat as well as its owner and ought, therefore, to be liberally fed.

We believe in large crops which leave the land better than they found it—making the farmer and the farm both glad at once.

We believe in going to the bottom of things, and, therefore, in deep plowing and enough of it.

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We believe that every farmer should own a farm.

We believe that the best fertilizer for any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise and intelligence. Without this lime and gypsum bone and green manure marl and guano will be of little use.

We believe in good fences, good barns, good farmhouses, good stock, good orchards and children enough to gather the fruit.

We believe in a clean kitchen, a clean wife in it, a spinning wheel, a clean cupboard, a clean conscience.

One Way to Stop Her.

Small Boy (in awed tones)—Pa, do you know, I looked into the parlor just now, and what do you think I saw?

Father—Can't guess, my boy.

Small Boy—Why, Sister Polly was sitting on the piano stool and her young man was kneeling in front of her, holding her hands like glue.

Father—Ahl sensible young fellow, that. He was holding her hands to prevent her playing the piano.—London Tit Bits.

Presence of Mind.

A negro minister from Georgia, who was visiting friends in New York city, went one Sunday to the Cathedral on Fifth avenue.

He was very much impressed by the service, especially by the choir boys in the professional and recessional. The minister noticed that something was wrong; the boy in front was not carrying anything. He leaned over the pulpit, and in order to avoid attracting attention, he chanted in tune to the song they were singing.

"What—have you done—with the incense-pot?"

The little ducky, with great presence of mind, chanted back:

"I—left it in—the aisle—it was too—damn hot."

At the Seaside.

The man was taking an early morning stroll along the beach, when he met a charming young girl, also enjoying a stroll.

"I was just wishing I might meet you," he said, as he approached her, with the air of one having at least claim of friendship on her.

The girl lifted her eyebrows and regarded him with a surprised look, in which there was not the slightest hint of recognition.

The man looked a little more than surprised. In fact, he looked and was shocked.

"Of course you haven't forgotten," he said, in a dazed sort of way.

"Forgotten what?" she replied, coldly.

"Why, last night—down by the big rock—moon rise—soft murmur of tide—don't you know?"

"I don't understand," she said moving away.

"Why—er," he stammered, "we became engaged down there last night—fixed our wedding day—don't you remember now?"

A momentary blankness o'erspread her sweet girl's face, then the light of memory illumined it.

"Oh," she exclaimed pleasantly, "how stupid of me to forget. So we did!"

And passed on.

What a New Jersey Editor says. M. T. Lynch, Editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." J. G. Hall.

The place is prepared for the man who is prepared for the place.

The Journey of Life.

You will find this journey of life is not always what it seems, nor that it lies all the way through verdant valleys and flowery meadows. It is not always bright with the sunlight of pleasure. You will not find a bed of roses to recline upon every time you are weary. Don't expect it, or you will very likely be disappointed. You will find that about the time the path gets past the schoolhouse it switches off into some rather rough country. You will very probably find some rough hills to climb and some deep gullies to cross. The briars will tear your nice clothes and the stones will wear out your fine shoes, and you will have blistered heels and stone bruises in plenty, before you get through.

There is only one way to avoid all this. That is to sit down, a whining beggar by the roadside; despised and self-despising. But if you are going through you must brace yourself for hard climbing. You will find plenty of roses by the way, but they grow among thorns, and if you will gather them you must not be afraid of a few scratches. All the fruits worth having are near the tops of trees. You can have your game suppers and your quail on toast, too, but the game is wild and the birds roost high, and you can't put salt on their tails to catch them. You can have all this, we say, but just as likely as not when you get it you will have no teeth to chew it with, so you mustn't build too much on that.

Yes, young man, the glaciers of life are hard to climb, and you will never make the trip without a guide. The name of the guide is "Work." Tie yourself to him, young man, and he will pull you through all right. He is rough and rugged, as all mountaineers are, but don't despise him on that account. Don't despise his homely garments, he is a brave, true hearted fellow, who has led thousands safely through, and will do the same by you if you will trust him.

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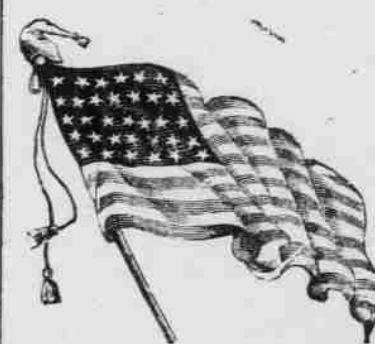
We would demand nothing for the South because we are of the South. We would ask no honor merely as a share of the political honors of our system. We bring no sectional prejudice to bear against aspirants from other States. But it is quite proper to maintain so far as we are able the ideals of the Democratic party which has exacted Southern loyalty for so many generations—ideals to which the years, even generations, of defeat. And we are within our rights to ask all the States of the great North and West to regard us a constituent part of the republic and to consider our statesmen according to their capacity, character and merit. If we have no men worthy of the confidence and honor of the party, cut them out. If our leaders are strong, able, pure patriotic and sound then they are entitled to consideration, and we ask consideration upon no other basis."—Houston Post (Dem).

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