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## LET'S GET READY.

It now looks as if the matter of electrical supply has at last been brought to a happy conclusion. The city dads have prepared a charter that the North State Hydro-Electric Company has decided to accept and the affair will have been consummated before another issue of the paper. In spite of the dire prognostications of many of our citizens, the corporation has not declined with scorn, but has determined to come in and accept the liberal franchise, help build up Oxford, and get its share of the good things coming in the future.

It is understood that the local company and the corporation have brought about the entente cordiale and that in less than a year the corporation will be furnishing all the current that Oxford can handle.

Now is the time for our people to begin to get to work in earnest with a view of locating manufacturing plants. The corporation pledges itself to give us as good rates, quantities and conditions being similar, as any other town, and we no longer need fear that other places will have the drop on us, so to speak. There need be no repetition of the Golden Belt episode.

Now, that the corporation has given the assurance of fair dealing in our town, the Ledger is glad to see it enter, and hopes that it will have plenty of profitable business.

## ODD FACTS ABOUT THE EYES.

Little Signs About Optics That Betray Thoughts and Character of a Person.

## Tidbits.

There are scores of little eye signs which give the key to a person's thoughts and betrays that person when he or she is unaware of it. An ordinary man, bent on deception, will flinch his eyes if someone looks him "straight in the eyes. The accomplished rogue, however, will not. The eye that never flinches when challenged is not, as many people, especially young women, suppose, the sign of an open affectionate character. More often than not it betrays the criminal. A detective declared that the worst rogue he ever came across was possessed of a pair of over-steady eyes, and that their unswerving gaze kept him above suspicion for a couple of decades. He would probably never have been suspected of his many crimes had he not been caught red-handed while attempting to cash a forged check.

The unsteady eye—that is, the eye that jerks rapidly from eye to eye when the owner is excited or accused of a crime—does not express guilt, it is often believed. In nine cases out of ten it is a sign of honesty and unsettled mind. If you will measure the distance between your eyes you will probably find that it is the breadth of one eye. If by chance your eyes are farther apart than that you are possibly very intellectual and have a tenacious memory. Eyes that are very close together very often signify a deceitful, cunning nature.

Blue eyes are considered to possess more attractions than eyes of any other color. Among the Greeks and Romans of classic time, girls possessing eyes of this color found great favor among men, and it must not be forgotten that the goddess Minerva received a surname to signify the blueness of her eyes. There are, of course, several kinds of blue eyes, and physiognomists declare that the pure blue eye, while denoting a sincere, honest nature, is seldom possessed by a person with large intellectuality.

On the other hand, the large, clear blue eye indicates, not only great mental power, but sincerity and honesty. The eye which is half blue and gray, and is absent of orange specks, denotes a practical and pure mind; but the china-blue eye, when it is glassy and unchanging, is generally a sign that the owner is of a cold and selfish nature. This eye is generally the property of criminals.

There are no eyes which are coal black. What are called black eyes are of a very dark brown, and as a rule they are possessed by men and women who are constant in their affections and perfectly honest in all business they undertake. Dark brown eyes which, while sparkling, are very shifty denote that the owners are selfish, unscrupulous, and of a cruel disposition. Light brown eyes express deceitfulness and lack of imagination, while the small, penetrating brown eye of medium shade, is a sign of a mercurial nature, vivaciousness and deceitfulness.

## Card of Thanks.

This is to express thanks to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown us at the death of our beloved father and relative, Mr. J. S. Hobgood. May God bless you all.

## Family and Relatives.

A man can get his wife's attention by talking in his sleep.

## THE RE-ELECTION OF SENATOR SIMMONS

Advocated by Cameron Morrison.

The next Legislature will have the election of successor to Senator Simmons. Already three of the State's ablest Democrats have announced themselves candidates in opposition to him. Without saying one word in disparagement of either of these gentlemen in the opinion of this writer F. M. Simmons should be his own successor.

For almost two terms Senator Simmons has served the people of the state ably, honestly and efficiently. His course has not at all times met with approval of his constituents not even of all those of his own party; but when has the course of any brave, progressive, constructive public man met with unanimous approval? His course has at all times conformed to his convictions of his duty to his State, her people, and the country, and has been taken after much thought and painstaking investigation. He has been representative of the North Carolina of today, with her vast resources of soil, mine, forest and water and her fast expanding agriculture, mining, manufactures and commerce, and not of the traditions of her past. He has been practical. He has not been a doctrinaire. He is probably our boldest public man, and has accomplished more in my opinion, for the betterment of his State and her people than any of his contemporaries.

Simmons has achieved success in the Senate and has won high place among his party associates there. He is second only to Senator Culbertson on the Democratic steering committee of the Senate, and in giving direction to the work of that committee is second to none. He is a member of the finance committee of the Senate, and also of the committee on commerce, the one next sought after in the entire organization of the Senate.

He is also a member of the national waterways commission a commission created by Congress to examine into the general subject of water transportation in this and foreign lands and to report to Congress a general scheme for the construction and improvement of a communitative system of waterways natural and artificial, for the entire country.

He has participated in the debates on all of the great questions which have been discussed in the Senate since he became a member. His speeches have not been compilations but have been thoroughly prepared and have exhaustively discussed the merits of the questions under consideration. They have received much attention in the Senate, in the country, and from the press, some of them being circulated as campaign documents by the national committee of his party, and others have admittedly influenced legislation.

During the ten years of his service his State has received more money from the Federal treasury for her rivers and harbors and for public buildings than in all the previous one hundred and twenty-five years of its history. Much over half of the more than four million of dollars which have been appropriated to our rivers and harbors during these ten years has been added to the House bills by Senate amendments offered and secured by Senator Simmons, who is a member of the Senate committee having these bills in charge. Among these amendments have been: the appropriation of \$550,000 for the construction of a canal to connect the waters of Pamlico sound with the ocean at Beaufort, which has been completed, and is now open to commerce; the appropriations of \$605,000 for the canalization of the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to Fayetteville, work upon which is in progress; the authorization for a survey of the inland waterway; the authorization for the purchase of but one of the two canals—the dike swamp and the Albemarle and Chesapeake—connecting Albemarle sound with Norfolk harbor and for its widening and deepening; and many others.

Ever since Simmons entered the Senate he has been an earnest advocate of the establishment of the Appalachian forest reserve. He has spoken several times in its favor and his speeches have been widely circulated by the associations and others who have been actively shaping public sentiment in its favor. During the last session of Congress Senator Simmons long fight for the establishment of this reserve, which will do so much for the western people was crowned with success when the bill became a law. He made the closing argument upon the bill and his speech was exhaustive in its treatment of the subject.

It has been largely through Senator Simmons effort that the national Department of Agriculture has been so liberal with experimental work in the State. In fact, it has done more of this kind of work in North Carolina than in any other State. This work has consisted in farm demonstration, expert supervision of road building, and preliminary engineering work in connection with the drainage of swamp lands. This great department has no better friend in Congress than our senior Senator, who is himself almost entirely interested financially in farming.

His recent bill providing for government aid to public roads used as post-roads is the most practical measure offered on this important subject. This bill and his great speech on it have given such an impetus to this movement that success is certain within the very near future.

He was the first Democrat to speak for the ratification of the treaty with Panama, and it was under his leadership that half the Democratic Senators voted for that treat-

ty, under which the government secured the canal zone and is now constructing the great canal which is expected to do so much for the South and the entire country.

Senator Simmons has at all times demanded equal and exact justice in the levying of tariff burdens and the conferring of its benefits upon the products of all sections and callings of the people. He has not consented that North Carolina's products should be put upon the free list, while the products of other sections which North Carolina has to buy were highly protected. He has not consented that the products of the farm should come into competition with all the world, while highly protective, and in most cases prohibitive duties were levied upon the products of the trusts which the farmers have to buy, in many instances at higher prices than foreigners pay for these same American trusts-made goods. He stands for the same treatment in tariff legislation of the products of North Carolina as of those of other sections, and for the same treatment of farm products as the products of other callings of our people. This constitutes his chief sinning with his critics. In my opinion and, I believe in the opinion of the great majority of our people, it's one of the chief reasons why he should be re-elected.

Simmons was first nominated by the Democratic voters of the State in a State-wide primary. He is already on record for a State-wide primary to settle the contest next year.

Such in brief is the record of F. M. Simmons as made in the Senate. He has made good. The people are beginning to know that long service in Congress counts. A new man has to acquire influence and position. Simmons has both. Why change?

Respectfully,  
CAMERON MORRISON.

## A CRUSHING RETORT.

Mme. Songbird Pad Her Haughty Society Patron in Full.

Last year a prominent Boston society leader, in arranging a musical surprise at an elaborate dinner given to the town's elite, called on a singer of renown to engage her service for that event. It chanced that the singer was naturally independent. On the other hand the caller was notoriously haughty. As a result this was what transpired between them.

After the visitor had announced the import of her coming, the singer succinctly said she would sing one number for \$200, and that it would be a Wagnerian selection. "The price we will not haggle over," said the visitor, "but instead of that grand opera selection I want you to render one of the light and popular ditties of the day!"

"For the Wagnerian song, \$200; for the popular ditty, \$300," was the firm reply.

"But, madame," expostulated the society leader, "your classical song is much more exacting on your powers, so why should you charge more for the lighter and easier song?"

"Ah," replied the independent one, "the harder song is all fun to me the easier one all work!"

So the price was fixed at \$300. Just as the haughty visitor was about to depart, she turned to the artist and said:

"Of course, I shall not expect you to mingle with my guests."

"Ah," was the biting retort, "I shall throw off \$50.—Life.

## FOR GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

Statement Believe Time for Road Action is Ripe.

New York Sun.

From all over the county accumulate positive evidence of the pronounced belief that the national government should give attention to better interstate communication by road, and men prominent in affairs of State are declaring themselves as being in accord with this progressive policy. One of these is Speaker Champ Clark, who in a communication to President Robert H. Hooper, of the American Automobile Association, expresses this opinion:

"I believe the time has come for the general government to actively and powerfully co-operate with the States in building a great system of highways. I believe the building of the Lincoln highway would be the entering wedge for the creation of a splendid system of roads that would bring its benefits to every citizen in the country."

Congressman Borland, of Missouri who is putting forward the Lincoln highway bill in the House of Representatives, summarizes the matter briefly. He says:

"What we need is a monument that will be of some use to the people now living on earth. If we would have the views on the subject of the great commoner, Abraham Lincoln himself, I am satisfied he would be in favor of such a tribute. There is no monument so enduring as a highway."

In commenting upon the proposed route George C. Diehl, chairman of the national good roads board, says: "A good highway, connecting Gettysburg with the Capital will be traveled by thousands, where now the route is followed only by hundreds, owing to its serving as a road in name only. Motor-driven vehicles are interstate as well as intrastate, and that which they accomplish in obliterating State lines will prove more effective than any other means in cementing this nation into a solidified whole.

## Valuable Land for Sale.

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