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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

The news has come from almost every part of the State that the valuation of property has been increased, and thus far we have heard but little objection. What complaints we have heard about taxes have been on the ground that there is in some cases too much discrepancy between the valuation of the property of different persons. We have seldom heard any one say that his own property is valued too high, but there has now and then been complaint by one that another's property is valued too low. With the increased valuation and the proper collection of taxes some counties that heretofore have been making bonds ought to be able to pay as they go now.

Tax Increase.

Now and then some man comes forward with a new idea for an airship. The latest is by Prof. S. B. Langley. A special from Washington which says that as soon as the details could be arranged the initial trial of the new machine would be given. Prof. Langley's plan of his airship is the result of his study of the movements of the buzzard. To be sure, it can get a machine that will both soar and beat the air like the buzzard he will not only have a safe midair carriage but something that may move gracefully as well. After a while, no doubt, some one will complete a successful machine which will carry people from place to place above the earth.

Another Airship.

IT DOES seem like lawlessness is on the increase. Lynchings are becoming more common all the time, and now comes the news from Kentucky that the crime of lynching has broken over bounds that heretofore have been regarded. For the most part lynchings are the result of some outburst for revenge or for the fear that justice will be thwarted and the criminal will go unpunished. But the case in Kentucky has overridden the majesty of the law, after the criminal has been tried and sentenced. Two years ago a white man named Thacker killed another white man named Gordon, was convicted and sentenced to prison for life. One kind of lawlessness begets another and so there is no telling where the influence will end. There has been no more dangerous crime in all the history of this country than the crime of lynching.

Increase of Lawlessness.

THE GREENVILLE REFLECTOR says that the pardoning power ought to be taken from the Governor. The frequency of pardons and the general discussions and criticisms of the Governor in the exercise of this power has doubtless led to this declaration in favor of taking such power from the Governor. Years ago THE COMMONWEALTH advocated a board of pardons, not alone because the pardoning power was frequently used but because we thought it too great a responsibility to rest upon one man. We are of the same opinion still and would be glad to see such a board elected in this State. There are many reasons why the pardoning power should be given into the hands of another than the Governor. He would be relieved of the great responsibility, which we have no doubt would be pleasing to any man who might be Governor. It would relieve him of much unpleasant criticism by the press and the people. It would be better in every way, and we say, let's have the pardoning board.

Pardoning Power.

THE COMMONWEALTH prints elsewhere in this issue an editorial article from the Biblical Recorder, which puts plainly the temperance issue for the next campaign. Editor Bailey as leader of the anti-saloon movement and speaking for the principles of the anti-saloon league, gives fair warning to all who propose to aspire to office in North Carolina that the Christian people of the State propose to do their best to elect temperance men to office. It is a great question in North Carolina and promises to become greater than it is now. Editor Bailey speaks for the Anti-Saloon League and outlines the policy which its supporters are expected to pursue. We print the article in full that the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH, both temperance advocates and those who are not, may see the issue as drawn by the temperance people. We advise even the saloon advocates to read it carefully and then read it again before passing upon it and saying that Editor Bailey has taken an unreasonable position. THE COMMONWEALTH under the present management, now stretching over a period of nearly sixteen years, has been a bold advocate for temperance and we shall be a hearty supporter of the best that can be done for the promotion of the cause.

Plain Issue.

IT IS a curious fact which was called to the attention of THE COMMONWEALTH to-day that few women stammer. Indeed, so far as memory now serves us we do not recall ever having seen a woman afflicted with stammering. Now and then one sees a woman who is somewhat slow of speech, but to say that she really stammers would be a false accusation against one woman out of ten thousand. It is a subject which we have never heard discussed before and one concerning which we had thought little; so we may be mistaken in our estimate of the ability of the great mass of womankind dextrously to use the organ of speech. Doubtless beneath it all there is some scientific reason why men frequently stammer and women seldom or never do; and we respectfully refer the question to the Charlotte Observer, the Greenville Reflector, the Norfolk Landmark and other brethren of the press who make pretensions to scientific ability and who delight to dig into hidden mysteries during their leisure hours of research. And when we come to think a little more of the peculiarities of women, we believe it is about as rare a thing to see a bald-headed woman as it is to see a stammering woman; and while they are about it our scientific brethren might as well explain this little freak of womankind also.

Women Stammerers.

From one end of the State to the other the battle is on. We need men now. The men who will come out now to help us will be the men that we can trust. The men that hold back now, waiting to see whether we can win or not, they are selfish and cowardly, o. their consciences are weak. And we cannot trust them, as we can as little use a man of bad conscience as one can use a man of weak conscience. Deliver us from weak men as well as bad men.

THE ISSUE DRAWN.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE.

Full Warning to Politicians.

Biblical Recorder.
IT is proposed that the Christian people of North Carolina shall refuse to vote for any candidate who is not openly and beyond all question opposed to the saloon.

It is proposed that such a candidate shall have made known his opposition by aiding in the battle against the saloon. In time of war mere declaration is not enough. We now need fighters, not talkers only. And who is not with us now is against us. Little good will it do us if men shall come up when victory shall have been won and offer to lead us; and as God shall help us, less good shall it do them.

That any one should think that these propositions are extreme, is evidence how far we have fallen in North Carolina. It should not be necessary to make such propositions. It should have always been taken for granted that Christian people will not support men who are on the side of the saloon, or who are dallying with the saloon, or who are for compromising with the saloon or who are afraid of the saloon. Christian people are opposed to the saloon; they are not afraid of the saloon; they have neither right nor reason to compromise with the saloon. And now for once they demand—yes, demand—that the men that shall represent them shall put them and the rest of the world in no doubt whatever on this issue.

To do less is not to do their duty as Christians.

The saloon issue is an economic issue, and as an economic issue it is large enough and grave enough to overshadow every other issue. The saloon destroys more wealth and causes more crime than any other ten institutions. It is, therefore, of right the paramount economic issue. It debauches politics. It undermines democratic government. It destroys citizens and citizenship. It makes government difficult. Therefore, as a political issue it is the paramount issue. The saloon issue is a moral issue. It reaches the conscience. It raises directly the question of right and wrong. A moral issue with Christian people is always the paramount issue.

We can, therefore, compromise no longer. We will not hold the issue back. Under no plea or pretense will we swallow our consciences and our convictions. We will demand that every candidate, from coroner and constable and sheriff to Governor and Senator, shall stand out high and true and bold on this question. To the hosts of candidates now training for the next year, we Christian people of North Carolina send this clarion demand—
"On which side, Bezonian, Speak or die!"

If to speak will "wreck the party," let it wreck. Parties that are at the mercy of the saloon had better die and the sooner the better. If it will wreck your chances, let it wreck. Politicians who are at the mercy of the saloon had better pass, and the sooner the better. We are willing to draw the issue. If the saloons can take the State, let them. The sooner we know it the better. If the moral forces shall rule, let them; and the sooner the better. Only in God's name let us have no more half-dealing, no more compromise, no more half-and-half candidates. Never yet has a man been elected on such a policy that did not wholly serve the saloon. To vote for such a man is to support the saloon.

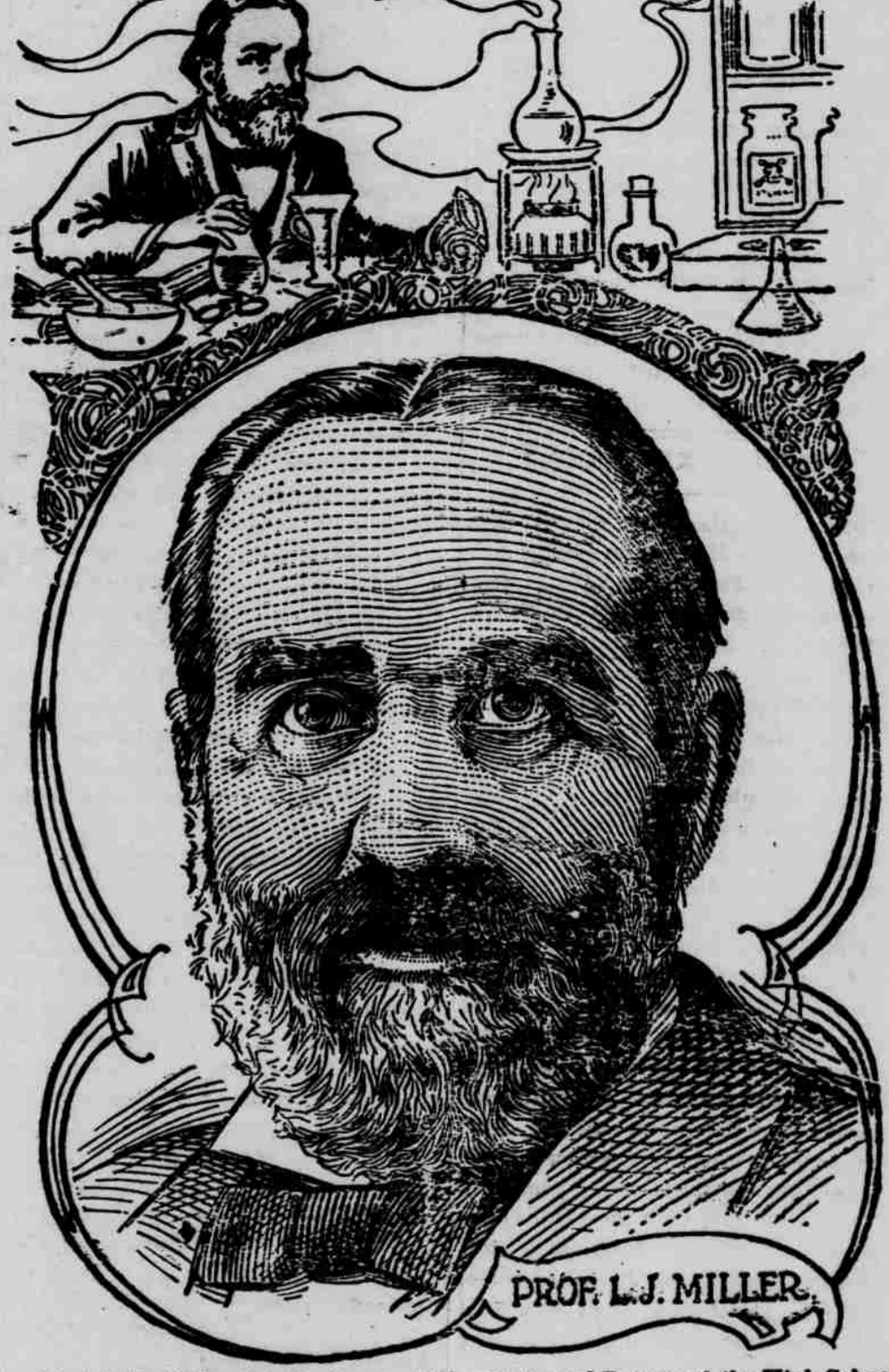
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The Anti-Saloon League has come to enforce the law and improve the law. It stands for principles and men. It has good principles. It will not trust them to be men. It aims to bring forward in North Carolina good men, strong men, true men. Let no one misunderstand. It belongs to no party. It is not a party itself. It is here to redeem politics everywhere.

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It is, therefore, a movement that any morally disposed citizen can join and heartily support. We make one issue and we stake all on that. We are against the saloon, and we are against every one that is not against the saloon. How stand you?
"On which side, Bezonian, Speak or die!"
How to Be Happy.

The simplest recipe for happiness is to make other persons happy. This rarely fails. We are so eager to do some great thing that we are apt to overlook opportunities which occur every day for doing little kindnesses. A few flowers or a simple delicacy daily served to one of the "shut-ins;" the loan of books to hungry souls who count them a luxury, they have no money to buy; a drive into the country for a poor woman whose days are spent in household drudgery; and full pay to the seamstress or washerwoman when her work is done; an unexpected interval of leisure to a faithful employe by now and then cutting short the prescribed hours of labor; a bright, cheerful good morning to a laboring man, with a kind word about his work and welfare—these are all trifles, take a little time, cost very little money, give little trouble, but they brighten the drudgery of a work-a-day life.

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—Puck.
CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.
When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causing the glands to secrete mucus, instead of the natural juices of digestion. This is called catarrh of the stomach. For years I suffered with Catarrh of the stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I. B. Kibbe, Coppell, Tex. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

The Rev. Dr. Thirdly—Young man, don't you know that there is no such thing as a certainty? The Gambler—Say, partner, I reckon you never ran a shell game.—Boston Herald.

NO PITY SHOWN.
"For years fate was after me continuously," writes F. A. Gullidge, Verbeena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Backlin's Anorel Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store."

Builds up the System.

Hon. Joseph H. Ridgeway, Secretary of the American Anti-Traff Society, writes the following letter from the Grand Central Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.: "It is with great pleasure that I endorse Peruna as an honest medicine, competent to do all it claims. I have used it several times and know of nothing that cures so completely, and at the same time builds up the system. "I have recommended it to a number of my friends and always feel that I do them a service for I know how satisfactory the results invariably are. I only wish every family had a bottle—it would save much sickness and doctor bills."—Joseph H. Ridgeway.

"Feel Better Than for Five Years."
Mr. James B. Taylor, Roberts, Ind., writes:

"I am at the present time entirely well. I can eat anything I ever could. I took five bottles of Peruna, and feel better now than I have for five years. I have doctored with other doctors off and on for fifteen years, so I can speak of stomach trouble. I take great pleasure in thanking you for your free advice and Peruna."—James B. Taylor.

"I Enjoy my Meals as I Used to."
Mr. J. W. Pritchard, Wolf Lake, Ind., writes:

"I am pleased to say that I have been cured of catarrh of the stomach by Peruna. I could hardly eat anything that I agreed with me. Before I would get stomach trouble, my meal my stomach would fill with gas causing me much distress and unpleasant feelings for an hour or two after each meal. But, thanks to your Peruna, I am now completely cured, and can eat anything I want to without any of the distressing symptoms. I can now enjoy my meals as I used to do, and it is all due to Dr. Hartman and his wonderful medicine, Peruna.

"It has been one year since I was cured, and I am all O. K. yet, so I know I am cured."—J. W. Pritchard.

Dyspepsia is a very common phase of summer catarrh. A remedy that will cure catarrh of one location will cure it anywhere. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. That it is a prompt and permanent cure for catarrh of the stomach the above letters testify.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Largest Sailing Vessel in the World.

New York Times.
The extraordinary activity displayed by the builders and managers of German steamship lines during the last three decades has been equalled by the energy shown in constructing sailing vessels of the latest type. Within the last few weeks one firm of German shipbuilders has completed what will probably be the largest sailing craft in the world according to a report received by the State Department from Henry W. Diederich, United States consul at Bremer. The following is the record of the year's work of but one of several firms to whose activity Mr. Diederich calls attention:

"At the end of its business year (May 6, 1902) the Tecklenborg company, at Bremerhaven, capitalized at 2,000,000 marks, (\$476,000), paid a dividend of 20 per cent. This concern was occupied to its utmost capacity during the entire year, and the repair and dry docks were continually in use. Six double-screw freight and passenger steamers and two very large sailing vessels were building, of which three steamers and one sailing vessel were delivered to the owners. This firm is famous all the world over for building sailing craft, and the vessel completed a few weeks ago is probably the largest in the world. Her name is Preussen. She is a five masted, full rigged steel vessel, steel sparred throughout. Her length is 440 feet, beam 50 feet. She has a carrying capacity of 8,000 tons, while her registered tonnage is 4,000. Recently she started on her first voyage to the west coast of South America. At the close of its business year this company had four vessels under construction, and orders were booked for one lighter, one fishing steamer for the high seas, and one sailing vessel. The building of these seven ships and also of a bridge will keep the plant busy for some months to come."

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

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