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Butler, booze, bonds! From this trio please deliver us.

Mr. C. L. Blease wins the primary nomination for Governor of South Carolina. Mr. Blease stands for local option.

When the news of the result of election in Maine was told President Taft, he gave it out that he had nothing to say—simply like the boy the calf run over, etc.

The Democratic nomination for Governor of Georgia cost Hoke Smith \$17,596.10. He will only be elected for two years, and the salary per year is \$5,000. Joseph M. Brown spent \$3,950.75 and missed the nomination.

Hon. H. L. Godwin was re-nominated for Congress in the Sixth District special primary over Hon. O. L. Clark. This is another argument in favor of a State legalized primary law. It is to be hoped that the next legislature will give us such a law.

We have received a copy of the North Carolina Democratic handbook for 1910, and find it a very complete document. The book contains over two hundred pages. It is for free distribution and can be had by writing to State Chairman A. H. Eller, Raleigh, N. C.

Our colleges have opened up and all report the largest enrollment in their history. This is encouraging and we are pleased to record the fact. There has been less hazing reported this fall than on previous occasions. We hope this is an indication that hazing is dying out.

The death of Mr. John M. Julian, editor of the Salisbury Post, from pellagra on Friday night has cast a gloom of sadness over the entire State. He was seriously ill for about two weeks with pellagra. He had the very best medical attention that could be had, but his condition grew worse all the time. Mr. Julian was prominent as an editor and legislator, and popular with the people with whom he came in touch. His death is not only a loss to his family and immediate section, but will be felt throughout the State.

The Democrats of Maine won a great victory in their State election on the 12th inst., by electing the Governor, three out of four Congressmen, and have a good working majority in the legislature, and will elect a Democrat to the United States Senate. This is the first time the State has gone back on the Republicans in thirty years. The result of the election has given the Republicans throughout the country a heavy set-back. The fight was made on the issue of economy against bossism.

We believe that the town of Scotland Neck ought to have a cotton yard—a place where all the cotton brought to town will be weighed and sold. As is the case now when a farmer brings his cotton to market, as a general rule, he has to walk around to see all the buyers in their places of business, and in order to get the very highest market price he has to visit each man sometimes two or three times. With a good large platform on the railroad it would only be necessary for the farmer to carry his cotton there and the buyers would be there and ready to give the very best price. This plan works well in other towns and it seems to us that it is needed here. We would like to hear from our farmers on the subject anyhow.

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BIG CROWD HEARS KITCHIN.

Congressman From This District Speaks at Smithfield.

A large crowd was in Smithfield Tuesday to hear the Hon. Claude Kitchin, Congressman from the Second District, discuss the issues before the people in the present campaign. He spoke from the platform on the east side of the court house, and a large number heard him with much pleasure.

Mr. Kitchin was introduced by his colleague in Congress, our own townsman, Hon. Edward W. Pou, in a short but eloquent address, in which reference was made to the glorious victory the Democrats won in Maine the day before.

Mr. Kitchin began his address by referring to the high stand that Mr. Pou has taken in the Nation's Congress and congratulated the district on its wisdom in returning him session after session. The people who heard him greatly appreciated his remarks concerning their countyman and from the beginning he had the attention of a very large crowd.

We shall not attempt to give even a synopsis of Mr. Kitchin's strong speech. But suffice it to say that he paid a good deal of attention to the situation here in this county and made the strongest kind of appeal to those Democrats who are dissatisfied with the work of our recent convention and called on them to forget all differences and stand by the ticket. He reminded the people of the rule of Butler, Russell and Holton and plead with them to give their heartiest allegiance to the party that put an end to such misrule as prevailed during their reign. He spoke of the good government that the Democratic party had given North Carolina, mentioning how rapidly we have been building school houses and building up the Commonwealth in a thousand different ways. His appeal to the people to stand by the party was a strong one and was listened to attentively by many who have not been entirely satisfied with the conditions that confront us here in Johnston county at the present time.

Mr. Kitchin has the reputation of being one of the finest campaign orators in North Carolina, and his speech here Tuesday fully sustained that reputation. Our people would be glad to hear him again.—Smithfield Herald.

Roads and Land Values.

Discussing the effect of good roads on land values, a correspondent of the Kansas Star makes some interesting comparisons. As an example he cites the fact that two roads run in a western and southwestern direction of Washington, Mo. One is an ordinary turnpike. There is no material difference in the land lying along the two highways. So far as productiveness is concerned it is about a stand-off, but "the land on the earth road sells at from \$60 to \$80 per acre, while at an equal distance from town on the gravel road land is worth from \$80 to \$100 per acre." The correspondent adds:

"The construction of good roads near Springfield, Mo., is increasing the land valuation along these roads 25 per cent and upward. In Boone county, where the gravel roads have existed almost since pioneer times, the lands along these roads sell for 20 per cent more than lands on the ordinary dirt roads and yield an income greater in the same proportion. The same is true in Pike, in Ralls, in St. Louis county, in Cape Girardeau, in Jackson, everywhere throughout Missouri, where are the rock or gravel roads to afford the comparison.

"These enhanced values are permanent and not temporary and fluctuating."

The results are the same everywhere. Good roads unquestionably increase land values, but there are land owners, it is regrettable to say, who balk at road improvement on the score of increased taxation. Any sensible man should welcome any improvement which adds to the value of his land. And in pondering the road question the farmer who fears taxation should sit down and figure a bit on the indirect tax he is paying because of the lack of good roads.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Good Position

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The Kitchen God.
The kitchen god of China is perhaps not rightly so called. He has place over the cooking range, but he is the "recording angel" of the Chinese house, and it is his duty to note the actions of each member of the family and report them to the gods at the end of every month. Once a year, too, he goes to heaven in person and makes his annual report. So once a year the family prostrate themselves before him, carry him in procession, and finally burn him, while crackers are fired.

A Journalist is Born.
You cannot teach a man to be a journalist, for he is born, not made; and the real journalists spring at once—like the late G. W. Stevens—into their place. A lecturer on journalism would bore one far beyond the limits of this paragraph. For the journalist is the man who is interested in life and wants to share the interest with other lives. And a lecturer in a crowded classroom would not help.—London Chronicle.

Ancient Ink Better Than Ours.
The question of making durable ink perplexes the manufacturers of to-day. Observe closely any letter five or ten years old and you will notice that in all probability the writing has faded to a brown color and is very indistinct. Go to any large museum and there will be seen ancient manuscripts the writing of which is as black and distinct as if it had been done the day before yesterday.

It Ignited.
Little Rollie, four years old, came to the table, where we had tomato soup, of which he is very fond. Being very hungry, he could not wait for it to cool, but hastily ate two or three spoonfuls; then, laying down his spoon, he exclaimed: "My goodness! that soup is so hot it makes sparks all down me."—Delineator.

One of Our Markets.
Liverpool, the largest market in the United Kingdom for American cottonseed cake and meal, as well as other imported oil cakes, takes annually between 35,000 and 50,000 tons of American cottonseed cake and meal. Large quantities of cake and meal are sold to other British ports by the Liverpool agents.

Shoplifters' Clever Device.
When a woman with an infant in her arms was detected in the act of stealing a shawl at a shop in Paris she pleaded that she was utterly destitute, and had taken the shawl to keep the baby warm. But the latter proved to be a hollow tin doll containing stolen articles.

Hitting Back.
"Your nearest rival gave me a gold bracelet," boasted the pretty girl. "And I will send up my present to-morrow," replied her other suitor, in caustic tones. "Ah, something gold, too." "No; a bottle of acid to test my rival's present."

How It Looked.
"I think you ought to turn the lights up a little when your beau comes," said the boy who is beginning to use big words to his older sister. "I wouldn't sit in the dim light, if I were you." It looks too conspicuous.

Pertinent Question.
More than one-half of the diseases humanity suffers from are due to sheer carelessness. And yet we teach hygiene in our schools! What would it be if we did not?—Gazeta Medica, Barcelona.

Only Needed a Start.
One night little Margaret, on kneeling by her mamma to say her prayers, finished: "Now I lay me," and forgot. "Mamma," she said, "you just start me and then I can go a-whizzing."—Delineator.

Marks End of Honeymoon.
The honeymoon is mostly over when the couple quit buying their meals in hotels and the bride tries to provide them at home.—New York Press.

South Africans Fond of Oatmeal.
South Africans are distinctly an oatmeal-eating people, over \$300,000 worth of this American breakfast food being imported annually into South Africa.

Not a Bark.
"Then you don't have any dog-watch on this craft?" inquired the anxious passenger, according to a writer in Life. "No. This is a catboat."

Individual Responsibility.
Every creature, female as the male, stands single in responsible act and thought, as also in birth and death.—E. B. Browning.

Serious Mistake.
The man who forgets his umbrella always suspects that it is a sign of genius.

Heat from Wood, Coal and Charcoal.
Wood yields one-fourth of the heat of coal; charcoal about the same heat as coal.

And Few Have Both.
It takes ten pounds of common sense to carry one pound of learning.—Persian Proverb.

Faithfulness is in the Few.
Aristotle: He who has many friends has no friends.

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