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## The Oxford Orphanage Appropriation.

A petition is being circulated in this community asking the Legislature for an increase in the annual appropriation by the State to this institution from \$10,000 to \$20,000. We sincerely hope the Legislature will pay no attention to this demand which is preposterous. Pressure will be brought to bear on the ground of sympathy for the poor orphan and unthinking members are liable to be swept off their feet.

Here are our reasons for opposing this proposition: First—The Oxford Orphanage is not one whit more entitled to an appropriation from the public treasury than is the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Goldsboro or the Pythian Orphanage at Clayton. They are all taking care of the homeless of the State. They are doing it equally well. It may be said that the Oxford Orphanage does not confine itself to the children of Masons, but opens its doors to all. It need not do so. The Baptists have a larger Orphanage than the one at Oxford to take care of their own children, the Presbyterians also have an excellent Orphanage to look after their own, as have the Methodists and Episcopalians. And we happen to know that the child of a Mason does have the first and best chance for admittance into the Oxford Home, which is perfectly paper, but which destroys the argument that it is open to all.

Secondly—The Masons, like the Odd Fellows, get the glory of maintaining their institution. They do not deserve it like the Odd Fellows and the Pythians do, because it is not true that the Masons maintain the Oxford Asylum. They contribute a small part of the current fund but they control the institution and claim it as their own.

In the third place, it is unfair to the people that they be taxed to support an institution when three fourths of these same people are supporting by voluntary offerings, the children that crowd their own denominational Orphanages.

The Oxford Orphanage takes care of 350 children. The denominations and Pythians and Odd Fellows take just as good care of 1,000. Why should the State lavish its money on the one, and give not a cent to the other?

We are not complaining that we do not receive the State's bounty. We would not have it. But we do protest against the gross discrimination the State makes in favor of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.—Charity and Children.

## Puts The Manure Spreader First.

No farmer who has never owned or used a manure spreader can have any adequate idea of its real value or what a luxury, so to speak, it is to own and operate one of these machines. With a spreader it is so easy to haul out the manure and spread the same very evenly all over the field, and to do so when it ought to be done, as fast as it is made and a load accumulates and there is a field ready to receive it. I think more about the value of farmyard manure, and it helps me to conserve and to accumulate more of it than I did before I got a spreader. Furthermore, manure can be made to go twice as far, and will do twice as much good as that spread by hand with a fork.—Jordan B. Wells, in The Progressive Farmer.

## AGED PEOPLE

cannot properly masticate solid foods and digestion is often upset—they do not receive the needed nourishment to make strength and preserve health, but if aged people everywhere could only realize the strength-sustaining nourishment in Scott's Emulsion they would take it after every meal.

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## OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

### Short and Pithy Sayings on Subjects Past and Present.

A whole lot of republican officeholders are preparing to give up their jobs during Lent.

My, but that Diaz tribe certainly is striving hard to keep Mexico in the family!

Kansas City is wrestling with the problem, "Are stocking ads immodest?" It depends a good deal on what's in 'em.

Lent has come so early this year that some men will be able to carry their New Year resolutions right into March.

If Gov. Wilson ever had any desire to add "Thomas" in front of "Woodrow" he will quickly lose it when he sits down to sign the White House mail.

The "Ga. Cyclone" says that when Wilson rides down the avenue on the 4th, he will pass 57 saloons. However, thousands of other men won't pass 'em.

According to official statistics twenty women to one man in Denver drink liquor. Little by little the fear that the suffragettes would vote to close the saloons is dying out.

Gen. Rosalie Jones says that the greatest menace which confronts the hiking suffragettes on their way to Washington is a thaw, but they will be more fortunate if they don't meet with a frost.

Another far west flourishing industry has received a setback, Nevada's divorce mill, it is reported, is soon to reduce its output.

The Mexico way to arrange one's own time for inaugural ceremonies. After all of the rest of the political prognosticators have told us just who will constitute Mr. Wilson's cabinet, we would like to hear from Mr. Wilson himself.

Turkey is giving the world a striking demonstration of what it costs a nation to commit an error of judgment.

The Washington anti-saloon league idea is that it has made Congress take water.

Castro has been trying to get an interview with President-elect Wilson! American politics has strange allurements for almost every gentleman who has just arrived from abroad.

Reluctance about testifying before the Pujo Investigating Committee seems hardly justified by the experiences of eminent financiers who has hitherto been in personal attendance.

The brief chat during the inaugural ride along the Avenue will hardly suffice for the communication of all the valuable suggestions Mr. Taft might be able to give his successor in the White House.

There is no doubt that the people of the United States would feel most kind towards Mexico's government if Mexico would only get one.

The popular desire for a little farm by the roadside on the part of a number of statesmen should not be mistaken for an impulse to take to the tall timber.

Japan's riots are a reminder that even an era of great righteousness may have its troubles.

A peddler in London who hawked five-pound notes about the street, offering to sell them at a penny each, could sell only two, owing to the suspicion of the public. Yet almost anybody can sell stock in a wild-cat corporation that promises to pay a dividend of 50 per cent.

The question of safety for the lives and property for American citizens looms up as much more important than any differences which the Mexicans may be engaged in agitating among themselves.

Polar explorations continue to claim a toll of human life that might be made even science to question whether it is worth while.

Gen. Rosalie Jones is the fortunate commander who leads her suffragettes troops not to battle, but to scenes of triumphal ovation.

If an era of simplicity can be attained which will simplify tariff debate the republic will be eternally grateful.

The problem in Mexico, "What shall we do with the Diaz family?" The danger was not serious but the country must breathe easier since the electoral college completed its work without any s' army protest from Col. Roosevelt.

Democrats after office have sought carefully the man who has most influence with Woodrow Wilson. His name contains 13 letters, 3 of which are W's.

Furthermore Gen. Rosalie G. Jones plan of campaign may have a salutary tendency to correct the high-heeled-shoe situation.

## Overdoing the Baby Act.

It was an excellent point which Congressman Kitchin made the other day at one of the tariff hearings. The ways and means committee was as usual, listening to the same old complaint that American manufacturers cannot compete with foreign manufacturers without protection because we pay such high wages in America. As it happened, it was the cotton people who were chanting this old refrain when Mr. Kitchin brought them up sharply by calling attention to the use foreign manufacturers are right now making, in neutral markets, of precisely such statements as these American gentlemen have been making.

As everybody knows, the cotton men and other American manufacturers do compete largely on equal terms, in countries like China with European manufacturers. Yet here they are declaring their inability to compete on equal terms for their own home market. According to Mr. Kitchin, their confessions to this effect are being advertised in Manchuria and elsewhere as evidence of the inferiority of American goods when sold as cheaply as German and other European products.

There is nothing whatever the matter with such reasoning as employed by European manufacturers. If it is true that our manufacturers must have protection to sell goods here at home then how can they possibly sell in Manchuria or South America products quite equal to those of European prices equally low?

Fortunately, there is the fact that they do compete successfully in such foreign markets. It is a fact which will have to be recognized, notwithstanding their doleful protests to this and other ways and means committees.—Harper's Weekly.

## Unconstitutional, By George.

The sweetest morsel to North Carolina tongues is the word "unconstitutional." Many reasons there be for this. It fills the mouth comfortably. It sounds good. It serves where other excuses fail. It is a safer harbor in times of argumentative storm. It is ancient and has prestige. Many of us who wouldn't recognize the constitution in broad day light on the public highway can say "constitutional" with all the gusto of Joe Bailey, who stood guard over the national instrument in Congress for a quarter of a century. It is not surprising that we should go slow in plotting any changes in the good old document. But times change and with the times conditions likewise change. No American constitution was intended to shield a wrong and when changing conditions bring this effect about it is time to change the constitution, not only for the purpose of correcting the specific wrong, but for the sake of the constitution itself. There may not at any time be a need to tear up the old document, but there may often be the need of repairing it. When that time comes and is known of all men, neither our reverence for the instrument nor the fear of change should stand in the way. The constitution needs some repairs, particularly in the matter of its restrictions upon taxation.—State Journal.

If Congress can prevent the Washington hotels from gouging people during the inauguration, why can't it prevent the trusts from gouging them all the time?

## MRS. WM. ARCHER

### Tells Mothers What To Do For Delicate Children.

"My fourteen-year-old daughter was very thin and delicate. She had a bad cough so that I became very much alarmed about her health. She was nervous and did not sleep well, had very little appetite and doctors did not help her. Having heard so much about Vinol, I decided to give it a trial. It has helped her wonderfully. She can sleep all night now without coughing once; in fact, her cough is gone. Her appetite is greatly improved and she has gained in weight. Vinol is a wonderful medicine, and I will always keep it in the house. I wish every mother knew what Vinol will do for delicate children." Mrs. Wm. Archer, 223 Broadway, Long Branch, N. J.

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## The State Sunday School Convention.

The Thirtieth Annual State Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Greensboro April 22-24. The International Sunday School Association will provide two speakers for this Convention, Franklin McElfresh Ph. D., of Chicago, Superintendent of Teacher Training in North America, and Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Newark, N. J., Superintendent of the Elementary Division. These great leaders insure a feast of good things for the Sunday School people of all denominations of the entire State, in addition to the splendid home talent which will be used.

Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, is President of the Association; Hon. R. B. Glenn, Winston-Salem, W. H. Sprunt, Wilmington, and C. W. Tillet, Charlotte, are Vice-Presidents. The General Executive Committee is composed of thirty representative men of the State. The duties of the Central Executive Committee is to direct the work of the Association, and the members are as follows: W. A. Harper, Elon College, Chairman; N. B. Broughton, Raleigh, Vice Chairman; Dr. C. W. Byrd, Greensboro; G. H. Miles, Greensboro; R. M. Phillips, Greensboro; R. G. Vaughan, Greensboro; G. T. Stephenson, Winston-Salem; A. E. Tate, High Point; Geo. W. Watts, Durham.

## A Great Difference.

Fifteen years ago, before the Spanish war, there were 25 regiments of infantry in the army, all stationed in the United States. Since that time five regiments have been added to the army, but with these only sixteen are available for service in this country and around which an army could be built in a sudden emergency. Of the infantry regiments four are stationed in the Philippines, six are to be sent to Hawaii, three to Panama and one will remain in Alaska. While the sixteen regiments may be sufficient to garrison the different posts where they are stationed, they are not sufficient to form tactical units where officers may gain experience and where soldiers may be trained. The chief of staff of the army has recommended an increase of two regiments of infantry and six batteries of field artillery in order to bring the military strength up to the point where it will partially meet the requirements of the service.—Washington C. Correspondence.

## Wins First Honor.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 22.—A telegram from New York this week announcing that the law class of the University of North Carolina had won first State prize in the nationwide mock trial contest of "The Case of Jennie Brice" as instituted by Everybody's Magazine, scored a distinct triumph for the eight able attorneys that ferreted out the mysterious murder trial on which the serial story appearing in the magazine was based. Additional to the high honor of winning the first State prize in the union-wide contest, the class of the University was awarded a sum of \$100.00 for the ability displayed in conducting the trial. The attorneys in the case were: J. W. Hester, of Hester; J. W. Morris, of Tampa, Fla.; W. F. Taylor, of Faison; G. W. Ward, of Waynesville; W. L. Warlick, of Newton; L. A. Swinegood, of Salisbury; J. J. Henderson, of Mebane, and H. E. Stacy, of Shelby. The presiding judge was Professor P. H. Winston, of the University law faculty; court reporter, S. R. Winters.

## Read It to Your Neighbor.

A. L. Bixby, writing in the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal, says: Some men harbor the foolish notion that one is greatly honored in the holding of a public office, whether qualified to fill the place acceptably or not. The only honor is that which one earns in the faithful performance of his duty to those he serves. One may break into the legislature, or obtain a certificate of election to congress (under false pretenses) and return home smeared heavily with obloquy, and where is the honor and glory to him, in having been trusted only to betray the confidence reposed in him. The honorable man deserves consideration for what he is, and not for what has been done for him by his indulgent neighbors.

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## Short News Items.

Uncle Joe Cannon retires from congress on the 4th of March.

The schools of Onslow county will have a joint commencement this year, the date being fixed for March 28th.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to issue four per cent State bonds to meet the deficit of the State Treasury.

Where will be a banquet in Raleigh Feb. 28th in honor of Senator F. M. Simmons, Governor Locke Craig and Joe Daniels.

Company D, of Louisburg, 3rd. regiment, North Carolina national guard, has been detailed as an escort to Gov. Craig in the inauguration of President Wilson.

Congressman Claude Kitchin from the Second Congressional district has secured appropriations for post office buildings in his district as follows: Kinston \$20,000, Tarboro \$15,000.

It has been reported that Judge Boyd of the Western District would resign next year on account of his reaching the age limit, but the Judge says no, for he is yet a young man.

The Jarvis county bill to form a new county out of portions of Harnett, Sampson, Cumberland and Johnston with Dunn as the county seat has been put to sleep by the legislature.

## Farmers Should Co-operate.

We are preaching co-operation among the farmers, which is well. There is no finer opportunity for co-operation than in the purchase of commercial fertilizers. If a neighborhood will give an order for 100 or 1,000 tons, the manufacturers will name very low prices, especially if it is a cash sale. And why not a cash sale? It is to pay for some time, and with the abundance of money in our banks seeking loans, the farmers should be able to co-operate again and borrow money, if necessary, to purchase for cash, and get the benefit of the cash discount, which is much more than the interest charged on the loan.—T. P. Parker, in The Progressive Farmer.

## Don't You Believe It.

Some say that chronic constipation cannot be cured. Don't you believe it Chambe-lain's Tablets have cured others—why not you? Give them a trial. They cost only a quarter. For sale by all Dealers.

## THE GAME OF GOLF.

It is a Very Serious Matter With the Real Scot Enthusiast.

In Fife and the Lothians every one plays golf—men of leisure, working-men and loafers, the last class producing the finest players. Many of the Scotch towns have public courses, and even where they are private the artisan clubs may use them on generous terms. Says Stewart Dick in "The Paganism of the North."

"There is something very Scotch about the Scotch golfer. He seems to suit the leisurely and contemplative game. 'Keep your eye on the ball,' 'Slow back' and 'Aye be up' are written all over him. As a nation one would say the Scotch were professional, the English amateur, golfers, for there should be nothing dilettante about the game of golf.

"How serious a matter it is may be judged from the old story of the Scotch minister. Emerging after a hot and unhalloved strife in the bunker, his profane words still echoing in his ears, he mops his heated brow and exclaims bitterly:

"Ah maun gie it up! Ah maun gie it up!"

"What?" cries his partner in consternation. "Gie up gow?"

"No," he replies, with sublime scorn; "gie up the ministry!"

"This is the real old golfing spirit which still survives round the shores of the Forth."

## The Peacock at Home.

The real home of peacocks or peafowls is in India. There they were and are hunted, and their flesh is used for food. As the birds live in the same region as the tiger, peacock hunting is a very dangerous sport. The long train of the peacock is not its tail, as many suppose, but is composed of feathers which grow out just above the tail and are called the tail coverts. Peacocks have been known for many hundred years. They are mentioned in the Bible. Job mentions them, and they are mentioned, too, in 1 Kings x. Hundreds of years ago in Rome many thousand peacocks were killed for the great feasts which the emperors made. The brains of the peacock were considered a great treat, and many had to be killed for a single feast.

## The Mystery of Sleep.

It is impossible to give any precise explanation of the phenomenon of sleep. Yet many theories have been advanced. Legendre has shown by fairly conclusive arguments that it is due neither to "brain pallor," nor to intoxication by carbonic acid, nor to the presence of narcotic substances in the blood, theories that have been in turn advanced. Legendre intimates his preference for the view that sleep is not the result of fatigue, but is an inherited instinct designed to protect the organism against the ill effects of fatigue.—Harper's.

## Give Them a Chance.

If the members of the Legislature conducted their own business as they do that of the State the State would be much poorer than it is at present.—Durham Herald.



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