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Money flies, time flies and so do the Rumanians.

"Had to pay \$1,000 for a kiss." The high cost of loving.

The successful theatrical man this year should thank his lucky stars.

One of the most provoking faults of people these days is to have an appetite.

It is not because the kicker has a strong understanding, but generally because he hasn't.

Some people seem to think that if they make the District of Columbia dry there won't be such a clamor to go to congress.

McCormick and Willcox shook hands at the gridiron dinner. It is a safe bet, however, that Mac was the happier of the duo.

Recipe for success: Mix equal parts of energy and ability and stir constantly in a pot of determination, over a hot fire of optimism.

While holding the high office of President, at the same time Woodrow Wilson undoubtedly occupies the position of goat-getter.

Now it is announced that Roosevelt has abandoned his proposed trip to the Fiji Island. We felt all the time as if it was too good to be true.

The Rumanian standard-bearer who jumped in the river with his flag had the right idea of preventing the colors from trailing in the dust.

A peace debate in a magazine is announced between Taft and Bryan. Why not indulge in the more exciting pastime of a ping-pong?

If Champ Clark anticipates running for the presidential nomination in 1920, he had better take note that Colonel Bryan is already in training.

In one of his foolish moments Bill Spivens opines that while he wants Christmas to be marked by fair weather he knows there will be plenty of reindeer.

A Federal District Attorney advocating a boycott may be in accord with benefiting humanity, but how about being on a plane with the Danbury hatter's case?

Every fellow who advises people to "smile" is not necessarily an optimist. Literature now coming from Maryland is advising folks to "smile" and place their orders at once so they may do so.

If the government finally decides to make a 2-1-2 cent piece the dealers can be counted on to be shrewd enough to advance the price from two for five to a couple for six cents. So what's the use?

The Florida paper that is offering a prize for the best Christmas poem may be heroically undertaking to portray a charitable role by keeping the stuff from being showered on other papers.

Of course, we know that old Colonel Linotype is the reprobate responsible, but we trust that the esteemed State Journal has not excited the anger of the good folks of the First Tar Heel congressional district by quoting us as referring to it as the "First Tar Hell district."

The dinner given Mr. Bryan in Raleigh was a dollar-a-plate affair, while the one in Washington was \$5-a-plate. We should say that there was some difference in estimation of the Com-moner's appetite, but for the fact that people seldom go to banquets to eat, though the ethics of the occasion demand that the nibble and try and use the proper pieces of silverware.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM.

Whether the happenings in the Tenth Congressional District of North Carolina has stirred it or not (such must have contributed some power) several of the papers of the State have commenced, re-commenced agitation for the Australian ballot system for North Carolina.

The Dispatch joins in the chorus. However, the additional responsibility at this time Dispatch has advocated this system for years and its faith comes not alone from what study it could make of the question, but from observation at home. New Hanover county votes under the Australian ballot system and has been doing so for years.

All primary-elections and all elections are held under it and chance of trickery has been minimized, while there is no interference with either the rights or the comforts of the voter and there has never been a charge of fraud made against the returns. It is true that the opposition in an election, the Republican party being very weak, virtually amounts to naught. Yet, hotly contested primaries are held and in which opponents are equally as watchful, equally as alert, equally as strong as if two powerful party factions were pitted against each other.

If the State will adopt the Australian ballot system and combine it with a strong corrupt practices act, as the voting system cannot cover the expenditure of money, though it does make such expenditure not only of doubtful quality for the side spending it, but a dangerous one, as there cannot be a certainty of delivery of votes under such a system, the electorate will be greatly benefited and good government will have been made more secure.

Advocacy of the Australian ballot system, or one of equal qualifications, is not one-sided on the part of The Dispatch, because New Hanover county, as we have noted, has such a system, has had for years and it is looked upon as the strongest safeguard the primary and election have ever had. The Dispatch's advocacy is simply that the entire state may enjoy the blessing.

GOING TO SHOW THEM.

Superintendent R. L. Davis, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, evidently is going to make the temperance demonstration at the time of the next legislature one long to be remembered, and he is going to bring some of the biggest guns of the cause to bear upon the target.

William Jennings Bryan is announced as one of the speakers for the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League in January, and, of course, we take it, he will also be asked to address the solons. Mr. Bryan's part will be of extra value this time, as he announces that he will try and make prohibition one of the planks of the next Democratic party platform, and in this he is receiving strong support.

THE BROAD-MINDED WAY.

Certainly former President William H. Taft always receives a hearty welcome to North Carolina and the people of the state are always glad to see him, although the state has never given him a majority in a presidential election, nor never would, no matter how often he ran for this office. The difference exemplifies breadth of mind and fairness. A man may be of marked ability, possessed of a beautiful character and a splendid speaker, and all these things may win admiration and make folks delight to rub-shoulders with such a man; yet, his ideas of government may be of such calibre and they could not be supported. In other words, your opponent can be a gentleman and a good fellow. Vice versa, you should be a gentleman and a good fellow when you are the antagonist.

The newspaper institute at the University appears to have been a great success; to have not only increased the value of newspaper work, by making the workers of greater knowledge as to technical points especially, but to have familiarized them with the state's greatest institution, the University. President Graham, Professor Thornton and other members of the University faculty, deserve big credit for the part they took in its success, and a large sized bouquet should be handed Editor Edward E. Britton, the able head of the North Carolina Press Association. We regret that the rush people seldom go to banquets to eat, though the ethics of the occasion demand that the nibble and try and use the proper pieces of silverware.

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.

Speaking to the question of "free school books," the esteemed Kingston Free Press thinks that "this is a question that must be answered pretty soon. 'Free school books,' it continues, is one of the innovations in the modern plan of education. Whether North Carolina is ready to undertake the additional responsibility at this time is very doubtful. However, it must come sooner or later and the sooner the better."

In the concluding sentence our friend answers the doubt as to shouldering additional responsibility. At greatest it is only who is best able to bear the burden. Whether the great state of North Carolina—all the people—or a few should hold it up? If there are free schools, certainly there should be free school books. Tools are as necessary as the place to work. And it must be admitted that buying books is a hardship upon many families. To make a distinction as to who shall be provided with free school books would be discrimination, which while, perhaps, just technically, would not harmonize with organization of the school system. But the worst feature of this would be humiliation by the class distinction; such distinction as should not be a part of this character of public work.

Besides, the State would be in a better position to obtain text books at a lower price, thus saving money.

There was a double reminder last week that it is not impossible for people, who have the pluck and energy, plus the ability, of course, to rise from humble positions to financial heights. Gruesome reminders, perhaps, yet reminders for all that. On the same day last week John D. Archbold, head of the Standard Oil, and George C. Boldt, owner of the Waldorf-Astoria and Bellevue-Stratford, New York, passed away, leaving millions behind. The former was worth, perhaps, one hundred million and the latter somewhere near fifty million. Each started in life in a humble position. Archbold was a clerk and Boldt a waiter. Yet each opened his eyes wide and took advantage of opportunities. No doubt, in their day opportunities were more, as industrial development was less and competition was not as great, but they probably had to work harder.

We have disagreed, and sharply, with commutation of sentences granted by Governor Craig in a number of cases, including some from New Hanover, but we have never attributed his mistakes to the heart, but to the head. So as a pardon or a commutation of sentence for the man Thomas, who attempted to assault a young woman on a Pullman car in the union station at Raleigh, could only come from a blunder of the heart, we have no idea that Governor Craig will lessen the sentence, which is already many years too light.

It may be said, in passing, however, that protest is going up in many spots of the State against lessening, in any way, the sentence of the first class felon. Thomas' friends would save themselves disappointment and save Thomas more notoriety about his disgusting deed if they would proceed at once to eliminate all talk about a pardon, or a commutation of sentence.

Uric Acid Poisoning

The most eminent physicians recognize that uric acid stored up in the system is the cause of rheumatism, that this uric acid poison is present in the joints, muscles, or nerves. By experimenting and analysis at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce discovered a combination of native remedies that he called Anuric—which drives out the uric acid from the system and in this way the pain swelling and inflammation subside. If you are a sufferer from rheumatism, backache, pains here or there, you can obtain Anuric at any drug store and get relief from the pains and ills brought about by uric acid.

Swollen hands, ankles, feet are due to a dropsical condition, often caused by disordered kidneys. Naturally when the kidneys are deranged the blood is filled with poisonous uric acid, which settles in the tissues of the feet, ankles, wrists or back as uratic salts; or under the eyes in bag-like formations.

It is just as necessary to keep the kidneys active properly as to keep the bowels active to rid the body of poisons. The very best possible way to take care of yourself is to take a glass of hot water before meals and an Anuric tablet. In this way it is readily dissolved with the food, picked up by the blood and finally reaches the kidneys, where it has a cleansing and tonic effect.

Step into the drug store and ask for a 50-cent package of Anuric, or send Dr. Pierce 10c. for trial pkg. Anuric—many times more potent than lithia, eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar. A short trial will convince you.

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MONTHLY STATEMENT OF BILLS AUDITED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY FOR NOVEMBER, 1916.

Table with columns: Voucher No., Payee, Account of, Amount. Lists various bills for services like repairs, groceries, and salaries.

Table with columns: Name, Salary, Amount. Lists salaries for various officials and employees.

Advertisement for 'Comfy' felt slippers by Daniel Green. Includes an image of a slipper and text: 'Christmas Suggestions SHOE-UP FAMILY For Instance: Grandpa: A pair warm felt slippers; Grandma: A pair Comfort shoes; Father: A pair P. L. Button shoes; Mother: A nice pair soft kid shoes; Sister Kate: Dress slippers; Brother Tom: A pair dressup shoes; Brother Willie: A pair Rubber boots; Aunt Sallie (cook) A pair Rubbers; Many Other Useful Gifts at Peterson & Rulfs Wilmington's Largest and Best Shoe Store.'

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916. WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS. WEEK DAYS. EASTBOUND and WESTBOUND tables showing train times.