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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917. Ice skates—frappe mint-juleps. Do your Saturday night shopping early. Europe's aim in life seems to be at life. Among the pesky insects may be mentioned politics.

The antidote for playing second fiddle in life is to blow your own horn. "She jumped out of the way." In other words, a spring chicken.

Senator Stone has commenced to throw rocks. The Zeppelins seem to have gone into winter quarters. Governor Catts, of Florida, won't stand for punch, but no man can stand long for it.

"North Carolina legislature off." How badly, only time and the record will disclose. Georgia leads the lynching in the United States by more than a neck; by a number of necks.

No man can please every one. In fact, he wouldn't be pleasing to the majority of the people if he tried. Jim Mann and Gussie Gardner seem about to make-up for the good of disorder.

"I do not like Bill Taft," shouted a speaker. Generally speaking, no one likes a bill. Politicians should certainly stand for preservation of the forests, as there are times when the find it expedient to take to the tall timbers.

Every cloud may have a silver lining, but you have got to weather the weather in the meantime. With ex-football players presiding over Senate and House the Tar Heel legislature should be able to tackle most anything.

Senator Sheppard still contends that he has the waterwagon tied just on the outside of Washington, but whether he will be allowed to roll it in is the question. Perhaps, Tom Lawson is just condemning the stock exchange on general principles. Under this evidence the jury is instructed to return a verdict of guilty.

The warring countries are very apt to run out of men before they run out of new jaw-twisting names. With all his intellect and shrewdness (he admits it himself) Tom Lawson is unable to name anybody connected with the alleged "leak" or to detail anything definite. How, then, can he expect the common herd to solve the problem?

NOW WILMINGTON SHOULD GET BUSY.

News that the Interstate Commerce Commission will undoubtedly render a decision in favor of North Carolina shippers in the case of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, et al. vs. various railroads, in effort to establish rate basing ports in this state—such being forecast by the decision and recommendation of Attorney-Examiner Watkins, of the commission—is not only good, but should furnish a big incentive for North Carolinians to get busy.

That North Carolina ports—Wilmington and New Bern—are to become rate basing ports will be of general benefit to the state. This will be readily recognized by the state and should be recognized, too, by the people of these ports. For Wilmington, with the proper energy placed behind the movement, it should mean a great volume of business flowing through the port of Wilmington. All needed is for the business people of this city to band together and pull together for such development. Wilmington is richly endowed by nature with a magnificent port and now that one of the biggest handicaps is to be removed, in that its right to be a factor in rate making and its right to be considered on a parallel with other big ports, is to be recognized and enforced, it will be up to the people of this city to take full advantage of opportunity, and, at the same time, the entire state will be benefited by lower rates by rail and a greater volume of freight through the port of Wilmington, thus allowing North Carolina houses to meet competition from Virginia.

When such decision, as forecast by Attorney-Examiner Watkins, becomes effective it will mean a big thing; chance for greater development.

FLORIDA'S NEW THRILL.

Florida is now enjoying, or experiencing the inauguration of a sensational gubernatorial administration, as the culmination of one of the bitterest campaigns even from a legal controversial standpoint and certainly one of the most peculiar situations. To the outsider it would present a picture of how largely human impulse can enter into it and how violently it can be stirred by passionate speeches in determining the result of an election. Yet as a majority of the people of Florida was the power that determined and as many of this majority are men of intelligence it might be difficult to argue such a position to a successful conclusion before an impartial tribunal. It must be an admitted fact, however, that in the election of the governor Floridians will be forced to confess a lack of material to meet the trying situation, if they justify the act of naming a recent resident to office.

Yesterday in Florida Sidney Catts was inaugurated governor and the event was history making in that Catts has only been a resident of Florida for several years, ran in the Democratic primary, claimed he was elected, was counted out—correctly or incorrectly, according to the side arguing—ran before the election and defeated the "regular Democratic nominee," though Catts still claimed he was a Democrat and is still claiming such status and that he will abide by the faith of the party. His campaign was pitched along sensational lines, in which religion played a vital part—and he won.

Catts promises an administration filled with reforms. It may be so that what he promises is needed and it may be so that they are not. This is something outsiders know very little about; certainly not as much as the majority of the people of Florida, who are supposed to be intelligent beings. The outside world, however, will be interested in watching the progress and the finish. Not so much from the standpoint of curiosity or amusement, but to profit by experience, in its application to the necessity for sensationalism.

USE OF ALCOHOL CAUSE OF POOR MARKSMANSHIP.

Munich, Germany, Jan. 3.—Tests conducted by the Bavarian ministry of war upon the effect of alcohol on marksmanship were carried out by twenty marksmen on twenty test days, the total number of shots fired being over 80,000.

The results showed, according to Prof. Dr. Kraepelin, whose report on the subject is reprinted in The Military Weekly, an average falling off in marksmanship of about three per cent as the result of the consumption of forty grams of alcohol, corresponding roughly to the amount contained in a liter of beer. The effect was most perceptible twenty-five to thirty minutes after absorbing the alcohol.

Most of the marksmen shot even worse than the average, several of them eight, ten and even twelve per cent worse. One of the amusing sidelights on the tests was that several of the riflemen insisted not only that they could but actually were shooting better after getting the spirits while in reality their marksmanship had fallen off as much as ten per cent.

ASKING FOR THE RIGHT THING.

The Charlotte Observer takes notice of the earnest agitation in Wilmington for a commission form of government and expresses the opinion that "Wilmington is asking for the right thing." And it begins to look as if Charlotte is going to change its form of government. There is agitation in the Queen City for something that will improve conditions and the people are naturally growing restless as they watch what the commission form is doing in other cities. The Observer thinks that its city, like Wilmington, while having a modified form of city government still has not the right thing, but has "too many hands at the bellows." Speaking further, in which The Observer points to the tendency of the times and cites a case in form of government is working well, says:

"The Wilmington idea is exactly in line with that advocated by The Observer for Charlotte. We remain unshaken in the opinion that in the Asheville charter there is given a model for every city in the State. A search may be made the country over, and nothing better can be found. There can be no doubt that the Legislature will manifest a willingness to let such cities as desire to have a simplified form of government vote it for themselves. In some of the literature sent out by the Short Ballot Organization, we are told that the States in which no city now has had an opportunity to avail itself of simplified government are Indiana, Nevada, Delaware, Vermont and New Hampshire. Most of the other States have either constitutional home rule, which permits the city to draft, adopt and amend its own charter or an optional city government law, which permits the cities by a local referendum to adopt one of two or more simplified forms. Ohio permits its cities to follow either course, while New York, Virginia, Massachusetts and Iowa have laws specifically permitting their cities to adopt either the regular commission form or the commission-manager plan. "This same authority says that astonishing interest is being manifested all over the country in the matter of reform in city government. Either the commission or the commission-manager plan has been adopted by over 40 cities, and The Observer believes that during the present year the number of commission-governed cities will be doubled, if not more than doubled."

Undoubtedly, reformation, as embodied in improvement, is being made in city government. This is not inevitably a reflection upon any city administration, but means simply modern equipment to meet modern day needs and demands. It means better tools to work with. The very change, too, with its responsibility so far has awakened the people, who are to live under changed conditions, to the necessity of obtaining good men for office.

Frequently failure to obtain good men in different cities is due more to lethargy on the part of the voters than anything else. Under old forms of municipal government obtaining good men does not always remedy conditions, as they cannot devote all their time to the work and therefore are dependent upon subordinates, which at once not only places the government largely in the hands of the subordinates, but acts as obstacles in that it handicaps the efficiency possessed by the elective officers.

FEMALES BEAT RAILWAYS.

London, Jan. 3.—In reporting an increase of more than 100 per cent in ticket frauds by passengers since the war began, the Great Western Railway Magazine says the chief offenders are women and girl munition workers. This year one railway company alone has prosecuted 530 for fraud.

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SPEAKER MURPHY.

The Democratic members of the North Carolina House of Representatives have selected, and thereby elected, Hon. Walter Murphy, of Rowan county, as speaker. The selection is a capital one. However, either one of the trio that appeared in the roles of candidates before the Democrats would have made a good speaker. Page, of Moore, is experienced and a great fighter, while Roberts, of Buncombe, is full of energy and battle, and possesses progressive ideas that even go to the extent of woman suffrage; something that most Tar Heel politicians shy from, retreating, in haste, when the question bobs up, to the great bulwark of excuse of "when the women of North Carolina want the ballot they will get it"—without, of course, trying to explain how this matter is to be determined or offering a way for determining and regardless of the fact that by no direct act of woman can she obtain the ballot, as the laws are not fashioned that way and to alter the fashion it takes the hand of man.

Murphy will, no doubt, also profess to be progressive, and there is no reason why he should not be. In fact, the Democrats of both House and Senate will find it of benefit to the party to be of benefit to the state by being progressive. It is not only a desire of a majority of the people of North Carolina, but it is the verdict of the country, as so plainly exemplified in the recent National election.

Murphy is a legislator of experience and of wide knowledge as to conditions in North Carolina. For that reason he should make a good speaker. The start he makes will be watched with interest. In fact, the start is really the most vital part of the speaker's job. It deals with the naming of committees, and composition of committees is really of more importance than decisions by the chair, as such decisions can, if wrong, be overturned by appeal to the membership, but the personnel of committees can expedite or delay work; can often bring success or so handicap as to cause failure. But with his knowledge of conditions in the state and his experience, that should give him a line on the statesmanship of the state, and being cognizance of what is needed, it should not be difficult for Speaker Murphy to give good committees.



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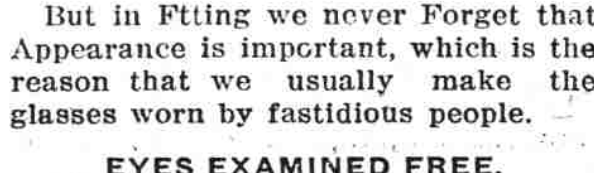
\$23.45 Pensacola, Fla. \$24.55 Mobile, Ala. \$28.75 New Orleans, La. Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 19th by depositing and paying \$1.00. PROPORTIONATE FARES FROM OTHER POINTS ON THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South." PHONE 160.

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*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. †Leaves from Station No. 3 on Beach. FREIGHT SCHEDULE—(Daily Except Sunday.) Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M. Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M. SPECIAL NOTICE. This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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