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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1910.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Chief Justice Supreme Court WALTER CLARK of Wake County
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For Representative in Congress, Ninth District E. Y. WEBB of Cleveland County
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Yesterday's victory in Maine was a glorious one for Democracy and there is no wonder that the Republicans were overwhelmed with surprise. They weren't looking for such a defeat. For the first time in thirty years that State will have a Democratic Governor and it is rather singular that Maine's last Democrat Governor, thirty years ago, was the father of the man who was yesterday chosen by the people to be their next executive. With three or four Democratic Congressmen chosen in what were formerly strong Republican districts and with a possibility of a Democratic Legislature, which would send a Democrat to the Senate to

succeed Hale, the victory is one which will make every Democrat in the country rejoice. The G. O. P.'s fast losing ground. The people are tired of their broken promises and class legislation. The party of Taft and Roosevelt sees defeat ahead of it. And nothing could contribute so largely to the country's good as the ascendancy to power of the Democratic party—a party which stands for revision of the tariff downward, for suppression of the grasping trusts and monopolies, for equal justice to all men.

City Schools Open.

The city schools began the session of 1910-11 yesterday morning with a total enrollment of about 825. All of the teachers were present, classes were organized and the work of the year started off quickly and smoothly. Fuller particulars of the opening will appear Friday. The Gazette expects during this session to carry a regular department giving all the news of the city schools, furnished by someone in close contact with the schools. This will be an interesting feature to many of our readers.

A STRANGE MAN.

He Appears in the Panhandle Distributing Free Cigars and Supposition is That He is S. S. McNinch—Some Comments on Deserters.

There is considerable excitement elicited in the Panhandle section over the appearance of a strange man handing out cigars right and left, acts kindly and sociably, puts on no extra airs but talks politics like blue blazes. In conversation never speaks of deserters, which has raised suspicion that he has deserted his party and is trying to be conducted into some other party. We shall investigate the matter soon and should it appear that the stranger is S. S. McNinch, of Charlotte, N. C., and that he has played tory and deserted his colors, we will at once order a courtmartial and give him a fair trial and if found guilty sentence will be passed by the judge advocate and on election day it will be executed.

We exercise no patience for a deserter, for from sad experience we know they are not trustworthy as an official, private or even as scavenger. They deserve all the punishment due the crime and should have it. A man that will desert his party is no better than the soldier who deserts his country. Why should he be? A deserter is a deserter all the same and should not be looked upon as a worthy citizen. This is the signal gun of what is to follow. We ask the reason if there is any, why, any voter of the ninth Congressional district of North Carolina should vote for Mr. McNinch or any other Mack, instead of Hon. E. Y. Webb, who has the character among the Republicans of Washington of being the cleanest Representative in the House.

BOB PEAK.

Cherryville, N. C., Sept. 12, 1910.

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DECAY OF TIN.

Remarkable Alteration Which Takes Place in the Metal.

Anything made of tin, it seems, is doomed to a brief existence. This metal is subject to a remarkable kind of alteration, a species of disease to which it is liable. When exposed to the air tin undergoes no chemical change, as do iron and copper, which, of course, chemically combine with the oxygen or with water. The tin, however, still remains metallic tin, but gradually becomes gray and dull and falls to fine powder.

The disease is "catching." It infects or induces the same change in other masses of tin in the immediate neighborhood. We are told that in a Russian imperial magazine, in place of tin uniform buttons, little heaps of powder were found. A consignment of Banks tin sent from Rotterdam to Moscow in 1877 arrived at the latter place in the form of powder. This alteration is due to a change in the internal crystalline structure of the metal and is analogous to the slow transformation of monoclinic sulphur to rhombic sulphur. As a result, objects of tin of archaeological interest are rare. Those that have been found have been in the form of earthenware vessels, knobs, etc., which have been found in the Swiss lake dwellings coated with tin foil. Cassiterite or tinstone is the single ore from which the tin has been obtained in any quantity.—Knowledge and Scientific News, London.

A PLACID MERCHANT.

He Had Some Regard For the Social Side of Trade.

The summer visitor in a small seaport town was amazed and amused at the assortment of merchandise displayed in the little store at the head of the wharf. The showcase was devoted to an assortment of candy at one end and a lot of cigars and tobacco at the other end and no barrier between. Next to the showcase stood a motor engine valued at several hundred dollars.

Thinking to please the proprietor, the visitor remarked that even the large department stores in Boston could not boast of such a collection.

"Well," he said, "I ain't aping them stores, I can tell you. I aim to keep what my folks want. When a man wants an engine for his boat he wants it, and if the fish are running he can't wait to send way to Portland or Boston for it. He wants it when he does, then and there."

After a little pause he continued: "I don't like the way they do business in them big stores, anyway. Why, when you go into a store up to Boston the first thing you know somebody asks you what you want."

"Now, I never do anything like that. If a man comes into my place I pass the time o' day and ask him to set, and after he's set and talked a while if he wants anything he'll tell me."

"I never pester a man to buy. Maybe he ain't come to buy; maybe he's come to talk."—Youth's Companion.

The First Universities.

To fix precisely the date of the rise of the first universities is impossible for the reason that they were not founded, but grew. They were started by a few able men who had something they wished to teach and youths wished to learn. Gradually the free, voluntary center of learning became the organized affair we know as the university. Among the earliest of these centers of learning were Salerno, Naples and Bologna, Italy being the first land to experience the literary revival. We may say that Salerno university was fairly established by the year 1000, the University of Bologna by 1100 and the University of Naples by the year 1200. The University of Paris, which owes its existence to the genius of Abelard, was founded about the same time.—New York American.

Handed It Back.

A clergyman in the neighborhood of Nottingham was complimenting a tailor in his parish on repairs which he had done for him. In the course of conversation he, however, incautiously observed: "When I want a good coat I go to London. They make them there." Before leaving the shop he inquired, "By the bye, do you attend my church?"

"No," was the reply. "When I want to hear a good sermon I go to London. They make them there."—London Tit-Bits.

Tea in the Time of Buddha.

At the time of Buddha China was enjoying a large foreign commerce in tea. It was carried by her junks to Japan, Korea, Tonquin, Anam, Cochin, Burma, Siam, India, Ceylon, Persia and Arabia. According to one record, it was sent to a great black river country west of Arabia, from which it was separated by a long and very torrid sea, which must have been Egypt. It was carried by caravans to Manchuria, Mongolia, Kuldja, Tartary, Tibet, Persia and northern India.

Couldn't Tell.

"Has your pocket ever been picked?" "Really, I don't know. It never was before I got married. If it has been since I, of course, would have no way of finding out about it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Inspiration.

"This is a pretty good poem. You must have had some strong inspiration." "I had. The editor promised me \$10."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The heart of a loving woman is a golden sanctuary where often there reigns an idol of clay.—Linnæus.

FUNERAL COSTUMES.

Their Extravagance Curbed by Law at One Time in England.

Sumptuary mourning laws were formerly found necessary in England to restrict the extravagance of the nobility and their imitators in the matter of funeral costume. At the end of the fifteenth century it was laid down that dukes, marquises and archbishops should be allowed sixteen yards of cloth for their gowns, "sioppes" (mourning cassocks) and mantles; earls fourteen, viscounts twelve, barons eight, knights six and all persons of inferior degree only two. Hobdys were forbidden to all except those above the rank of esquire of the king's household.

In the following century Margaret, countess of Richmond, mother of Henry VII., issued an ordinance for the "reformation of apparel for great estates of women in time of mourning." So it seems that men and women have met in the extravagance of sorrow.

Even 200 years ago London tradesmen found that court mourning seriously affected their business. Addison relates that at a tavern he often met a man whom he took for an ardent and eccentric royalist. Every time this man looked through the Gazette he exclaimed, "Thank God, all the reigning families of Europe are well." Occasionally he would vary this formula by making reassuring remarks respecting the health of British royalists. After some time Addison discovered that this universal royalist was a colored silk merchant, who never made a bargain without inserting in the agreement, "All this will take place as long as no royal personage dies in the interval."—London Chronicle.

MENTAL INFLUENCES.

The State of the Mind Has a Direct Effect Upon the Body.

A good deal is said in these days about the effect of mind on matter in the way of the cure of disease, but less is heard about mental influences as a cause of bodily ills, yet it is an old truth that the state of mind has a direct effect on the body. The gloom and depression caused by worry and anxiety create a morbid condition of the physical system. It is impossible to feel well physically when the mind and spirits are downcast. The blood does not circulate properly, appetite fails, the head aches, and if these morbid conditions continue more deep seated ailments are likely to arise, and cancer may be one of them.

With many persons a fit of anger is followed by an attack of indigestion. Excitement destroys the appetite, bad news creates nausea, fright causes faintness, and so on. Violent or depressing emotions always disturb the equilibrium of body and mind alike. This being the case, it is inevitable that when these emotions often recur or become continuous serious physical results will follow. The obvious lesson is, then, that mental serenity tends to health—is, in fact, an essential element of health—and that instead of resorting to mind "cures" after the health is broken it is wise to preserve the serenity as a preventive and safeguard against disease.—Indianapolis Star.

Lordly Disraeli.

Disraeli once told a lady that two possessions which were indispensable to other people he had always done without. "I made," she said, "every kind of conjecture, but without success, and on my asking him to enlighten me he solemnly answered that they were a watch and an umbrella. 'But how do you manage,' I asked, 'if there happens to be no clock in the room and you want to know the time?' 'I ring for a servant,' was the maguificent reply. 'Well,' I continued, 'and what about the umbrella? What do you do, for instance, if you are in the park and are caught in a sudden shower?' 'I take refuge,' he replied, 'under the umbrella of the first pretty woman I meet.'"

Easier to Write It.

In 1871 Edward Lear was staying with the governor of Bombay at Mahabaleshwar, the hill station of the Bombay presidency. I was there and took a walk with him one day. He asked me the name of some trees. I told him they were called "jambul" trees in India. He immediately produced his sketch book and in his inimitable style drew a bull looking into a jam pot. He said it would help him to remember the name.—London Spectator.

Pleasant Prospect.

"Yo' isn't stopped at de Palace hotel befo', is yo', boss?" inquired the colored man who was piloting a just arrived traveler from the railway station to the hostelry.

"No. But what makes you sure of it?" "Uhkase yo' gwine dar now, sah."—Puck.

Amiability Rules.

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into relation with a person the more necessary do fact and courtesy become.—Holmes.

Admitted.

She—Oh, I have no doubt you love me, but your love lacks the supreme touch—unselfishness. "What makes you say that?" "You admit it. You want me for yourself alone, you say."

The Utopia of today is the reality of tomorrow.—Penny.

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