

TODAY'S POEM

THE GOAL.

The storm came down about my brow; The mad rain lashed my face; But ne'er did I forget my vow, E'en though it seemed Time, Tide and Space

I saw only my beacon light Flare far against the West, And I must reach it ere the night Calls to eternal rest.

The wailing winds rapt me round With terrors of Despair; But my soul would not be bound, And stumbling on o'er many a snare

I neither laughed nor wept. Around me many shadows crept, And yet I did not see, For afar the shimmering lights still beckoned me.

I only saw my beacon light Burn bright against the West, And ere the darkness falls with night I must have reached the crest. —J. W. Bain.

HUGHES EVEN MONEY CHOICE.

Roosevelt 8 to 5 and Root 8 to 1 in Curb Betting.

Chester Thompson on the curb market reports that the betting odds on the coming convention are as follows:

On Hughes even money that he will be nominated. The odds against Roosevelt are 8 to 5, against Root 8 to 1, while on others the odds run from 15 to 1 to 50 to 1.

Thompson says that \$225,000 has been sent to New York from Chicago Boston and Philadelphia, which will be placed on Hughes, with about \$25,000 to be bet on Roosevelt.

Business Chance.

An English milkman had just finished his morning's round, and was returning home, as he was addressed by an enlisting sergeant.

"Well, my man," said the sergeant, "would you like to serve the king? It would be the making of you?"

"That I would," said the milkman, very excited. "How much does he take a day?"—Christian Register.

So Sensitive.

New York Times.

Every seat in the trolley was occupied when a group of women got in. Going through the car to collect fares, the conductor noticed a man who, he thought, was asleep.

"Wake up!" shouted the conductor. "I wasn't asleep," said the passenger.

"Not asleep?" snapped the conductor. "Then what did you have your eyes closed for?"

"It was because of the crowded condition of the car," explained the passenger. "I hate to see women standing."

A. & M. CATALOG.

The annual catalogue of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh has just been issued. The new number shows an enrollment, including the Short Courses, of 800. Year by year this vigorous young technical college is going forward in numbers, in buildings, and particularly in equipment to do the special work which is its mission.

Among the names of those who successfully passed the recent State board examinations, held in Winston-Salem in connection with the State Nurses' Association, was that of Miss Rachel R. Hovis, of the City Hospital corps.

Take a Jitney Joy Ride

Here's a trip you will enjoy. The spicy road leads straight to the grocer man—and Zu Zu, the spicy little snaps that please everybody.



Planning a Fish-Fry.

An outing is being planned by a delegation of Charlotte citizens within the near future, which is to be in the nature of a fish-fry on the banks of the Catawba river at Mt. Holly. Monday's Charlotte Observer has the following to say of this event: "Charlotte boosters are planning a mid-summer outing in the near future of a fish-fry at Riverside Park, some afternoon from 2 o'clock until dark, with fun predominating as the foremost attraction. It is possible that Gastonia will be invited to participate in reciprocating for the good time given Queen City business men and boosters in Gaston county a few weeks ago. It is planned to arrange athletic contests and a general program of outdoor sports."

Taking Chances.

Durham Herald. The time has been when a nomination at the hands of the Republican party meant an election, but we are afraid that Mr. Hughes is taking chances in throwing up his job on the supreme court bench.

Colored Teachers' Association.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the North Carolina Colored Teachers' Association will convene at the A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., June 20-23, 1916. A well-prepared program will be rendered. Among the speakers of note are the Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Dr. J. H. Dillard, Col. James H. Young, Prof. C. H. Boyer, Dr. A. M. Moore, John Merrick, Berry O'Kelly and others. Friday, June 23, will be School Extension Day. All persons desiring board and lodging at the A. & T. College are requested to notify President Dudley at once of the date of their intended arrival.

The Eternal Question.

Washington Post. Apropos of film censorship, Charlie Chaplin said at a dinner in New York: "Does the public like shocking films or not? Does the shocking pay? Who can tell? "A woman, pocketbook in hand, said to the man in the box office of a theatre: "Young man, before I buy my ticket, tell me whether or not this

is a moral, proper show'

"The salesman pretended not to hear her. He pointed out the seats that were still vacant and the plan. "Young man," she repeated, "why don't you answer me when I ask if this show is moral and proper?" "Because, madam," said the agent, "I'm not a good enough judge of human nature to know which way to answer without losing a customer."

SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES.

To satisfy non-payment of taxes for the year 1915 I will at noon on Saturday, June 17, 1916

in front of the court house in the City of Gastonia, N. C., offer to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the following named parcels of real estate, to wit:

WHITE.

J. B. Allen, extension of Loray street, taxes \$2.73. W. D. Hillard, Highland street, taxes \$11.27.

John Benton, extension of Loray street, taxes \$2.44. John Currence (Mrs. W. J. Harper, agent) Harvie avenue, taxes \$1.57.

J. C. Featherstone, East Fifth avenue, taxes \$14.17. Mrs. W. R. Henderson, West Fourth avenue, taxes \$8.06.

G. F. McLaughlin, West Air Line avenue, taxes \$11.27. John Myers, extension of Loray street, taxes \$3.08.

COLORED.

Lee Collins, Falls street, taxes \$8.01. Mary L. Corbet, taxes \$1.57. G. S. Edwards, taxes \$3.87.

Mrs. Mary Grier, Lincoln avenue, taxes \$4.64. Beadie Hayes, Air Line avenue, taxes \$2.07.

J. N. Jadsion, Bradley avenue, taxes \$3.91. John Miller, near North York St., taxes \$6.74.

Mary Sanders, Happy Hill, taxes \$3.16. J. W. Wilson, taxes \$1.95.

John Burrell, Lincoln avenue, taxes \$3.84. This 19th day of May, 1916. R. A. RATCHFORD, Tax Collector of Gastonia. 16c5w

The Reuss Henrys. For 700 years every prince of the house of Reuss has been christened Henry, with a distinguishing numeral, but the task of identifying them is rendered doubly difficult owing to the existence of two branches, each of which has a different system of numeration. The elder line begins the numbering anew after each batch of 100 Henrys, whereas the younger line goes by the centuries, numbering its princes as they are born from 1, upward through each complete hundred years. The territories of the two branches comprise little more than 400 square miles, divided into Reuss-Schleiz-Gera and Reuss-Greiz. For centuries the Montenegro of the Germanic countries, both branches joined the German confederation in 1815, but the elder line (Reuss-Greiz) sided with Austria in 1866, and the principality narrowly escaped being incorporated with Prussia.—Westminster Gazette.

Spain as a Republic. Isabella II, when thirteen years old was declared of age by the cortes in 1846, and after a stormy reign of twenty-five years was deposed by a revolution which began in the fleet on Sept. 18, 1868, and was joined by the garrison and city of Cadiz and by nearly all of Spain during the month. A provisional government was established and Marshal Serrano was made regent. The cortes voted for a monarchy on May 21, 1869, and after several offers of the throne had been refused it was finally accepted by Amadeus, duke of Aosta, who was proclaimed king on Nov. 7, 1870.

After an uncomfortable reign he abdicated in 1873 and was succeeded by another republic, which lasted for two years, when Alfonso XII, son of Queen Isabella and father of the present king, was elevated to the throne.

Artificial Indigo. Artificial indigo owes much of its commercial success to an accident. Although synthetic indigo was first produced in 1870, it did not become a serious rival to the natural article until a thermometer was accidentally broken and the contents of the bulb ran into the heated mixture of naphthalene that was all too slowly being converted into phthalic acid, the basis of artificial indigo. It was then observed that the conversion became much more rapid, and from that day the use of mercury has played a big part in making artificial indigo a commercial success. The accident occurred after years of patient research, and it is now the boast of chemists that they are able to produce on a commercial basis a compound "exactly the same" as natural indigo.—London Standard.

Frederick the Great's Joke. Among the embellishments which Berlin owes to Frederick the Great the "new palace" is the most conspicuous. This magnificent building was erected, it is said, to show Frederick's enemies that his many wars had not exhausted his exchequer. And further to show his contempt for the countries which had sought to crush him at the top of the cupola he placed a group of three women dancing together, the figuring representing Catherine the Great, Maria Theresa and Mme. de Pompadour. The wrath of the two empresses was unbounded at finding themselves depicted in such an attitude and such company, so Frederick was able to congratulate himself on a thoroughly successful joke.

Recognizing Book Lovers. You may recognize the book lover as soon as you glance at his shelves, though they may be few. Some people, especially servants, if allowed to interfere, marshal books according to colors, as they would like to buy them by the yard. Not so the book lover (I mean the man who loves books for their contents). He is kind to his books and, knowing they have souls, wishes them to live happily together. He would not, to take an extreme case, sandwich "Bradshaw" between "Stones of Venice" and "Modern Painters."—London Globe.

Tunnels. A New York newspaper remarks that "ferries come and ferries go, bridges rise and bridges fall, but tunnels last forever." There is a scientific truth in the observation. Of all works of man earthworks, plain earth mounds sodded over, are about the most enduring. A properly constructed tunnel is essentially a work in earth and so almost as permanent as the great globe itself.—Exchange.

Advice. Married Man—Not married yet? Old Chum—No, I'm not. Married Man—Now, see here, old boy, times are changing mighty fast. You take my advice and marry before women get any more emancipated than they are already.—New York Weekly.

May It Last! "Is their married life happy?" "Nothing else. She thinks he is the wisest person on earth and he thinks she is the most beautiful. Perfect, eh?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Difference of Attachment. Romantic Ruth—Love wants all or nothing. Practical Pete—Then love's not like our sheriff, for he'll take anything he can get.—Baltimore American.

A Cinch. Debbsins—Do you know where I can find a lot facing south? Stubbins—Why not try around the north pole? That's a very likely place.

While shame keeps its watch, virtue is not wholly extinguished in the heart.—Burke.

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COMMISSIONER GRAHAM'S REPORT.

Report Shows Balance in Treasury to Credit of Department of \$43,728 — Crop Conditions — Treatment of Hog Cholera.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham submitted his annual report to the State Board of Agriculture Monday, June 12th.

This report shows \$185,766 receipts of the Department for the six months period, December 1 to June 1, 1916, with a balance in the treasury to the credit of the Department of \$43,728 including \$11,748 for outstanding warrants. The fertilizer tonnage for the past six months was 530,346 compared with 577,657 for the corresponding season last year.

The revenue of the Department the past six months included \$106,069, on fertilizer taxes; \$80,876 on cotton seed meal; \$17,344 on feed; \$11,919 on hog serum; \$8,694 on test farm revenue; \$14,597, from lime work; \$4,600 from bleached flour tax.

Concerning the recent primaries and the department status with the people Commissioner Graham makes this statement in his report: "By a majority in three-fourths of the counties as represented in the primary election, all accusations of senile infirmity on the part of the Commissioner, or lack of progress in the work of the Department, have been rebuked and the work approved by the large majority cast for the re-nomination for re-election of the present Commissioner."

"An advance of \$10,000,000 per year in the value of agricultural crops for six years, an annual increase of 5,000,000 bushels of corn and more than a supply of flour to feed the State, and raising from twentieth to fifteenth place in the value of crops, are not signs of retrograde and seems to have been convincing to the voters."

The Commissioner's report shows a shortage of about 30 per cent in the wheat crop, compared with last season, oat crop short about 50 per cent, prospects fine for corn, cotton, tobacco and sweet potatoes. The soja bean is fast becoming a staple crop, with three mills already established for the extraction of oil and manufacture of meal.

The National Department has notified the State Department of Agriculture that it will discontinue its co-operative work for the eradication of hog cholera, and suggests that the work be carried on by the formation of clubs.



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