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LOW WAGES AND CHEAP MEN.

Speaking about finding cheap men to fill public office positions as that there are probably no hundred thousand men in North Carolina who would take the office of Governor at seventy-five cents a day.

The above from the Raleigh Post tells a story which it would have been well for the present Legislature to have considered, before it went into the business of wholesale cutting of the salaries of State and county officials.

What is to be gained by this reduction anyway? Will the tax payers be saved any considerable amount, will it promote good will among the Democratic party workers, and last but not least, what is to be gained by getting a seventy-five cent a day Governor, and twenty dollar a month Superior Court clerks and Registers of Deeds?

Is this what the taxpayers want, incompetent men to fill offices of trust in the State, and yet there can be no question that this low wage movement means just such men for office, for good men will always command respectable pay, and party or no party they will not accept office where the pay is inconsiderable and the trust important.

This reduction of salaries and fees does not come in to effect those now in office, the political enemy, but it will take effect when the next set comes in.

Will there be much cause for enthusiasm in the Democratic party in this State in the next campaign, where every office is found to be short of its pay to a great extent?

There are ways of saving the tax payer, but this Legislature seems to have blundered when it struck down the pay of officials, making low wages, and thereby getting cheap men to fill them.

It is this kind of legislation which increases the army of North Carolina seeking advancement beyond the confines of this State, which they cannot receive at home.

STATES OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the real owner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Toledo, O. sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1888.

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DR. BULL'S Cough Syrup.

There are no trills in every throat, but there is an ailment, and this remedy is especially suited to the throat, which is the seat of the disease, and which is the seat of the disease, and which is the seat of the disease.

Although a great deal of capital, time and labor have been devoted to counterfeiting the diamond, very little success has been obtained from a fraudulent point of view, as the diamond is an extraordinary quality of hardness and brilliancy, with which no imitation, up to now, can attempt to vie.

"Facts" of all kinds can be tested by means of a sharp steel file, which scratches its surface.

A method of successful imitation with diamonds has, however, been discovered, and the originator of this article actually decanted the paragon of London alone in one year of upward of \$500,000.

The general public, as well as jewelers, are aware that diamonds of a yellowish tinge, or as they are called in the trade, "straws," are worth very little.

Large stones of this color, even when weighing from 10 to 100 carats, are quite common and will only fetch in the market from \$5 to \$20 per carat, the value, of course, increasing in ratio with weight.

The methods of the individual referred to were as follows: He purchased a quantity of "yellow" stones, and then by a simple yet ingenious process succeeded in imparting to them an evanescent purity of color.

The next move was to place the ring on the finger, and the well dressed diamond dyer would sally forth, enter a pawnbroker's and pledge the ring for at least three times its worth.

Within 12 hours, however, the effects of the dye would have disappeared, and the pawnbroker could only wonder what on earth was wrong with his eyes when he advanced so much money on such a yellow stone.

Fortunately, owing to the magnitude of this individual's operations, the fraud was discovered, and now pawnbrokers, if they are suspicious of a diamond's color, immerse it in nitric acid, which destroys any dye that may be present without in any way injuring the stone.

GOOD MONEY FOR BAD NEWS. Paid to Learn That Sight Would Leave Him in Six Months.

Somehow it made me feel bad, this happening that I am about to relate. I was in the office of an oculist, one of the leading men in his profession in Pittsburgh. A big, strong and healthy looking man entered. His appearance indicated that he had many years of life before him.

"Doctor," he said, "my eyes have been troubling me, and I would like you to make an examination of them and treat them."

After a few preliminary questions the doctor told him to strip himself to the waist. He took off his clothes and stood there, a magnificent specimen of manhood. The doctor examined him, paying particular attention to his back, for a reason of which I know nothing.

"Put on your clothes," I can do nothing for you. Your sight may last six months, but no longer. Treatment will do no good. Blindness is sure to come."

"What's the matter, doctor?" he asked quietly, with a faint tremor in his voice.

The doctor told him in technical language and then explained that the trouble came from the wasting of a nerve leading from the spine.

"What's your bill, doctor?" asked the man when he got his clothes on.

"Five dollars," replied the doctor. He paid it and left the office without another word. In the fullness of life he walked out into the blessed light of day, doomed within six months to darkness until death. It was an incident to the doctor; to me it was a tragedy.

How Women May Keep Young.

The real secret of youthful features in women is regular menstruation. If there is an irregularity of any nature, if the menses be suppressed or too scanty, too profuse or painful, the trouble will show in the face.

The eyes will be encircled with black, the skin sallow; blotches and pimples will appear, and the sufferer, although young in years, will appear old in looks.

BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR. It cures all ills of the womanly organs, falling of the womb, leucorrhoea or Whites and Bearing-Down Pains.

Not Too Nautical. Publisher—I wish you would write a good sea story.

For a Grippe. Thomas Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash st., corner Johnson st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of the grippe to result in pneumonia.

Want to Know. "What have we stopped here so long for, conductor?" inquired one of the suburban passengers, indignant at the prospect of being late for dinner.

THE FIREMAN'S LIFE. He Cannot Always Finish His Toilet Before His Death.

"Of course every thing about the fire department interests us always," said Mr. Gimby, "but there is one little thing in particular that I've seen a hundred times, and that is that the firemen get into their coats as they go along. You see this among the men on trucks and on hose wagons. The men on the engine have to use their hands to hold on."

Robbed the Grave. A startling incident of which Mr. John Olyer of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, an appetite gradually growing weaker day by day.

THE FUTURE. "That clairvoyant said she would show me some good of the past."

Stopping a Big Steamship. To stop the Errarra, whose displacement is 9,680 tons, horsepower 14,331 and speed 20.18 knots an hour, 3 minutes and 47 seconds are required, and during the process of stopping the ship will travel about 2,464 feet, or nearly a mile.

Married by Blood. In the island of Banguay there is a tribe of Doulos differing widely in language, religion and customs from other tribes bearing that name.

Wanted Advertisement. The author of "Pages From a Private Diary" gives some wretched advertisements, as for instance: "Respectable girls, about 18, wanted for bottling."

Domestic Quick Wit. Dumas found a man asleep in the Teatro Franca during the playing of a piece by his friend Bonnet.

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A Valid Excuse. "Please excuse William from school today," wrote the boy's mother to the teacher, "as he was up late last night studying his lessons and is too sleepy to come today."

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Lots Located on National Avenue, and others equally desirable. A complete water and sewerage system to be introduced.

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