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ANOTHER RACE MEASURE.

A bill to prohibit Northern white teachers from teaching the Negro children of the South has been introduced in the Tennessee legislature.

The Northern teacher is generally kind in his treatment of his colored pupils, whether he be an instructor of the schools of Tennessee or Iowa.

The Southern white teacher, however, is not compelled by law to labor under this prohibitory ban. He discourages the progress of the colored pupil by neglect and intimidation and hinders advancement by culpable disregard of the rights of Negro children in the public schools. This, however, is not such a serious misfortune as it might at first seem. The first result of it was the introduction of the Northern teacher in Southern schools. But the best effect of the cruel indifference of the Southern teacher was the establishment of schools exclusively for colored children, maintained exclusively by the enterprise of the race and taught in every department by colored teachers. The best results in the educational progress of the children of our people in the South have been obtained in schools conducted exclusively by colored instructors of the Negro youth.

Magnificent educational institutions have been established and now being maintained by our people of the South in which most excellent progress is being made in every particular. The success of these schools is far superior to that of the advancement of Negro children in the common schools of the South, where they are subjected to abuse, neglect and mistreatment of every kind possible in such institutions.

This condition has demonstrated to our people another feature of the value of their independence as citizens; and it is the growth of this independence among the colored people of the South and their worthiness of it that have prompted Southern legislators to make unconstitutional provisions against them.

If the copperheads of the South will let the Negro alone, he will outclass them in many essential respects in the next decade. If they continue to attempt to limit the conditions under which he may enjoy political and social life, they will heap coals of fire upon their heads and bring disaster to the industrial interests of all the Southern states.

Americans who have grieved with England over the death of Queen Victoria will be somewhat surprised at the military character promised for the funeral exercises. To Americans she stood for peace, interceding against warfare whenever possible and always regretting it when her intercession was unavailing. Indeed, it is an accepted fact that her grief over the disasters of the war with the Boers darkened her last days and hastened her decline. In the circumstances the naval pageant arranged for the funeral, the military display through London as her body is borne toward its resting place and the fact that the coffin itself is to be carried on a gun carriage to maintain the military character of the obsequies, seem out of keeping with the gentle life and the spirit of peace which ruled it.

Too little attention is being given to the bill recently proposed in the Oregon legislature to regulate the official work of county assessors. It is an important measure and should receive very careful consideration.

Dewet must be neglecting the other branches of his work, these days, judging by the way in which the British have him killing peace envoys.

A vote of the candidates for the post-mastership would probably disclose a large majority in favor of Mark Hanna's ship subsidy bill.

Castellane thinks France and the United States should form a friendly union. Possibly against the London bicyclic dealers.

SENATE TAX REDUCTION BILL.

The senate's plan for the reduction of the special war taxes provides for a cut of nearly \$40,000,000, which is about the amount of reduction contemplated in the house measure. The senate bill proposes to retain several of the taxes which the members of the house decided to remove, while it removes or greatly reduces taxes which the house proposed to maintain. Unless the senators can show good reason for some of their changes the obvious inconsistencies of the bill in its present form will be likely to deprive it of popular approval.

If the bill was framed on the theory that the most burdensome and oppressive of the taxes should be the first to go, there is little in its provisions to show the fact. In some instances, the question of repeal or non-repeal seems to have been settled by purely arbitrary decision. The tax upon bankers' capital, for instance, which the house proposed to maintain, is greatly reduced, but the stamp tax of 2 cents on checks is restored. At the same time, the stamp taxes on mortgages, promissory notes and many other documentary taxes are removed. The chief beneficiaries of the measure apparently would be the brewers, for whereas the house in its bill proposed to reduce the beer tax to \$1.60 a barrel, the senate financiers cut the rate to \$1.50, the effect of the change being that the brewers' taxation would be reduced fully \$14,000,000.

In other words, the stamp tax on checks and various special and documentary taxes, which are distinctly burdensome, are to be permitted to make up for the revenue losses involved in the reduction of the beer tax.

NO RESULT AT SALEM.

The staunch friends of Hon. H. W. Corbett are not at all discouraged by the failure of the caucus proposition on yesterday, but, instead, they view with encouragement the acquisition of strength from the other factions. The delay on the part of McBride's forces is not because they have any hope of success, but rather for the reason that they still hope of being able to organize another faction with strength enough to beat Corbett.

"Beat Corbett, by all means!" is their battle cry now.

The local weather man has everlastingly queered himself in these parts by the blanket, blizzard blasts he's given us lately from the northeast. We of this part of Oregon want rain and plenty of it, at this season, if we may be expected to preserve our health. The Idaho quality of blizzard should be cut off at the inter-state line.

The diplomats may be thankful they are dealing with Li Hung Chang instead of Mr. Wu. With the latter representing China they would probably be paying money to the Chinese and thinking that they got off easy. For one that is not greased Mr. Wu is a smooth proposition.

Reform legislation is not especially apparent at Salem, considering the number of reform politicians who succeeded in being elected to the legislature in June last; and much of that which has already been introduced might be wonderfully improved.

The Wisconsin physician who rubbed smallpox virus over his face and then mingled with the people may not take smallpox, but in some parts of the country he would have been attacked by a much more fatal disease.

Tardiness in the election of United States senator has delayed important legislative work. When will the people have sense enough to perform that task by direct vote?

The machine poets have discovered 458 words that rhyme with Mrs. Nation, and they have only just started.

A Scenic Marvel.

"The Angel of the Alley" produced for the first time in this city on next Sunday, February 10, at the Metropolitan theater, will mark another triumph for those successful managers, Sullivan and Harris. It comes to this city heralded by the press of the country as being the most thrilling realistic production of the year. Dealing as it does with life in that wonderful section of New York which has sheltered so much misery and crime, it cannot fail to interest the public.

The advance sale of tickets is substantial evidence of the popularity of the production, and the management anticipates here its success in other cities.

QUEEN WILHELMINA AND HER FIANCEE.



This picture of Queen Wilhelmina and her betrothed is from the first photograph of the royal pair which has been taken. Queen Wilhelmina's wedding gown will be a thing of beauty and splendor, as the marriage costume of a young queen should be. Woven especially in Lyons and cut in Paris, it has been sent to Amsterdam to be embroidered by the pupils of the art school there. Then it will be returned to Paris to be made. The front of the gown will be of lace souanes. The train and bodice are of silver brocade, and will be embroidered richly in silver threads and spangles. The pattern of the embroidery represents oranges and orange flowers.

SHAFT TO HEROES OF 1776.

Monument to the Revolutionary Dead at Euphrata, Pa.

The Euphrata Monument Association of Euphrata, Pa., has petitioned the State Legislature for an appropriation with which to complete the unfinished memorial shaft in Mount Zion cemetery. The association was organized on the Fourth of July, 1843, for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial on Mount Zion, where nearly 200 revolutionary soldiers are buried. They died in the Cloister Hospital at Euphrata, where they were taken after the battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777. Work on a monument was begun soon after the organization and the corner stone was laid Sept. 11, 1845. Gov. Francis R. Shunk was present and the ceremonies were conducted on an elaborate scale.

The only surviving member of the



association who participated in the ceremonies in 1845 is Jeremiah Mohler, who is now president and at the age of four-score years an untiring worker in behalf of the project.

STONE JUNK IN PEKIN LAKE.

Striking Feature of a Pool in the Chinese Holy City. One of the most remarkable natural features of the capital of China is the holy city of Pekin—the mysteries of which were very little known to the



outside world before its occupation by the allied forces—was a stone building rising out of an encircling lake in the form of a Chinese junk. A correspondent says this stone junk is now a favorite place for luncheon with the foreign officers. The Chinese regarded it with superstitious awe, and none but the priests of high rank was permitted to set foot upon it.

His Skin Acted Well.

A young English actor who had impressed his manager favorably was cast for a difficult role in a new production and his success or failure in it was a matter of vital importance to his future reputation. After the second act on the opening night his friend William Gilbert, the popular dramatist and librettist, went behind the scenes fully realizing that in a kindly word or a sympathetic criticism he would bring hope or despair to the actor. However, on seeing that his friend was in a profuse perspiration he could not resist his own cleverness and contented himself with merely remarking: "How well your skin acts."

The Ruling Language.

At a congress in India, where nine languages were spoken by delegates, the discussions were carried on in English. A proposition has been brought forward to make English the missionary language of the world.

Shoes for Dogs. The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floors.

NOT AS SAID, BUT AS MEANT.

Common News Items Which Might Have Been Made Clearer.

The following news notes may or may not be genuine, but they show the necessity of exercising care in the clear expression of one's thoughts as well as the use of the comma:

Nathan Price who was shot in the suburbs last Wednesday is now able to be around.

Thomas Merrill's property is for sale. It consists of a cottage containing seven rooms and an acre of land.

Edward Jones has opened a shoe store on Front street. Mr. Jones guarantees that any one can have a fit in his store.

The firm of Smith & Thorndyke is once more carrying on business at the old stand. The concern now wants a man to sell on commission.

Mrs. Walter Darrell would like to hear of a good nurse for her child about 30 years of age and with good references. None other need apply.

of 1825 it was announced in Ireland, where Wellesley was Lord Lieutenant, that he was engaged to her, and it was noted in the United States as a curious coincidence that while one American girl had married the brother of Napoleon, another, and she her sister-in-law, should marry the brother of Napoleon's conqueror."

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

A Campaign Story About the Premier of the Canadian Government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has recently been returned to power in Canada with a big majority of Liberals at his back, is scarcely the steady campaigner of the Roosevelt or Bryan type, although he made a tour of the province of Ontario, and on one day, just previous to the elections, made fifteen speeches from his special train.

It was while in opposition that Sir Wilfrid did his hardest campaign work, and, just previous to the elections of five years ago, he made an average of three speeches a day. Senator Dan-

slater to make an immediate triumph in art, to study which she went to New York. She realized in the great city, as she never could have in her rural Southern home, that talent for art is too general to leave much hope for special distinction, and wisely concluded to turn to something that would bring more speedy results. Being an observant young woman, Miss Cartledge noticed that holly and mistletoe brought extremely high prices, and bethought her that on the 500 acres at home in Georgia both grew in wild abundance. She returned home, and she and her sister began to prepare for making the neglected luxuriance of marketable value. In the months of January and February following they set out ten acres of young holly trees with their own hands. Their colored farm-hands would not plant a holly tree for worlds, as they believe that if they did they would die as soon as the tree became tall enough to cast a shadow the measure of their graves. Last Christmas the sisters found the trees so grown



John Bangs who will sail for Europe Saturday would like to find a purchaser for his valuable bulldog. The animal is no care and will eat anything and is very fond of children.

A touching incident was noted at the union station yesterday when an aged couple bade each other good-by. The old lady kissed her husband fervently several times and he kissed her back.

Dr. Franklin White has returned from a trip to Switzerland. Speaking of the robust health of his peasantry, the doctor says: "The strength of the Swiss woman is remarkable. It is nothing unusual for her to wash and iron and milk several cows in one day."

AMERICAN QUEEN OF IRELAND

A Baltimore Heir's Shared the Vice-Royal Throne of Dublin Castle.

Writing of Mary Caton Patterson, in the Ladies' Home Journal, William Perrine recalls that "the Americans read with wondering eyes the stories which came from Ireland of the regal magnificence with which one of their countrywomen was dazzling the British people; how she had become the wife of the brother of the Duke of Wellington, and how the court of the newly wedded pair at Dublin Castle rivaled the brilliancy of royalty itself. She was called 'The American Queen of the Irish Court,' and in no capital of Europe would her flatterers allow that there was a woman who surpassed her in the elegance of her bearing and in the accomplishments of a sovereign. Indeed, she was only one of a group of sisters whom Europeans hailed as 'The American Graces.' Their mother, a daughter of Charles Carroll, had married Richard Caton, a poor English gentleman of handsome face and presence, who settled in Baltimore. Mary, the most famous of the three daughters, married Robert Patterson, a brother of Betsy Patterson, the first wife of Jerome Bonaparte. After the death of her husband, in 1822, the Baltimore belle revisited Europe. Hardly less eminent than the Duke of Wellington before the battle of Waterloo had been his brother, the Marquis of Wellesley. In the spring

durand, who accompanied Sir Wilfrid Saturday would like to plain Mr. Laurier (who was then plain Mr. Laurier) on that tour, tells the following tale:

"One day when Mr. Laurier was suffering from a frightful cold, but had made two speeches, he was nearly in a state of collapse. He was to be at St. Therese in the evening, and, it being a joint meeting of Conservatives and Liberals, his best efforts were needed. We arrived at St. Therese at 5 o'clock in the evening, and, as I was busy with other things, I left Mr. Laurier to go up to his room and rest. I was away perhaps half an hour, and, upon returning, I started to go up to see how he was getting along. I felt my way along the dark passageway leading to the stairs, and was about to go up, when I saw a dark mass crouched just to the right. It was our future great Premier. He had dropped there exhausted. We got him into bed and called in a country doctor, and when 8 o'clock came we had to carry him to the meeting. The Conservative speakers had their first say, and they stayed Mr. Laurier and the Liberals unmercifully. Mr. Laurier sat there in a great fur coat, not moving a muscle. The minute his turn came, however, he jumped up, threw off his coat, and began to speak. It was one of the finest speeches of his life, and he carried the meeting by storm. He spoke with magnificent vigor for over an hour, and when he was through fell back into our arms exhausted. Two days later—the day before the election—he appeared at Lachine, nine miles from Montreal. His voice was gone, he could not say a word, but it needed only his presence and smiling bows to create the greatest enthusiasm among the audience."—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

FORTUNE IN THE MISTLETOE.

Georgian Has Made Money in Providing Wreaths of Holly.

In Georgia there is a farm devoted to mistletoe and holly growing. It is owned by the Cartledge family, consisting of mother and two daughters, but the daughters do the farming. It all began through the failure of the elder

that they required thinning out, and the trees that were removed were sent north for Christmas trees and brought high prices, as they were symmetrical and covered with large, rich berries. They plant the mistletoe berries under the bark of old oak trees in a crack or hole, where they can get a hold as they germinate.

She Waited.

Even a Scotchman cannot always be humorous, if he would. Like other people, however, he is sometimes funny without meaning to be. The Scottish American thinks that the message sent by a young man in Peeblesshire to his waiting bride may have kept her from worrying over his non-appearance, but that she must, after all, have received it with mixed feelings.

The bride elect lived in a village some distance from the home of William the bridegroom. The wedding was to be at her home. On the eventful day the young man started for the station, but on the way met the village grocer, who talked so entertainingly that William missed his train.

Naturally he was in what is known as a "state of mind." Something must be done, and done at once. So he sent the following telegram: "Don't marry till I come. William."

If the bride elect knew her William, she probably knew how he felt when he sent the message, and forgave the mental confusion which resulted in what she must have looked upon as a needless request.

The Right Deduction.

"I ordered 200 pounds of ice today," remarked the young housekeeper, "and our iceman carried it up himself. That shows he's strong, doesn't it?"

"No," snapped the lord of the manor, "it shows that he weighed it himself." Philadelphia Record.

Fortune sometimes makes fools of wise men by bestowing her caresses upon them.

There is always something back of a shadow.