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VANDERBILT'S VIEWS.

On Railroads, Politics, the Country's Industries and Art.

Vanderbilt being interviewed recently, said: "I don't believe there will be so many railroads built this year as there have been. A law must be passed by which, if I am president of a railroad, I cannot be president of a construction company organized to build it. If everybody in the country sticks by the country, everything will be well enough. Those in the country might better work for than against it. Politics change the views of the people. Some think that the country is going to the dogs and others to the contrary."

"What are your politics?"

"I have none at all. I vote on one side as often as on the other. I really don't think that politics amount to anything. I used to be an old line Whig. The balance of power in this country is with the conservative element. I vote for men rather than for a party, except when a national question comes up. Now, there is a good deal more duty on some things than there ought to be—steel, for instance. I believe in supporting our industries. We are getting to a point where our home industries can compare with the production of other countries. The idea of 25% a ton for steel is perfectly outrageous. It is hard for me to say it, but in England or France you can get a guarantee that the articles that you purchase are as good as the manufacturers ever made. Here, if an article goes down in price it is adulterated. This must not lead you to think that I am opposed to American manufactures. I am in favor of America and everything American. Does the duty on pictures protect any one here? The duty used to be ten per cent, and American students were admitted to European schools and studios. Then the duty was put up to thirty per cent. If I had a studio I would not, after this law, admit American students. The duty has stopped people from buying pictures. It has stopped me. Who is going to pay thirty per cent? There ought to be no duty at all. The best market foreign artists had was America."

Negro Justices in Florida.

The position of the governor was certainly a very unpleasant one and beset with many trials and difficulties. Nearly every man of any prominence black or white, wanted an office, and if he failed to get it, concluded, of course, that the governor had "gone back on him." The position of justice of the peace was peculiarly attractive to the colored brother. When appointed he did everything in his power to annoy and irritate the white man. The first thing he did was to hunt up an old black coat of the forked-tailed vintage and a pair of ponderous spectacles. He seemed to consider these the paraphernalia of official life. It made no difference to him that the judge would have better than David Davis, or that the glasses in his iron-clad spectacles was the ordinary window glass. They invested him with a very portentous look, and were very effective in the examination of a witness.

Some very amusing stories are related of these ornaments of the judicial bench who took supreme delight in being called "judge." One whose temple of justice was located in Jackson county, after his first official month had passed, refused to hear more than one side in the many disputes that came before him, very logically remarking that if he heard both sides it confused him in arriving at a decision. Another, in the case of a debtor in satisfaction for the claim. Another still, in one case at least, fined both plaintiff and defendant, stating that all were equal now, and that he intended to administer the most impartial justice. In some cases the newly-appointed officer would borrow money from the governor to carry him to his political reservation.—Hamilton Jay.

What Candy Is Made Of.

On complaint of Robert Wilkins, superintendent of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Health Commissioner Raymond, of that city, recently had analyses made of samples of a candy known as "rock and rye drops," which has been largely sold of late, especially to children. The analysis showed that the confection was flavored with fuel oil, enough being contained in two pounds to make a fatal dose. The New York Tribune subsequently interviewed several candy manufacturers from whom it ascertained that terra alba, glucose, fuel oil, butyric acid and alcoholic liquors are used in making and flavoring candy. One of these manufacturers said: "The most dangerous coloring matter used in cheap candies is probably the yellow. For that chrome is used, which is simply chromate of lead, and is poisonous. We use for yellow a vegetable substance which we import from Germany. It is said to be made of carrots. For red, cochineal is used, and for brown burnt amber, both of which are harmless. In fact, the only dangerous color is yellow. The flavoring extracts which the manufacturers of cheap candies use, are, I think, apt to be deleterious. Banana, pineapple, strawberry and raspberry flavoring of the cheaper kinds contains fuel oil and butyric acid. This is also true of the cheap flavoring extracts sold in grocery stores."

A lecturer on "The Ten Commandments" was recently delivered in a western town, and the local paper spoke of it as a novel and brilliantly original ode of morals, which will be likely to make a stir in the world when it becomes widely known.

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Constitutional Questions in Norway.

The Norwegian parliament is singularly composed. One branch of it consisting of eighty-five members selected by a popular vote, has the nomination of twenty-nine members who form the upper chamber. As a consequence the two houses are always in harmony. There can be no opposition except from the royal palace. The question has now arisen whether the king's veto is merely a suspensory, or absolute, whether he can actually stop legislation, or only delay it. The University of Christiania, sustained by a large majority of the bench and bar of the kingdom, has through its faculty unanimously declared that the royal veto is absolute. Against this dictum the people have determinedly arrayed themselves, and secured the vantage ground in the storming. "No absolute veto" has for some years been the popular aspiration on which elections have been contested and carried. Recently the storming passed a bill compelling the ministers to sit in the house, and therefore become responsible to that body. The vote stood ninety-two against twenty-one. Still the king interposed another veto. The majority of the house embraced nearly all the landed proprietors of Norway, men of different shades of political opinion, Conservatives and Liberals of separate schools, yet in accord with the popular demand and the decision of the supreme court.

A serious question is the result. It is discussed whether the majority of the Norwegian, judging from his determined manifestation against the prerogative, are or are not republicans at heart and in their intentions. The country is full of "Liberal leagues," delegates from which have met in convention. The first resolution, adopted with a dissenting no, was in these words: "The object of the leagues is on the basis of the constitution and of the union with Sweden, to unite Liberal leagues of the country toward the realization of self-government in the state as well as in the commune." What will the king do about it? He is represented as personally popular, but under hard guidance. If he yields, he may save himself under the provisions of a popular constitution, to which a number of his would-be republican people assent. If he refuse, he must, from present appearances, look out for his crown.

Food Deceptions.

There seems to be no limit to the genius that revels in the counterfeiting of natural products. Artificial eggs and coffee have come to be quite well known in some portions of the country, but manufactured oysters are about the newest things in the long list of deceptions that have from time to time astonished the public. The main difficulty in this new oyster business was that found in making the substance adhere to the shell apparently natural; but now a person has invented a glue that has overcome the trouble, and the bivalve is lovely. The exact composition of the imitation is not stated, but copper is an important ingredient.

The time was when one could sit down to his own table and know just what he was eating for a meal; but now it takes a chemist and a laboratory to find out the nature and substance of that which goes to sustain the inner man, unless he confines himself to the whole grains and growing fruits and produce of his own kitchen garden.

Maternal Devotion.

The London Daily News prints this story of maternal devotion: During a severe fire four little ones were lying asleep in a house. The mother rushed in, though choked back several times by the smoke, and brought out three of her offspring. She was obliged for certain reasons to carry them one by one. Going back for the fourth, she could not return, but the charred bodies of the two were found side by side. The mother was a cat.

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