

IN TEN YEARS.

Ten years ago last Friday Dewey steamed into Manila harbor, where his victorious ships soon pulled down a flag that Magellan had unfurled centuries before. He had no battleship. The country possessed at that time but four battleships, and the largest one measured but 360 feet. Dewey's fleet is now obsolete, and if any of his ships are retained in the navy they are performing humble duties, for in the ten years that have elapsed naval construction has been revolutionized. Warship follows warship, each one faster, better protected, equipped with heavier guns, longer, with greater displacement than its predecessor. Turbines are supplementing reciprocating engines, and no one can foresee what ten years more of change and naval ambition may lead to. The battleship of today is nearly 600 feet long, carrying about 25 rifled guns, and protected by armor nearly two feet thick. Dewey's ships of ten years ago were weaklings when compared with the Connecticut and the Delaware of today.

Ten years and six days after Dewey fought and won the battle of Manila bay 46 vessels of the American navy will enter the Golden Gate, for on tomorrow morning the fleets of the Atlantic and the Pacific will then and there be united. Eighteen battleships will be in line, followed by 28 cruisers, gunboats, destroyers, torpedo boats and auxiliaries. It will be the greatest parade of modern fighting ships that this world, old as it is, has ever known—the product of a single decade.

But what of the coming decade? The cost of a great battleship today is \$10,000,000, and ten years hence, as things naval are going, it may be twice that sum. But, in a change of century—a century of ship canals, of flying machines, of wireless telephony, or at least telegraphy, and of the solution of difficult economic problems, nothing will seem astonishing. Certainly not the \$20,000,000 battleship, which will be a floating fortress, 1,000 feet long and supplied with rifled guns whose range and penetration would now seem almost incredible.

But, amid all these changes men and women will be essentially unchanged, leading among these wonders of construction lives not materially unlike the lives lived 1000 years ago or the lives that will be lived 1000 years hence. Humanity is, in other words, a stand-patter amid elements of change and perhaps of progress.

CORNELIUS, the disinherited, has Alfred, the favorite, beaten several city blocks in public esteem. Cornelius Vanderbilt's crime consisted in marrying the girl of his choice, and he is happy, contented and highly respected. Alfred is doing the coach act in another country.

THE Connecticut delegates are to go to Denver un instructed, although the convention declared its allegiance to the principles of government enunciated and expounded by William Jennings Bryan.

THE daughter of our ambassador to London is to marry a scion of the English nobility next summer, and there will be no republican simplicity in the event.

W. G. CONRAD, formerly a Virginian, and very rich, is being boomed by Southerners in New York for second place on the ticket at Denver.

A CRADLE costing \$1,000 has just been imported for a Chicago baby, but a baby in the next block may sleep as well in a 60-cent crib and get to the White House first.

MAYBE Tom Watson expects to get some satisfaction from being given a place in the list of those who also ran.

Cotton Appointments.

Mr. S. H. Hobbs who is doing such earnest work for the State Cotton Growers Association has the following appointments to speak in Wayne county:

New Hope township—Caseys Chapel 8 p. m. Thursday May 7th.
Goldsboro—Court House 1 p. m. Friday May 8th

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NEWS FROM WALTER.

Interesting News Items From that Prosperous Neighborhood

ARGUS BUREAU.
WALTER, N. C.
May 6, 1908.

Mr. Bob Brown, of your city, spent Sunday here on a visit to homefolks.

Mrs. Lora Pate and children, of your city, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Aycock, from near Pinkney, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mrs. Aycock's mother, Mrs. Lon Dall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howell and children were made desperately sick one night last week from drinking buttermilk, which is supposed contained the same poison as that which produces similar sickness sometimes from eating ice cream.

The different Sunday Schools met at Ebenezer last Sunday to practice for the Convention which convenes at Pine Forest on Saturday the 16 of this month. Much interest is being manifested, and a good meeting, and large crowd is anticipated.

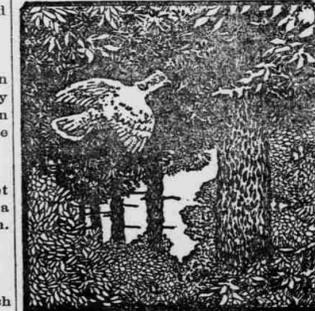
Mr. Toby Howell and Mrs. Herbert Howell attended the funeral of Mrs. Devereaux Howell, near Pikeville, last Monday, she being the wife of Mr. Howell's brother, Devereaux, who is in his eighty-sixth year. Mr. Howell lived in this community many years and has many friends here. We understand he will break up housekeeping and make his home with his sons.

We were talking to Alex, the old darkey who has been in the family ever since the "srender," about the cyclone, and we remarked that it was a very severe wind. He replied, "yas sir, I was er setting un-un-under de barn en-en-seed it er comin', en-en-it went no win, no sah, it-it-was er regular sowcon, en-en-er bad one at dat. Shore, why it skeered me, I-I thought I jus gone."

We often hear the remark that money can do anything, and it always reminds us of a trip to Ocean View a few summers ago. Our neighbor, Toby Howell accompanied us, and it was the first time he had ever seen the ocean. After he had looked at it for sometime, we asked him how he liked it. There was a heavy tide, and the waves rolling high. He replied that he did like one thing about it, and that was it ran towards him all the time. He looked out across the vast expanse of blue again, and said to us, "Do you remember Mr. Sampson Edwards?" We told him we did very well. "Well, says he, I've heard him say many a time, that if you would give him plenty of money he could do anything, but I'll be confounded if he had'n't hung his match, if he had tried to ditch that thing."

Mr. Luther Smith and Miss Besie Cove were married last Sunday morning, Squire James Edwards, at whose house the ceremony was performed, spoke the words which made the happy pair man and wife. The only attendants were Mr. Jesse Crocker and Mr. Ben Sasser, who stood up with them, and Mr. Robert Beard. The wedding was not a Gretina Green affair, but was of the nature of a surprise. After the ceremony the bride

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and groom took dinner at the home of the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith, and have taken up the duties of housekeeping at the home of the groom. The best wishes of the community go out to them for a happy pilgrimage through life.

PROHIBITION.

Having been asked several times our position in regard to Prohibition, we here give our view of it as it appears to us: So far as the law itself is concerned, we are not in sympathy with it, not that it is a case with us of "My God Almighty, my heart is with you, but my stomach is against you." But from the fact that we believe high license (and we mean high), open saloons (OPEN, mind you)—and drunkenness punishable by fine and service on the county roads, preferable to blind tigers, and judgments suspended. However, the question to decide is a great, moral one, and viewing it from a moral standpoint, and realizing that it is the most important issue that the State has ever had to deal with since we arrived at the age of manhood, we feel that it would be compromising our interests in the welfare of our fellowman, trampling under foot the pleadings of hundreds of good women and thousands of helpless children, when the curse of drink renders most pitiful and deprived of all that goes to make life worth living, were we to vote against it. The great moral issue involved appeals to us, and were we as great a devotee as ever paid homage to Bacchus we would gladly sacrifice our own tastes and indulgences if it would be the means of rescuing some fellow being from the whirlpools of degradation and final loss of soul, to which the cup leads.

We were talking to an esteemed friend, one of the best farmers in the country, a man with several sons and grandsons, who said he could not support it. We told him we could not vote a saloon at his door unless we were willing to have one at our own. "No," he replied, "I would not let you vote one at my door."

"That is just it," we replied, and when you vote for saloons you vote to put one at somebody's door. As we think of it, the more the moral side of the question looms up before our mind and duty to ourselves, our country and our Maker demands of us the exercise of our franchise in eradicating that which is responsible for more crimes, more heartaches, more sorrow and unhappy homes than all else combined.

Viewing it from the standpoint we do it appeals to us deeply; it resolves itself into a question of right and wrong, and as such, we cannot fail to place the stamp of our approval on it as we see the right, and in so doing have the assurance of knowing that we are on the side of morality, religious and all else that goes to make the world better, and the consciousness of the approval of heaven itself.

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LIST OF LETTERS

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- MEN'S LIST.
- A—Clark Aldredge.
 - B—J B Bennett, Jordan Bryant, Autha Bune, B Z Blackmon, John D Boone.
 - E—S P Edwards, S L Edgerton.
 - G—L B Griffin.
 - H—Jesse Hartley, F J Home, W S Hastings, T J Home.
 - J—Johnie Johnson.
 - K—R D Kennedy, Henry E King, Earnest Kornegay.
 - M—J W Marshall, Frank Myers.
 - N—E B Nelson.
 - R—S P Radford.
 - S—Chas Simson, W T Saunders, Ben J Smith, C R Styron, Alber Sasser.
 - W—Sholote West.

- LADIES LIST.
- A—Louie Atkinson.
 - B—Mary Baker, Deany Bryant, Spicy Bennett, Susan Baker.
 - C—Lessie Capps.
 - D—J C Davis, Dharity Dean, Est Doney.
 - F—Jane Farmer, Martha Foster.
 - H—Hattie Harrell, Cora Ham (2), George Hall.
 - J—Bessie Johnson.
 - M—Bryant McCullen.
 - R—Mary Ralford, Cassie Rizzo.
 - S—Hazel Shepperd.
 - T—Mattie Thompson.
 - W—Ida Warn.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. Rules and regulations require that one cent be paid on advertised letters.
J. F. DOBSON,
Postmaster.

ELDER GOLD'S VIEWS.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Some days ago the editor of this paper addressed a note to Elder P. D. Gold, the editor of Zion's Landmark and the ablest leader of the Primitive Baptist church, asking his views upon the pending State prohibition proposition. Everybody who knows Elder Gold knows that he stands against whatever is wrong and for what he conceives to be for the right, and that he does so with toleration and charity for others. Answering that letter Elder Gold writes as follows, giving permission to print his views:

"To the Editor: From my youth I have considered whatever encourages drunkenness a damaging business, to good morals, and to everything else that is praiseworthy. Therefore, I have never from the outset of this prohibition campaign intended to vote for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks.

"While I do not consider Prohibition, as it is called, will exterminate the evil of drunkenness, yet I cannot give my vote for what might seem to encourage the great evil of drunkenness.

"I would love to live in a country where every man is sober. 'It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.'—Rom. xiv:21.

"Let every man vote in this matter as seems right to him, or not vote. Bitterness should not be encouraged, but liberty of conscience should be allowed. Let your moderation be shown. I do not desire to control the votes of others. I desire to preach the Gospel which contains every good thing, and prohibits evil.

"Respectfully,
"P. D. GOLD.

"Wilson, N. C., May 2, 1908."
In this brief letter Elder Gold has given the chief reason that will actuate good men in refusing to vote "for the manufacture or sale of whiskey." Every sensible man knows Elder Gold states the truth when he says: "I do not consider that Prohibition, as it is called, will exterminate the evil of drunkenness." Of course it will not do that. It will lessen the evil and remove temptation, but no human law can make men good. Elder Gold, while looking at the question as it is and not carried away by any false hopes, adds, "Yet I cannot give my vote for what might seem to encourage the great evil of drunkenness." He then quotes the Word of God in support of his view and concludes with righteous admonition to "Let every man vote in this matter as seems right to him, or not vote. Bitterness should not be encouraged but liberty of conscience should be allowed."

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Ambitions and Prospects of Men
Strutting and Fretting Their
Hour on the Stage.

(By Special Wire to the ARGUS.)

Washington, D. C., May 6.

Governor Hanly, of Indiana, has accepted the invitation to deliver the speech nominating Vice-President Fairbanks for the Presidency at the Chicago convention.

William H. Ryan, of Chanute, has announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor of Kansas on the Democratic ticket. The principal plank of his platform will advocate the taxation of corporations to the same extent as the home and the farm.

M. Linn Bruce, who is regarded as a possible candidate for governor of New York on the Republican ticket, is 47 years old and has been practicing law in New York city since 1889. He was lieutenant governor of New York in 1904-6 and before that he was a justice of the State Supreme Court.

Joseph P. Tracy, who may be the Prohibition candidate for the Presidency, is a railroader, who started with Theodore Shonts 21 years ago on the Indiana and Illinois railroad, and worked up to the position of general manager. He joined the Prohibition party in 1896 and four years ago he founded the Lincoln temperance movement.

The Denver auditorium in which the Democratic national convention will meet in July will have seating accommodations for 14,000 persons. For the general public 3,143 seats will be provided, divided as follows: Seven hundred on the first floor, 1,899 in the balcony and 544 in the gallery. Space has been provided for all the telegraph companies and for private wires. Each of the two leading telegraph companies has been allotted 1,700 square feet of floor space.

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