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POLITICS AND STATE SCHOOLS

In a recent interview, Governor Robert L. Williams was quoted as follows:

"My purpose is to put the state educational institutions upon a high basis; every head or member who seeks to hold office by political artifice or intrigue shall be driven out and only men who stand on their merit shall remain. I will not be intimidated by false charges. These matters will be settled by a board regularly constituted by law. My object is that these state institutions shall be run on merit and without partisanship."

It is known that the members of the state board of education are in sympathy with the statement of the governor.

As an illustration that the administration of our state schools is free from political domination, the records will be quite the best evidence. Let us refer to them.

The new head of the school for deaf at Sapulpa was selected from Dakota. Could he have had any political influence in this state? Assuredly not. He was selected for merit alone.

When a vacancy occurred more than a year ago at the school of mines, a head for that institution was chosen from the federal service. Merit was the element which placed him in the position.

About the same time the board found it advisable to make a change at the Southwestern Normal school. The former president was not retired to make room for a person high in political favor. His successor was chosen for efficiency. And the educator who was removed was not dropped from the service of the state, but was unanimously selected to be an instructor at Oklahoma's greatest university.

About a year ago, dissensions prevailed at the Southeastern Normal school. The president of the school was asked to resign. No politics entered into the action of the board. His successor was chosen from another state, and all know that as such resident he had no political influence in Oklahoma. He could not even vote.

Recently the state board deemed it wise to make a change in the East Central normal. This was not done at the direction of the governor. Nor were the spoils of a political nature considered. The board believed a change would add to the efficiency of the school. The new head comes from another state. He is without political influence in Oklahoma. He could not even deliver his own ballot to any faction which might wish it. Hence there could be no political aspect to his selection.

Not many weeks ago the president of the Northwestern normal was asked to resign. Immediately idle gossip screamed "politics." There was a thin cloud of battle. Before the cloud had widened, the state board had appointed the former head of the Alva school to be the president of Central normal, Oklahoma's greatest school of its class.

There have been some other changes. Always the motive has been for the betterment of our schools, Oklahoma's greatest asset. No person has been placed in a position of school responsibility for political reasons.—Oklahoman.

A JAR FOR SOME SAINTS.

It must have been a decided jar for some saints, as well as for the ranting evangelists who rave over the sins of young folks who "trip the light fantastic toe, when Prof. Fitzgerald S. Parker, of Nashville, Tenn., dug up the information that John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, once stopped over in London, while on his way home from Oxford, to enjoy dancing with his sisters and on the same occasion he went to see a play.

Thus did the sainted Wesley indulge in two of those wicked "worldly amusements" which have so long been under the ban. Prof. Parker, objecting to the church invading the domain of individual conscience, warned the Methodist conference against specifically prohibiting dancing and similar amusements. Worse still, the Nashville papers say Bishop Collins Denny and Prof. Willett, of Vanderbilt university, approved what Prof. Parker had to say.

"The life of the founder of our church," said Prof. Parker, "must ever be re-interpreted and re-applied to the conditions of human life and the advancement of civilization."

All of which is also interesting for the reason that it will doubtless revive in church circles the discussion of a question which has already received attention out of all proportion to its comparative importance.

"Well," said Richard, after due reflection, "this fifth marriage ain't going to seem so natural. Old Parson Begg's off on a trip to Europe, and he's never failed to tie the knot for me. I said to Mary that I didn't think it would feel like a wedding without Parson Begg; but she said that it was her turn to choose, and that she meant to start off with that young minister that just come to town, and that if he did well she guessed she'd stick to him. She didn't explain what she meant, but it sounded kinder ominous to me."—Exchange.

Real Thing in Success. Some men succeed because they inherit wealth with which to overcome adverse circumstances; but the man who makes good with only his brain and his hands as his capital is the real thing.

TERSE VERSE A pretty girl—ankles small—a muddy crossing—that is all. A woman is unmarried, of course, when she's granted a divorce. Unless there's a big purse in sight, it doesn't pay to start a fight. Blondes are anxious to be wedded, but of course they are light-headed.

EXPRESS PACKETTES. Flowers they placed upon the grave of each soldier, true and brave, Gone upon his last furlough To the land where lurks no foe.

It might not be a bad idea to put Clyde Mattox on the police force. Si Simp says he notices that he always feels more like eating when he is hungry.

It is hard on the dogs but the cops need a little more practice with their shootin' irons. However, Teddy is making a pretty strenuous campaign for a man who is not a candidate.

Another reason why we would like to be a banker is because they always take all the holidays that are coming to them.

But you can hardly blame the gardeners if they lose a little of their enthusiasm when the mercury begins to play around the nineties.

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BLACK—TAN—WHITE SHINE WITH SHINOLA AND SAVE At all dealers—Accept no substitute

Ad Melton believes in pulling a friend out of trouble even if he has to go to police court.

Like all the rest of 'em, H. N. Mullican makes a stall about being good while his wife is away.

They are coming tomorrow—the bill peddlers, and probably they don't like it any better than you do.

It's a long time till the Fourth of July but the political orators are already practicing preparedness.

Evidently Chief Gattis is a man of great self-restraint. He hasn't been pinched yet for speeding his pretty new car.

"Oscar" has lost none of his skill in using the typewriter since he left Chickasha. His story of the Alabama booze raid was what is technically designated as a "medium-boiled" good one.

A STOLEN SMILE 'ER TWO.

An Ominous Observation. A man in Westfield, Mass., who had been married four times, was so unfortunate as to lose all his wives. Such a matter of course had his weddings come to be in Westfield that when, after a year of widowhood, he announced his fifth engagement, one of the neighbors said:

When the Peons Profited American Soldiers, in Their Progress Through Mexico, Threw Away Silver Money Too Heavy to Carry.

On the only occasion when American soldiers and marines got further than Vera Cruz on the job of "cleaning up Mexico" they threw away money on the march and paid as much as \$1.50 for a canteenful of water.

That was in the days of "wooden ships and iron men," when General Scott's army marched from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. There was a company of marines from the San Jacinto with the army. Instead of the present-day khaki they wore blue with white belts that had to be carefully pipe-cleaned.

The marines, deprived of the grog that Uncle Sam served them daily on shipboard, in that year of 1846, suffered greatly from thirst on the road to the capital. Water was scarce, and sometimes they paid as much as \$1.50 for a canteenful. They had been paid in silver before starting from Vera Cruz, and finding that the money was too heavy to carry they threw it away. The peons along the way profited from that march.

Another "Voyage of the Sunbeam." Lord Brassey has placed at the disposal of the government of India his steam yacht Sunbeam, which was also utilized for the same purpose last autumn in the Mediterranean.

There can be very few yachts in commission which have seen so much active service as the Sunbeam, for it must be more than forty years since the first Lady Brassey made the ship a household word by her account of a voyage round the world in it. A few years ago, it will be remembered, the gallant old yacht was entered for a transatlantic race for sailing yachts, and made quite a good showing, among the younger and larger boats, though not the first to reach the goal.

Chance for the Battered. An ancient, storm-battered British trawler, with leaking sides and a worn-out engine, is worth more to the owner these days than a new spick and span craft with equipment, a dry hold and fast engines. Similarly the one-eyed skipper, who had a hard time getting a job before the war, is in more demand than one without physical defect.

The reason for this is that all serviceable trawlers and able-bodied skippers are snapped up by the admiralty. Meantime, owing to the shortage of craft, the old tubs and their derelict masters are making a fortune in fishing. It is true, they engage in a risky business and run the chance of both mines and submarines, but the reward for a good catch is several times that of the old days.

STATUES IN EUROPEAN CITIES

Things That Impressed English Author When He Visited Capitals of Germany and Russia.

It is interesting to recall at the present time, when Russia and Germany are warring, what Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland," wrote in his diary of Berlin and Petrograd, the rival capitals, during a continental tour he took as long ago as 1867—even before the Franco-Prussian war.

After commenting upon the enormous number of statues in Berlin, Lewis Carroll goes on to say that one of the types of statue most frequently seen is "the colossal figure of a man killing, about to kill, or having killed (the present tense is preferred) a beast. A dragon is the correct thing, but if that is beyond the artist, he may content himself with a lion or a pig. The beast-killing principle has been carried out everywhere with a relentless monotony, which makes parts of Berlin look like a fossil slaughter house."

He continues his tour, and eventually comes to Petrograd. This is his description: "There is a fine equestrian statue of Peter the Great near the admiralty; the horse is rearing, and has a serpent coiled about his hind feet. If this had been put up in Berlin Peter would, no doubt, have been actively engaged in killing the monster, but here he takes no notice of it; in fact, the killing theory is not recognized."—London Tit-Bits.

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HEALTH GUYEDS

For a sore toe, first cut off the toe.

For sore feet select only the best carpets.

For a child prone to convulsions, try the movies.

To secure a smooth complexion, use sandpaper.

Gray hair is a boon. It may be dyed any color.

For indigestion, drink anything that will divert the mind.

Before an attack of appendicitis, examine bank account.

For chills, hot air; for fever, ice; for sweats, a mangle.

Don't insist on keeping your health all the time. It's stingy.

Eliminate boils as soon as they appear, using scissors or file.

When germs are present, kill them; saving yourself if possible.

All bad eyes should be replaced with glass. It is sanitary.

In sudden illness be sure to be fragrant of whisky. This will facilitate police diagnosis.

The rest cure demands beds and crutches instead of chairs, this being the most recent discovery essential thereto.

Nothing will break up a stiff joint like machinery. If, however, that should fail, employ either boiling or freezing.

An attack of neuralgia may be shortened by removing so much of the affected nerve. Repeat as often as desired.

If you are deaf you are unfortunate in not being able to enjoy necessary noise. But, fortunately, you do enjoy the unnecessary.

If the throat is sore, remove tonsils; if sore, remove the larynx; if that is not sufficient, examine thoroughly and operate on the nose, ears, or stomach, as preferred.—Judge.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

It's on his bending knees a man acquires baggy trousers.

Don't cast pearls before swine. They are not fattening.

A good way to make a slow horse fast is not to feed him.

It is easiest to arbitrate after you have licked your opponent.

A good thing may be cheap, but a cheap thing is seldom good.

It doesn't pay a merchant to let the sheriff do his advertising.

Sometimes a man stops at a hotel in order to avoid home comforts.

A lot of people pray as if they thought the lord needed their advice.

If a woman has a mirror in her room there is where the carpet wears out first.

Beware of the smooth individual. It's the rough cogs in the wheel that do the work.

WEDDING CEREMONIES

In the old service books the bridegroom promised to take his bride not only "for richer, for poorer," but also "for fairer, for fouler."

It was formerly the custom for rings to be distributed at weddings. At an Elizabethan wedding over £4,000 worth were given away.

Formerly no wedding, rich or poor, took place without the happy pair being escorted to and from the ceremony with music.

MAJESTY OF CALMNESS

Be calm.

Be dignified.

So many try it.

So few realize it.

Calmness gives poise.

There's real majesty in it.

Compare those who have it with others.

And then decide to achieve calmness for yourself.

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Luxury Tax for Duns.

The proposed Danish ban on luxuries, known as the "luxury tax," is expected to include tobacco, flowers, raisins, currants, wines, caviar, truffles, lobsters, oysters, tea, coffee, coconuts, hats, plumage, corsets, dresses, perfumes, laces, ornaments, watches, books, magazines and paper.

Decision Means Success.

Success in life depends far more upon decision of character than upon the possession of what is called genius. The man who is perpetually hesitating as to which of two things he will do, will do neither.—William Wirt.

Disappointed Hopes.

A depositor of the Milton (Del.) bank, who had heard there was a premium on Lincoln pennies, brought twelve pounds of them to the bank and found they were still only worth a penny each.

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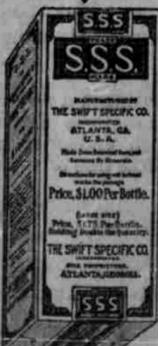
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