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We Want Good Men.

We regret very much to see good men declining positions on the county board of control under the Carey-Cothran law. The cry has been heretofore that dishonesty was rife in every department of the former system. Now, we would like to know how there is to be any change for the better unless we can induce men to serve on this board whose integrity is above suspicion.

The men appointed on the State commission set a good example to those who are appointed in the counties by accepting the appointment. No one who knows these men can believe otherwise than that they did so at a personal sacrifice.

In many counties the local boards comprise men of excellent calibre. Now, what is Williamsburg going to do? When good men refuse to serve can the new law be expected to succeed? Certainly not; it is a predestinate failure.

This is a serious matter which vitally affects the interest of the whole county and we sincerely hope that there can be found the proper men who are willing to sacrifice personal feeling for the public good.

The dispensaries are still closed and from present indications they will remain for some time yet in a state of "innocuous desuetude."

A county dispensary means that the credit of the county will be involved at least \$75,000. Suppose it were a bank of that capital to be operated by the county, could too much care be taken in choosing the directors? Now, where is the difference?

Believing that most of our readers are interested in the new liquor law we publish this week the full text of the Carey-Cothran act, with all amendments as signed by Governor Ansel. To get out these extra pages in addition to our regular eight page, all home print edition entailed considerable expense, but we want the readers of THE RECORD to keep posted on the affairs of State and this new law is of too sweeping importance to be a negligible quantity.

Hot Supper at Benson.

The "hot supper and auction party given last Thursday evening at the residence of Mr J G McCullough for the benefit of Cedar Swamp school, was a pronounced success, the net proceeds amounting to \$66.75. This will be applied to the school building fund. A very handsome building is in process of construction, which, when completed, will cost \$700. About \$600 of this amount has already been raised.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Promptness and Politeness in Answering Dinner Invitations.

There was once a great man, whose name I have forgotten, but it is not important to this narrative, who gave his son this bit of social advice: "Answer a dinner invitation within twenty-four hours after you receive it. If you accept, let nothing short of your death prevent your going, and if you die arrange for a substitute in your will. Whatever you do, for heaven's sake be prompt in the doing."

Along the same lines was a note received by a certain Washington hostess from the valet of an attaché of one of the legations. "M. — regrets that he cannot come to Mrs. D.'s dinner, but he died last night." Now, a funeral in the family is usually accepted as a very good reason for not doing anything, but little short of one can excuse a lack of punctuality in matters social. Whatever you are, be prompt.

A few years back it was considered rather a nice thing to come in just a little late. Girls going to balls spoke with pride of being among the last arrivals. Novelists who would chronicle the doings of the smart set got into the fashion of opening their choicest chapters with a vision of the hostess and those of her guests who were underbred or unfortunate enough to have arrived on time sitting in dejected state awaiting the honored guest of the evening, who always made it a point to appear just fifteen minutes after the hour set in the card of invitation, but "we have changed all that."

Punctuality, the politeness of kings, is once more to the fore. If you want to be popular with those who entertain, answer your invitations as soon as you receive them. Personally I think a telephone invitation a twentieth century species of inquisition. How can you think of fitting excuses for not going or properly enthusiastic reasons for going when you are confronted with a gaping bit of metal in the shape of a transmitter? But the telephone has had its use as well as its abuse in that it has obliged the otherwise tardy to come up to time.

The more informal and personal the invitation the prompter should the answer be. If you are going to be merely an atom in a vast assemblage, then you may be pardoned for letting your reply to your bidding dally, but if you are to be one of a chosen few such hesitancy is one of the blunders that are worse than crimes.

Decline if you will, accept if you see fit, but, whatever you do, for heaven's sake be prompt in the doing.—Philadelphia North American.

Australia's Caves.

The Narracoote caves, in south Australia, are situated in the southeastern portion of the state, the principal chamber, known as the "big cave," with its magnificent profusion of beautiful stalactites and stalagmites, forming a dazzling spectacle when illuminated by the magnesium light. In a second chamber, or cave, nature has been prodigal of the mystical ornament with which the whole place abounds. There are pillars so finely formed and covered with such dainty trellis work, curious drippings of lime creating such wonderful masses of lovely scroll work, that the eye is bewildered with the extent and rarity of the adornment. It is like a palace of ice, with a rich profusion of frozen silvery cascades and fountains all around. Western Australia possesses also a couple of extensive cave systems which fairly rival those of New South Wales, Queensland and south Australia.

Something of a Psychologist.

When Jenkins received an autograph copy of his friend Clement's latest book on the "Genetic Theory of Knowledge," he immediately sat down and acknowledged the gift, saying that he "anticipated great pleasure in its perusal."

"Why didn't you read it first?" asked his wife. "Then you could have said something much nicer than that."

"Ethel," said Jenkins as he gave Clement's book a conspicuous place on the library table, "I have a feeling that this is one of the times when my forethought would be better than my mind thought."

Tar and Feathers.

Tar and feathers are not a peculiarly American punishment. Richard the Lion Hearted first proclaimed this punishment. It was when he was setting out for the third crusade that he gave warning that "a robber who shall be convicted of theft shall have his head cropped after the fashion of a champion, and boiling pitch shall be poured thereon, and the feathers of a cushion shall be shaken out on him, so that he shall be known."—St. Louis Republic.

Bee's Laxative Cough and Tar, the original laxative cough syrup, acts as a cathartic on the bowels. It is made from the tar gathered from the pine trees of our own country, therefore is the best for children. It is good for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Try our offer.

A SOURED CONDUCTOR.

Incident That Changed His Theory of Street Car Etiquette.

It was O'Brien's first day on the job. He had served his probation term as conductor on the Sixth avenue line and after a few days of anxious waiting had been told to report for duty the following morning. Ten o'clock found him bound downtown on the poop deck of a yellow car with a bunch of change in his pocket and a heart full of pride and hope.

O'Brien had ideas of his own regarding how a conductor should act in the performance of his duties. He had read from time to time stories in the newspapers which reflected severely upon the manners of the man who pulls the bell. He determined to be an exception to what seemed to be the general rule. He would be uniformly kind and polite to old and young and never lose his temper. Perhaps, he mused, by following this course he might some day get to be superintendent.

The trip from the car barns down to Forty-second street was comparatively without incident, save that the motorman's feelings were outraged and his soul irrevocably lost because O'Brien refused to ring the starting bell until an alighting passenger had both feet safely on the ground or an incoming one was well within the car.

Down in the shopping district O'Brien saw his first chance to put his real theory into practice. A woman on the crosswalk signaled for the car to stop. Beside her was a little girl of perhaps six years. In the woman's arms was an infant still in swaddling clothes, with tiny flaxen curls peeping out from under a cap. The woman started to help the little girl up the step. O'Brien sprang forward, seized the child and swung her easily to the platform.

"Now the baby, ma'am," he said. And before the woman could utter a word of protest he had snatched the infant from her arms, held it closely with his left arm, reached down his right, assisted the woman up and pushed her and the girl gently forward, following close behind after giving the starting bell. It was all done so suddenly the woman had no time to speak. Then she tried to say something, but her voice failed, and almost bursting with suppressed laughter she dropped into a seat.

Then for the first time O'Brien noticed that the baby he carried was of unusually light weight. He also noticed that every passenger in his car wore grins of varying dimensions. With a muttered exclamation he almost threw into the woman's lap one of those "life sized" dolls which children like to take "out shopping" and which their mothers invariably have to carry home.

O'Brien flew for the back platform and partly relieved his feelings by savagely kicking at a small boy who was stealing a ride. They say now O'Brien is the worst tempered conductor on the line.—New York Press.

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ODD OLD BELIEFS. Superstitions Which Deal With the Passing of Life.

The superstitions which have clustered about the closing scenes of human life are almost innumerable. Some, perhaps the greater portion, now seem to be meaningless, but a few had in early days a significance which they have since lost. The stopping of the clock at the moment a death occurs in the house is still practiced in many families in this country and Europe and originated in the fact that according to the laws of several European states it was necessary to have evidence of the exact moment of births and deaths occurring in the royal family. When a king died an attendant was always present whose duty it was to stop the clock in the royal apartment at the moment when death occurred, and the timepiece was thus a mute record of the event. From royal families the descent of this practice to aristocratic and finally to families of low degree was easy, and many persons adopted it as a mere superstition without knowing anything of its former significance.

Turning the looking glass to the wall is a superstition which is said to have originated in the country districts of Germany during the days when mirrors were novelties. Mirrors of glass with quicksilver backs are said to have been made at Venice in 1300 A. D. and were first made in England in 1673, but did not come into common use among the middle classes until the beginning of the last century. At first they were regarded with superstitious awe, the idea being that the reflection of the face in the mirror was a sort of specter, or second soul, of the individual.

When a death occurred the looking glass which the person was accustomed to use was turned to the wall, lest his ghost should be disturbed by others using the mirror before his spirit had finally departed from the neighborhood, there being an idea that the spirit of the departed lingered about the vicinity for several hours or perhaps days after it had separated from the body.

Gold Beating.

The process of preparing gold until it is reduced to a thickness of 1-280,000 of an inch is necessarily elaborate. The gold is first cast into ingots four inches in length and one inch in width, which weigh from ten to seventeen ounces, according to thickness. It is then passed between polished rollers, worked by steam, until it forms a ribbon twenty-eight yards long and 1-800 inch thick. These ribbons are then cut into 180 pieces an inch square and placed between vellum, and then the real business of the gold beater is begun. He beats for half an hour with a twenty pound hammer, making the inch square into three inches square. Then these pieces are quartered, becoming one and a half inches square. He beats again for one and a quarter hours until the one and a half inch square becomes four inches square. The four pieces are again quartered and beaten and finally cut to proper size—viz, squares of three and three-eighths inches, of a thickness (or rather "thinness") of 1-280,000 of an inch, and in this shape the leaf is lifted into books of tissue paper.

Good Bait.

Aunt Tillie, cook in a Georgia household, took home a dish of macaroni from the "white folks'" table for her own family and after assuring them that it was good induced her children to eat it. The next morning she discovered two of them out in the yard turning over stones and boards and scratching vigorously in the earth. "Hyah, you!" she called. "What you all doin' out dah?" "We a-huntin'," came the glad response, "foh mo' of dem macaroni worms."

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An Important Question. He was an impecunious, seedy, out at the elbows person, and the doctor, when he prescribed for him, knew better than to expect a fee. "For the inflamed eyes," said the benevolent physician, "dissolve as much boracic acid as you can put on a ten cent piece in half a glass of water." "Thank you, doctor," murmured the patient, turning away. A moment later, however, the office door was opened, and the patient sidled in. "Say, doc," said he, with an ingratiating smile, "where do I get the ten cent piece?"

The Faith of a Celestial.

A Chicago gambler, whose first name was George, used to visit a Chinaman's establishment and smoke opium and gamble almost daily. One day he rushed into the place and said excitedly: "Hip, loan me \$10. Thanks. I'll come in and pay you tomorrow noon if I'm alive." And out he went with the money. About 3 o'clock the next afternoon a friend of the gambler dropped in on the Chinaman and said, "Hip, where is George today?" and the confiding Celestial wiped his eyes with the corner of his blouse and replied, "George, him dead."—Earth.

A cold taken at this time of the year is generally hard to get rid of but it will not be able to withstand Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar. That will cure all colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, etc., by driving them out through the bowels. If you have a cold, try it and if not cured get your money back. No opiates.—Sold by W L Wallace.

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