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### THE FIRST PERSON—PLURAL.

When John Jones writes something and signs it "John Jones," what he writes is merely the expression of John Jones.

Nobody credits it with being anything more.

When Mr. Jones writes something and does not sign it or signs it "Indignant Citizen," or "Vox Something or Other" or "A Bachelor" his writing is still the opinion of one individual.

When he says, "I do not believe," readers know that only one man is refusing to believe. When he says, "The taxpayers will not submit," readers are seldom excited.

They know that tax payers are the champion long distance submitters of the universe and that this one writer is apt to be mistaken.

But when John Jones is an editor, how different his writing becomes.

If people stopped to reason it might occur to them that only one person can use the same typewriter or hold the same pencil at the same time.

But Editor Jones never lets them think this. His writings have the authority of the voice of a multitude.

He doesn't sign his writings "John Jones"; he signs it "The Editor." Or he puts it on his editorial page, which is the same thing as signing it. And he uses the first person, plural.

He says "we."

Kings, emperors and editors say "we." Monarchs say "we" because they want it remembered that they are rulers by divine right. They are the Lord's anointed, and the "we" includes not only their own personality, but their dynasty, father and son—the king who was, the king who is and the king who is to be.

Kings are passing, and editors are surviving and multiplying. Before long only editors will use the first person plural.

Most of them have a right to say "we." It all comes back to the question:

"What does the editor edit?"

He does not edit his paper. He edits the things which are printed in his paper. From many things which he might publish he chooses the things that he will publish. He rates the importance he will give to these things both as to amount of space and position of space.

And he cannot write everything that appears in his paper. If he is a good editor he knows better than to try.

He is a funnel through which pours the thoughts and observations of many eyes—a funnel with a strainer that keeps out every impurity and everything lacking in interest.

The good editor is more of a "they" than he is of a "he." When he publishes sports he is a youth. When he reports events he is a young man with a brain as hungry for facts as his muscles are hungry for exercise. When he speaks of farming he is a farmer, a stockman, a dairyman, a poultryman.

When his paper talks of fashions the editor is a Frenchman—or would you say a woman? When he prints a bedtime story, he is a child.

In fact, from sentence to sentence his appeal may switch from the point of view of the man to that of the woman, from the child to the senator, from the worker to the lounge, from neighbor to world-citizen, from author to musician, to preacher, to politician.

If a newspaper has only three readers, its editor cannot be all things to all those readers unless his paper speaks of more things than can come in the ken of any one man. It is even doubtful if a father could by his own efforts publish a paper that would interest his own children.

And if children in their interests are sometimes as strangers to their own parents how can any editor claim that he really knows all the interests of hundreds of readers?

W. H. Fish, president of the Western Newspaper Union, is the author of the foregoing. It was in a letter to this paper advertising features as furnished by that firm for weekly newspapers. It is so full of gospel truth that we have passed it on to our readers.

"Has Woman Arrived," headline in The Greensboro Advocate. Yes, she has arrived, and been arriving ever since Eve was a baby, and she keeps on arriving. In fact she'll never stop arriving so long as the world lasts.

### VICTORY OR DEFEAT.

Last week we had a short paragraph in The Record relative to an attempt to organize a Ku Klux Klan in or around Pittsboro, stating that a preacher had given the attempt some consideration. Since that time there has come to our office many excuses and statements regarding the effort.

Victory does not lie in the power of K. K. K. as to law enforcement, neither does defeat follow the path of the individual attacked by a mob of the members or the Klan as a whole. No hooded organization will ever thrive anywhere in Chatham county, because there are not enough people that will countenance the covering up and disguise of any public necessity.

It may be true that a Law and Order League or a Law Enforcement League could well operate to advantage in many instances in Chatham. But then, members of an organization of either of the last named do not shield their identity or blacken the reputation of any community or municipality.

Justice is too frequently put to rout by technicality. Merit has lost its standing in the administration of our laws and minor defects in the serving of papers or the flimsy excuse of one thing and another calls for action by the citizenship and it could be done by organization better than in any other manner.

Is it to be wondered that bootleggers and the criminal element generally are coming more and more to mock the courts and treat law as a joke? Many of the laws are wrong and should be remedied, loopholes should be plugged and procedure remedied as well.

One cannot consistently blame the courts for flagrant miscarriage of justice for they must track the law and the procedure prescribed by the law-makers.

Chief Justice Taft says: "There is something grievously wrong with the system—with the law itself, and until that system is changed and legal loopholes removed from it, it is useless to expect the courts to operate in a way that will discourage crime and protect society."

Therefore, folks, a Ku Klux Klan is not necessary. An organization would but add fuel to the flame. It is not needed and will not be countenanced by the better element of people.

### SCARED HIM ALL RIGHT.

By reference to another column on this page it will be seen that a loyal subscriber clipped the article from our paper, written by Palmer Phillips, and sent it to our personal friend, O. J. Coffin, editor of the Raleigh Times, asking that he further its circulation. Just like we were Coffin pretended to believe it a fake pure and simple, yet he was afraid to leave off the latter paragraph wherein the injunction was served to "he that keeps it quiet."

Automobile drivers will never learn any sense, it seems. In order to be the train to a crossing at Columbus, Ohio, last Friday, eight lives were lost, three killed when the automobile was struck by a fast train and five more killed in the wreck of the engine and four or five passenger cars when they jumped the track and were torn to pieces. If only the dare-devil drivers were the only ones to suffer it would not matter much.

It is almost impossible for a woman with a number six foot to wear a number four shoe, but many of them try it. Pride is a great thing.

It is not often that a man is tried on five different cases and is convicted and sentenced in each case to be hanged, but that is the fate of Roy Mitchell, a negro, at Waco, Texas, who was convicted of murder last Friday and sentenced to be hanged. And still there are other cases charged against the negro.

In these days of taxes and more taxes it's one blamed thing after more taxes and then some. All the insurance concerns in this State have got to take out licenses if they care to do business in North Carolina after April 1. Then only a few weeks from now all automobile owners will have to come across with their dollars for tax tags for their cars. Is life worth living these days?

### FIGURE IT OUT.

The Raleigh Times copied our article from last issue relative to the Commissioners and Mayor of Pittsboro, and says editorially: "Over in Chatham at the county seat there is to be an election held early in May. A mayor and some town commissioners are to be chosen. There will be many town elections held in North Carolina at the same season, but we find the situation at Pittsboro as reported by The Chatham Record decidedly interesting. The community seems to be satisfied with its government, and that's unusual in this day and generation."

"It may be that Pittsboro is easier to govern and that the government receives less for its work; but think of the difference in the feeling of Pittsboro for its government and Raleigh's sentiment towards its ditto. There the folks seem to actually be proud of their commissioners; here a meeting is held of so-called "good government" forces whose big idea appears to defeat two of the three city commissioners for re-election and to let the third shift for himself."

Apparently one community or the other knows too much or too little about its government. Do you feel like saying which is which?"

### A Curse That Comes in Springtime.

Raleigh Times, March 28.

Spring, we think, has come to Chatham, also.

We have received from Mrs. M. L. Barker, of Apex, a clipping from The Siler City Grit. Nothing of springtime in this, say you?

But yes; The Grit is reprinting, for the 'steenth time, no doubt, the ancient, disreputable and vicious chain letter purporting to have been written by Christ, signed by Gabriel or some other notable and containing an injunction that those into whose hands it comes must publish it or subject themselves to a curse. Every spring over in Chatham, Randolph, Montgomery and Davidson the letter is brought forth and sent to the county papers. We aren't sure what brings it forth in Chatham; but we've always noticed that in Randolph it turns up about the same time that the Strieby folks start in on spring onions, — between one's very own digestion and t'other fellow's breath it is easy to believe in curses at such a season.

Come to think of it, believe we will publish the paragraph of the letter containing the injunction to publish. It reads as follows:

"And he that hath a copy of this letter, written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth, and keepeth it without publishing it to others shall not prosper, but he that publisheth to others shall be blessed by me and if their sins be as many as the stars by night, and if they truly believe, they shall be pardoned, and they that believe not this writings and my commandments will have my plagues upon you, and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you."

Having accepted the curse several times before without ill effect, we are glad to relieve Mrs. Barker of responsibility for publication, and extend the same offer to anybody and everybody desirous of passing it on. In fact, the grounding of chain letters is one of the best things we do.

### THE HARVEST OF LIFE.

A Single Sowing Nets a Single Result.

(By Henry Ford.)

Experience is the harvest of life, and every harvest is the result of a sowing. The experience which young people most crave is that of success in some service for which they are naturally fitted. And they wish it to come immediately. Youth wishes to touch a magic button and command success without apprenticeship. But nothing ripens that is not first planted, and the very desires, the impatience, the dreams, the ambitions of youth are by way of a planting which shall come to fruition—sometimes after these desires are abandoned and forgotten. For the sown seed goes on growing whether we remember it or not. The wisdom of life is to keep on planting. Some men never plant after youthful imagination dies, and they reap only the one crop which they planted in youth. Plant every season and life will be a succession of harvests.

### THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

From the "Liberal News." How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber Who pays in advance at the birth of each year, Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts around the office a halo of cheer. He never says: "Stop it. I cannot afford it." I'm getting more papers than now I can read." But always says: "Send it; our people all like it— In fact we'll think it a help and a need." How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum, How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance. We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him— The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

### HOW DO YOU TACKLE YOUR WORK?

How do you tackle your work each day? Are you scared of the job you find? Do you grapple the task that comes your way With a confident easy mind? Do you stand right up to the work ahead Or fearfully pause to view it? Do you start to toil with a sense of dread Or feel that you're going to do it?

You can do as much as you think you can, But you'll never accomplish more, If you are afraid of yourself, young man.

There's little for you in store. For failure comes from the inside first. It's there if we only knew it, And you can win, though you face the worst.

If you feel that you're going to do it. Success, it's found in the soul of you, And not in the realm of luck! The world will furnish the work to do But you must provide the pluck.

You can do whatever you think you can, It's all in the way you view it; It's all in the start you make, young man.

You must feel that you're going to do it. How do you tackle your work each day? With confidence clear or dread? What to yourself do you stop and say When a new task lies ahead? What is the thought that is in your mind?

Is fear ever running through it? If so, tackle the next you find, By thinking you're going to do it. —Edgar Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

### LOOK AT YOUR LABEL

### WISE AND OTHERWISE

Some Our'n—Some Their'n

A druggist can be a good mixer and yet short on social qualities.

If you want your rights don't go at it in the wrong way.

It is impossible for a woman to have a shoe that is both stylish and comfortable.

Politeness of some men will cause them to be looked upon with suspicion.

It's easy to be good-natured if everything is coming your way.

A man may not know one note from another and yet get next to things that are going for a song.

Let a woman tell a man that he is smart and he will think she is good looking.

The man who wants the earth is invariably the first to howl about his taxes.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as the administratrix of the estate of the late Joseph T. Henderson, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to exhibit same to me duly verified on or before the 23rd day of March, 1924, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of March, 1923.  
Mrs. ANNE B. HENDERSON,  
W. P. HORTON, Administratrix.  
Attorney. May 4-R-C.

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County made in a proceeding entitled "W. A. Harper vs. M. F. Helms," the undersigned will on Saturday, the 21st day of April, 1923 offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, N. C., the following described tracts of land, to wit:

First Tract: Beginning at a stake in Edmond Jordan's line, near spring running north with said Jordan's line 70 poles to a stake—line; thence west with bird's line, Oscar Thomas line, and J. M. Womble line 130 poles to a post oak corner; thence south with heirs of C. E. Thompson line 70 poles to a stake in Thompson's line and corner of M. F. Helms line; thence east with said M. F. Helms line 130 poles to the beginning, containing 57 acres, more or less.

Second tract: Beginning at a stake in Edmond Jordan's line, northeast corner of R. J. Yates tract; thence north 87 degrees west with said Yates line along the road 137 3-4 poles to a stake, Yates corner in Thompson's line; thence north 3 1-2 degrees east with Thompson's line 21 poles to a stake, M. F. Helms corner; thence south 88 1-2 degrees east with M. F. Helms line 137 1-2 poles to a stake, Helm's corner in Jordan's line; thence with said line south 2 1-2 degrees, west 23 1-2 poles to the beginning, containing 19 acres more or less.

Time of sale, 12 o'clock noon.  
Terms of sale, Cash.  
W. P. HORTON,  
Commissioner.  
Apr. 19-R-p.

### NEWS FROM MONCURE.

Sunday School Class Picnic at Haywood—Personals.

Moncure, Apr. 2.—Last Sunday was a very cold day for Easter, but it was a day that made people feel the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was manifested to the disciples the first Easter morning.

Monday was a holiday for Moncure school. The day was a bright sunny one and not a cloud was to be seen in the sky. It was enjoyed by every girl and boy. Some went fishing, picnicking and egg-hunting.

The day was closed with a baseball game between Pittsboro and Moncure school boys. The score was an 8-8 tie.

Mrs. E. E. Maynard, one of the teachers of the Baptist Sunday school, carried her class on a picnic. They invited the other classes of the Sunday school and all carried baskets to Haywood where they played games and spread dinner which they enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Mary Barringer gave her Sunday school class an egg hunt to which every one looks forward to every Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self spent Easter with his parents near Siler City. Miss Reda Umstead, the primary teacher, spent Easter with her parents at Stem, N. C.

Mrs. W. W. Stedman's pupils held

chapel exercise last Wednesday morning. The program consisted of St. Patrick's Day, Arbor Day, and Springtime. After the exercise the sixth and seventh grades planted a maple tree on the school campus.

Miss Connell Cain's music class gave a musical last Friday evening from 4:30 to 5:30. The program was well rendered and showed a great deal of music talent in the girls of Moncure school.

Miss Virginia Cathell, who is a member of the Senior class of Cary High school spent Easter with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cathell. Misses Catherine Thomas and Willie Boston accompanied her as far as Cary, but caught a train and returned to Moncure.

Miss Nellie Dickens, who will finish her business course at King's Business College at Raleigh in June, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickens, at Haywood, N. C.

Miss Clara Bell, who is a student at Oxford college, spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. Will Utley.

Misses Altie and Myrle Poe, of Durham, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Crutchfield, of Lockville.

Mr. J. K. Barnes, the popular cashier of Moncure bank, spent Easter at Elm City. Great is the attraction for such a business man to leave his work here to spend Easter so far away.

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