

Col. Roosevelt testifies that he was very hostile to "invisible government" while he wore the robes of magistracy. Perhaps he is sincere; obsessions of mind plague the great as well as the small of mankind.

While he was President the Riggs National Bank of this town, having the closest relations with Standard Oil maintained a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Mr. Roosevelt's explanation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron affair is unsatisfactory. He would have us believe that J. Pierpont Morgan, when he gobbled up that concern for his Steel Trust, gave an exhibition of unselfish patriotism—that he was laboring for the public weal and not for his own interests.

Now, what are the facts? The late Mr. Harriman was the greatest of our railroad magnates and when he got hold of a railroad he put the line in the very best physical condition possible.

Now that fact excited and put to work the patriotism of J. Pierpont Morgan, and for the good of the public he determined to acquire the ownership of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company for his Steel Trust.

There was a concern in New York—a trust company—that was loaded down with Tennessee Coal and Iron stock. The panic of 1907—vulgarily called the "Roosevelt panic"—came on and this particular trust company was greatly embarrassed.

As remarked, that was forbidden by law. Then the thing to do was to get the President of the United States to suspend the law.

You see the Sherman anti-trust law that forbade the absorption of Tennessee Coal and Iron by the Steel Trust had a joker in its inards and here is what it was—nobody but the Attorney General in the Cabinet of the President could get after one for violating the law.

The Colonel made mention of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in this testimony. It is possible that there is some of Mr. Hyde in the composition of the best man in the world, and doubtless there is a little of Dr. Jekyll in the worst man in the world.

Is it not possible that the Colonel has some of Mr. Hyde in his makeup? Was it not the Mr. Hyde in the Colonel that prompted him to denounce

Do You Know? That the population of North Carolina is 2,206,267, an increase in ten years of 16.5? That 506,956 people live in cities, towns and villages? That the actual agricultural population is 1,660,311?

Do You Know? That the land area of the state of North Carolina is 31,193,500 acres? That the number of acres cultivated and producing crops is 5,737,000 acres?

That with the added population of 528,160 (or five to a family) there would be added an additional per capita wealth for North Carolina of \$57,957? That by assuming there are five persons to a family, or one-fifth of the total population as heads of families, this would mean an average wealth to each family of the state of North Carolina of \$289,757?

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NEW LONG DISTANCE PHONE

Announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Tri-State Telephone Association, in session at Memphis, Tennessee, last week, that the independent telephone companies of the South had virtually completed arrangements with the Postal Telegraph Company for the use of wires to establish a long distance telephone service throughout the South.

It was also announced that the Tri-State Association will extend their membership to all the Southern states. Representatives of independent telephone systems in Chicago, Washington, and other cities, besides those from the South, attended the meeting.

Lame Back

Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the back. Hard working people are most likely to suffer from it. Relief may be had by massaging the back with Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Alton B. Parker as a liar a few days before the election in 1904 after Judge Parker had asserted, what everybody, including the Colonel, knows now to be true—that the trusts were contributing enormous sums to Roosevelt's campaign fund?

And that Mr. Hyde in the Colonel's composition is a hefty chap, else the Dr. Jekyll in him would be strong enough to elicit an apology from the Colonel for the injustice he did the Judge. That apology is due, and let us hope that the Dr. Jekyll in the Colonel will get busy.

The negro population in North Carolina in 1910 was 697,843, that being 31.6 per cent of the total population. And 144,123 of that number were mulattoes. There were 539,581 males, and 158,262 females.

Of the male population 21 years old and older 38.6 per cent. were illiterate, and 19 years and older, 31.9 per cent. Of those between six and 14 years old 64 per cent. attended school.

More than half of the population of South Carolina was negroes in 1910, the per cent. of colored population being 55.2 per cent.

The figures showing the proportion of negro population in various States are interesting: In Alabama the per cent. of negro population is 42.5 per cent. of the total; in Arizona, 1.6; Arkansas, 28; California, 0.9; Colorado, 1.4; Connecticut, 1.4; Delaware, 15.4; District of Columbia, 28.5; Florida, 41; Georgia, 45.1; Idaho, 0.2; Illinois, 1.9; Indiana, 2.2; Iowa, 0.7; Kansas, 3.2; Kentucky, 11.4; Louisiana, 43.1; Maine, 0.2; Maryland, 17.9; Massachusetts, 1.1; Michigan, 0.6; Minnesota, 0.3; Mississippi, 56.2; Missouri, 4.8; Montana, 0.5; Nebraska, 0.6; Nevada, 0.6; New Hampshire, 0.1; New Jersey, 3.5; New Mexico, 0.5; New York, 1.5; North Dakota, 0.1; Ohio, 2.3; Oklahoma, 8.3; Oregon, 0.2; Pennsylvania, 2.5; Rhode Island, 1.8; South Carolina, 55.2; South Dakota, 0.1; Tennessee, 21.7; Texas, 17.7; Utah, 0.3; Vermont, 0.5; Virginia, 32.6; Washington, 0.5; West Virginia, 5.8; Wisconsin, 0.1; and Wyoming, 1.5.

There has been a great increase in the number of farms operated by negroes since 1900. The census figures show that the increase between 1900 and 1910 was 10,460 or 19.4 per cent. The number in 1910 was 64,906 against 57,996 in 1900.

The average negro farm in North Carolina contains 48.8 against 194.1 for whites.

The census showing is altogether creditable to the negro. More than 40,000 owned their own homes in North Carolina in 1910.

ARE YOU RHEUMATIC?—TRY SLOAN'S

If you want quick and real relief from Rheumatism, do what so many thousands of other people are doing—whenever an attack comes on, bathe the sore muscle or joint with Sloan's Liniment. No need to rub it in—just apply the Liniment to the surface. It is wonderfully penetrating. It goes to the seat of trouble and draws the pain almost immediately.

WHAT FARM WOMEN ARE WANTING ABOVE ALL ELSE

One inevitable conclusion from the mass of testimony submitted is this—that all is not well with a farm woman. She is not satisfied. She feels that with conditions as they are she is not getting a square deal.

- 1. More home conveniences and labor-saving appliances. 2. More recreation and contact with the outside world. 3. More information about subjects of domestic science, sanitation and health.

Secretary Houston himself sums up the four needs most earnestly urged as follows:

"The first thing that struck me in these letters was something not thought of by men. That was the demand from the farm wife for running water. When one thinks of this, it is apparent that the lack of water for cooking, drinking and bathing is one of the greatest hardships imposed on the farm wife.

"The second thing most desired by the women was information on home economics and the problems involved in the arrangement of the home, and kitchen—mechanical contrivances and the elimination of insects. The women sought information about feeds and food values.

"The third point that stands out rather strikingly was the pathetic appeal from some of the women for information or fuller and more expert advice about the care of young children.

"The fourth striking point was the desire for co-operation of the Federal and State governments for a betterment of the roads, the social environment and the schools."—Progressive Farmer.

AH! THE INVIGORATING WHIFF OF THE PINE FOREST!

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Piney Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All Druggist, 25c.

[From the Youth's Companion.] Mother was a little woman and never was very strong. She had many severe illnesses and was often at death's door, but she recovered and lived on.

Mother became a grandmother, and then a great-grandmother; she even lived to be a great-great-grandmother. She died at the age of 96, and she had seen the blessing of God on her children's children and on their children.

She spent her years as mothers do, caring for her home and loving her children, and teaching them to pray, and day and night lifting up her own prayer to God to help her to be a good mother.

In her old age she lived in the home of her son-in-law. He was in business, but his joy in the life was the cultivation of flowers. She sat in the window and watched the flowers be planted; and she saw the world go by her window, and smiled serenely as it passed.

Mother did not know how to run a railway, but she had a few simple maxims that directed her own life and constantly guided the judgment of others who had more conspicuous places to fill.

At last she passed away, with a verse of Scripture on her lips. Hers was a quiet funeral. The minister read from her own Bible, and paid a simple tribute to her memory.

Mother was little and frail; at her death she weighed only 80 pounds; but two special trains were needed to carry those who loved her to the cemetery, and the traffic of a great railway system kept out of their way.

In his private car the railway president sat with the minister, and said, "I have tried to carry into my business the ideals I learned of my mother. I hope I have not failed to do so."

CIVILIZATION NEAR ANTARCTIC

A copy of the "Magellan Times," dated February 25, has reached the editorial rooms of Current Events. The paper is published in English at Punta Arenas, the most southern town in the world.

More interesting are the local advertisements. Among them are noticed the announcements of two banks in Punta Arenas; three hotels and three schools, one of which advertises to teach, among other things, Spanish, French, geometry, algebra, drawing, singing, gymnastics, needlework, painting, music and dancing.

This far-away region seems to be a place for automobiles; two "motor garages" are mentioned, and several American automobile manufacturers advertise their cars.

ANCIENT LAW OF INHERITANCE

A Babylonian tablet believed to be 4,000 years old has lately been deciphered and translated at Yale University. It proves to be a copy of the law regarding inheritances, and is the oldest known law of that kind.

This law shows that a son who received during his father's lifetime the share of his father's property to which he would have been entitled at his father's death, had no further claim on his father's estate. That is different from our present laws; for no matter how much of his father's property a son may have had, at his father's death without a will he takes as much as if he had received nothing during his father's life.

The discovery of the ancient law seems to throw a new light on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It appears that the son who remained at home was quite within his legal rights when he claimed that his father's property should go to him, for the Prodigal had had his share.—Current Events.

After six dry and one wet bills had been defeated in the Illinois Legislature, each side conceded it was a draw and quit. All other similar measures, including the House county option bill, have been stricken from the calendar.

Organization to Push the Sale of North Carolina Products. Small growers can expect to receive little benefit from listing their products in the Market Bulletin, independently. If a large amount of any one product is grown in a neighborhood, publication of that fact may attract traveling buyers who would otherwise not come to the community.

The larger the acreage which is planted to one crop or in similar crops, the greater the attention the section will receive, other things being equal.

The one way the small growers can hope, like the large growers, to receive enquiries concerning their products, is for them to join together and list their products under the name of an organization.

Produce merchants in the larger cities are much more interested in dealing with an organization. An organization takes some responsibility for bringing about and insuring uniform grades. An organization can fill orders in the amount and at the time wanted. Under the new law providing for the formation of co-operative associations the expenses for incorporation is greatly reduced.

The only way that all the forces of a community may get behind any one farming interest is through organization of the farmers. Through an organization, farmers may develop a reputation for the products of their community.

The egg and poultry producers of Western North Carolina and the corn and potato growers of Eastern North Carolina would be able to obtain the top of the market for their products if they would organize to put up a reliable grade and to hunt the best markets.

The Division of Markets can push a reliable brand but cannot do much for the products of the small growers. The greater the value of the business organized the more attention will it receive from the trade.

Bankers and Chambers of Commerce, as well as farmers, should be interested in seeing any given phase of the farming industry prosper. In some counties, the commercial interests are uniting with the agricultural to secure a better development of the industries of the section.

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Well, he bought more goods and a little more space. And he played that system with a smile on his face. The customers flocked to his two-by-four, And soon he had to hustle for a regular store. Up on the square, where the people pass, He gobbled up a corner that was all plate glass.

And he told 'em about it in a half-page ad. He soon had 'em comin' and he never, never quit. And he wouldn't cut down on his ads one bit. Well, he's kept things humping in the town ever since. And everybody calls him the Merchant Prince. Some say it's luck, but that's all bunk. Why, he was doing business when the times were punk. People have to purchase and the geezer was wise— For he knew the way to get 'em was to advertise.

The Montgomery. Dr. Armstrong had been driving the car of Dr. Daligny and left it standing on a little hill with the engine running. While he was away the car jumped in gear and ran down the hill striking a tree damaging the car to the amount of ten or fifteen dollars.

It is with sincere regret that we lose from our town and from our church services Brother A. N. Cullom and family. They have been with us for about a year and have been a real asset in the church and school life of our community.

Sheriff Stuart captured two blockade stills in upper Montgomery, near the Randolph line, last week, during one raid. One of them was running at the time he took it and was just beginning to run spirits. There were 200 gallons of beer ready for the still; this was a good affair, but the other one was a cheap outfit, made of a galvanized tub and iron.

Mrs. L. M. Russell attended the commencement at Elizabeth College, Charlotte, Tuesday, returning yesterday with her daughter, Miss Mamie.

Little River township road trustees are providing themselves with a modern four-wheeled road grader to which four horses will be required to do full capacity work. They are getting ready for building some good roads.

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

The Courier has received an invitation to the one hundred and twentieth annual commencement of the University of North Carolina, to be held May 30, to June 2.

On Sunday, May 30, the annual sermon will be preached by Rt. Rev. J. H. McCoy; and the evening of the same day, Rev. G. T. Rowe will address the Y. M. C. A. On Monday, will be the Senior class day exercises, the contest for the Mangum medal, and the joint banquet of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies; Tuesday will be Alumni Day, with the address by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, and class reunion exercises with the Alumni Luncheon, to which ladies are invited.

In the evening of the same day, will be the annual debate between representatives of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies, and the reception to the president and faculty. Wednesday, June 2, will be commencement with the address by Judge A. Mitchell Palmer.

How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Trouble.

"I suffered with stomach trouble for years and tried everything I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating and from pain in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

CALIFORNIA VOLCANO ACTIVE

Lassen Peak's crater, near Redding, Cal., bubbled over last Friday and sent a river of mud down the mountainside. Hat Creek valley, in the eastern part of Shasta county, was partly inundated. A number of farm houses and considerable livestock were destroyed. Residents of the valley fled in time, and no lives were lost. For twelve hours or more, the mud river moved 30 miles an hour, sweeping away bridges, and converting roads into morasses. The atmosphere was dense with smoke from the crater.

CIVIL WAR HORSE SURVIVES

The oldest horse that served the country in the War between the States is still alive, at the age of 53 years, at Horseheads, N. Y. It is owned by P. A. McIntosh, who is also a veteran of the same war. To prove his assertion Mr. McIntosh shows the government brand on the animal's hip, which reads "I. C., 1865." Horse and man served in the same regiment. Although bent with age, his hair turning gray and his teeth becoming worn, the old warhorse is still able to eat 12 quarts of oats and take his master to town several times a week. It is estimated the animal is at least 53 years old. Farmers say the average life of a horse is about 15 years.—Exchange.

DEATHS

Mr. George P. Dodson, an old resident of Thomasville, died one day last week at the age of 79 years or a little more. He was a Confederate veteran and a consecrated member of the Methodist church.

Annie Louella Strickland, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Strickland, of Thomasville, died one day last week.

Mrs. Sallie Albright Foust died at her home in Alamance county recently in the 91st year of her age. Her husband, Mr. William Foust, has been dead many years.