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Let no corrupt communication proceed
out of your mouth, but that
which is good to the use of edifying,
that it may minister grace unto the
hearers. Eph. 4:29.

WARM COMMENDATION.

We have seen a good many expressions
both in commendation and criti-
cism of the action of our congress-
man, Robert N. Page. One of the
most striking, and which seems to
sound the chord that is exceedingly
popular as to what is the sensible
thing to do, so far as the individual
American is concerned about sailing
on armed vessels of the European
countries, is contained in the follow-
ing letter from Rev. C. J. Goodson, of
Shelby, to Mr. Page.

The letter follows:
"I want to congratulate you upon
your courageous and conscientious
position. It should challenge the admi-
ration of the civilized world. It is a
great thing for a man to have the
courage of his convictions, and to
maintain and express them in de-
fiance of all consequences, personal and
political. I rejoice to know that you
are more of a humanitarian than ad-
ministration democrat, and that you
put the welfare of humanity above a
sentimental party fealty. Your views
and mine on the submarine contro-
versy coincide exactly. I believe that
American citizens should be warned
by the President, or the Congress, to
stay off armed vessels of the belli-
gerent nations, and then if they see
it is dangerous the warning, it should
be with the distinct understanding
that they are to assume the entire
responsibility. It is far better for
10,000 souls to be killed by German
submarines than for this country, on
their account, to be embroiled in the
terrible vortex of the European con-
flict, which would mean the loss of
hundreds of thousands of lives and
the bankruptcy of the Nation. Your
letter to your constituents, reads like
a God inspired production, and ex-
presses the sentiment of one of
America's most illustrious Statesmen,
when he said, 'I had rather be right
than be President.'"
"May God bless you and use you
for purposes of his glory, in this,
the most momentous period in the world's
history."

PATRIOTISM.

A nation is made great, not by its
fruitful acres, but by the men who
cultivate them; not by its great for-
ests, but by the men who use them;
not by its mines, but by the men who
work in them; not by its railways, but
by the men who build and run them.
America was a great land when Col-
umbus discovered it; Americans have
made of it a great Nation.

In 1776 our fathers had a vision of
a new Nation "conceived in liberty
and dedicated to the proposition that
all men are created equal." Without
an army they fought the greatest of
existing world empires that they
might realize this vision. A third of
a century later, without a navy they
fought the greatest navy in the world
that they might win for their Nation
the freedom of the seas. Half a cen-
tury later they fought through an un-
paralleled Civil War that they might
establish for all time on this con-
tinent the inalienable right of life, lib-
erty, and the pursuit of happiness. A
third of a century later they fought
to emancipate an oppressed neighbor,
and, victory won, gave back Cuba to
the Cubans, sent an army of school-
masters to educate for liberty the
Philippines, asked no war indemnity
from their vanquished enemy, but
paid him liberally for his property.
Meanwhile they offered land freely to
any farmer who would live upon and
cultivate it, opened to foreign immi-
grants on equal terms the door of in-
dustrial opportunity, shared with
them political equality, and provided
by universal taxation for universal
education.

The cycle who can see in this his-
tory only a theme for his spiritual
"native is no true American, whatever
his parentage, whatever his birth-
place. He who looks with pride upon
this history which his fathers have
written by their heroic deeds, who ac-
cepts with gratitude the inheritance
which they have bequeathed to him,
and who highly resolves to preserve
this inheritance unimpaird and to
pass it on to his descendants enlarged
and enriched, is a true American, be
his birthplace or his parentage what
it may.

Lyman Abbott.

Statesville is going after summer
baseball in a business-like manner.
They propose to sell 1,000 season tick-
ets at \$4 each.

NOT ALL A JOKE.

The following, which is credited to
the Atlanta Journal, was of course
written for the humorous column and
therefore its purpose is evidently to
amuse, but applied to real conditions,
it contains as much real truth as it
does humor.

"Dinah Snow was a colored cook in
the home of the Smiths. One morn-
ing on going to the kitchen, Mrs.
Smith observed that Dinah looked as
if she had been tangled up with a
road roller.

"Why, Dinah," exclaimed she, "what
in the world has happened to you?"

"Was me husband," explained Dinah.

"He done went an' beat me ag'in, an'
jea fe' nothin', too!"

"Again!" cried Mrs. Smith, with in-
creasing wonder. "Is he in the habit
of beating you? Why don't you have
him arrested?"

"Been thinkin' ob it several times,
missy," was the rejoinder of Dinah,
"but I hain't nebah had no money to
pay his fine."

One of the most serious difficulties
that the officers have to contend with
in securing evidence to convict crim-
inals in this section is the disposition
that "Dinah" is shown to have in the
above.

Not infrequently matters are re-
ported to the officers of real infringe-
ments of the law. Arrests are made
upon the statement of complaining
parties, and by the time that the case
comes up for trial, the prosecuting
or complaining witness sees things
in an entirely different light from the
first view of the matter, and what
seemed to them at first to be an open
and violent violation of the law turns
itself into a mere trifle. Thus they
swear and no one is found guilty.

Not many weeks ago a colored wo-
man came through the streets scream-
ing and calling for the protecting care
of the police. She declared that her
husband had tried to kill her and
according to her story, she had es-
caped his murderous wrath only by
fleeing up town to the police.

Her cold blooded husband was ar-
rested and jailed and in a day or two
brought to trial. To the amazement
of the court and the disgust of the of-
ficers, she went to the stand and swore
that her husband did not try to kill
her, but was only playing.

And so it is—the "Dinah" story is
not so much a joke as it is a real hu-
man interest story.

MAKES HIM MAD.

The following editorial utterance is
so full of the real, honest-to-goodness
truth, that we pass it along for our
readers. It is taken from the columns
of Our Fatherless Ones:

"If you want to make this editor
"tired" just show him something like
the following from a northern paper."

"The South is backward. It shames
the United States by illiteracy and in-
competence. The South is barely
half-educated. Until it is improved
by the invasion of better blood and
better ideas, it will remain a reproach
and a danger to the American Repub-
lic."

Now what do you think of that?
Why, man, the South is the solid rock
upon which the Republic rests. Even
now Southern men are steering the
ship of State through the trouble-
some waters. Here are the men upon
whom the responsibilities of the na-
tion rest and they are all Southerners:
President Woodrow Wilson,
Senator Simmons, Representative
Claude Kitchin, Secretary Josephus
Daniels, Attorney General Gregory,
Postmaster General Burleson, Sec-
retary Houston and others too nume-
rous to mention. The South is the hub
of the universe. It contains half the
brains of America. Our people have
enough sense to reverence the Lord's
day, while up north it is observed af-
ter the manner of heathen. Then, too,
many inventions and discoveries are
the work of Southerners. Practically
all the great generals were south-
erners, namely, Washington, Lee and
Jackson and a score of others. And
yet, this yankee scribe says it is a
danger and a reproach to the Ameri-
can Republic. He is a "hot six sev-
ent."

Roper at Bennettsville.

First Assistant Postmaster General
Daniel C. Roper has accepted the in-
vitation to deliver the annual address
to the graduating class of the Ben-
netsville high school on Friday even-
ing, May 19. Mr. Roper is a native
of Marlboro and one of the county's
most distinguished sons. From a
farmer boy, in the Red Bank section
of the county he has risen to one of
the highest places in the councils of
the nation.

"Hats is Hats."

"Hats is Hats," was the title of a
picture at the Gem Theatre one night
recently, so also is the title of this
news item—it is not about moving
pictures however, but about those new
spring styles in hats for the ladies.

See Miss Little Sanford the 22nd,
or Mrs. D. A. Watkins, Laurel Hill,
the 24th, for more information.

TWO NIGGERS AND A COW.

Have Exciting Escapade With Auto-
mobile at Rockingham.

The following is from a recent issue
of the Rockingham Dispatch:

Last Tuesday night, about twelve
or one o'clock, some people either
coming in or going out of town no-
ticed an automobile turned over in
a ditch beyond the Seaboard Air
Line railroad station. On stopping
and investigating they discovered that
two colored lads were wedged under
the machine. They extricated the
boys and reported the incident to Pe-
loleasant S. E. Covington. The officer
went upon the scene and arrested the
boys on a charge of stealing an auto-
mobile and temporarily appropriat-
ing the same to their own use.

The automobile was owned by Leak
& Marshall & Parsons and was used
for delivery purposes. It was housed
in the livery stable of Mr. L. M. Wil-
lams on Franklin street.

When arrested the boys stated that
they did not steal the car. They said
that they were passing the stable
when the car steamed out and, seeing
that it was not occupied by a driver
or other person, and knowing that, at
the speed it was going, it might do
damage, they hopped on board for the
purpose of stopping it. They said
that the car got beyond their control.
It went down Franklin street, crossed
the railroad tracks at the station. On
it went across the county bridge, start-
ing up Watson hill, when they suc-
ceeded in landing it into a ditch with
the result as stated above.

The boys further stated that they
presumed that a cow, which was in
the stables, had started the car in
motion by rubbing herself against the
crank. They failed to state how the
stable door was opened, but it is to be
presumed that the cow opened the
door in the same way that she started
the machine in motion.

After this owners of cars should
be a little careful not to leave them
where cows can get hold of them.
The pranks of this cow has cost Leak
& Marshall & Parsons the snug little
sum of \$23.30 repairs on their new
Ford delivery car.

The boys, Sylvester Leak and Will
Watkins, are in jail awaiting a hear-
ing in the recorder's court.

The trial will no doubt be interest-
ing.

Novelty From War Zone.

The Louverne Ladies' Brass Band,
who are traveling this season with
the Billy "Single" Clifford Company,
playing "WALK THIS WAY," are
made up of all French women whose
headquarters are at Paris, France.
The ladies have been playing for
years in their native country, but
owing to the dreadful war, they were
secured by Mr Clifford's foreign
agent, and everywhere they have been
heard they have been a big feature
for the show. At Spokane, Wash-
ington, they headed one section of the
great Labor Day parade and received
rounds of applause over the whole
line of march. The ladies parade the
principal streets at 3:30 p. m., and
play a concert following the parade.
They also play again in the evening
at 7:30 in front of the theatre. There
are fourteen buxom French maidens
who complete the make-up, and they
double into the Imperial Orchestra,
which is not only a treat in itself but
also assures patrons their full mon-
ey's worth. Musically, the Clifford
Show this year is the greatest attrac-
tion of its kind traveling, and the
laughing principles are more abun-
dant than ever. "WALK THIS WAY"
at opera house on Thursday evening,
March 23, for one night only.

Mrs. Sallie Rice.

Mr. W. H. Cox received a telegram
Thursday morning from Enfield an-
nouncing the death of his aunt, Mrs.
Sallie Rice.

A great many of our readers will
recall this good woman, who lived in
Laurinburg a number of years ago.
Her residence here was during the
time that the Seaboard maintained
their railroad repair shops here. At
one time Mrs. Rice conducted a mill-
inery store in Laurinburg.

She was about 80 years of age and
is survived by one son, Mr. Wood Rice.
The funeral was held in Winning-
ton Friday.

Contagion.

Little George had heard a great
deal said about disease germs, such
as tuberculosis etc. One day the
family were at dinner, and George
wanted a drink of water. The tired
mother said:

"Drink out of your uncle's glass,
George; he is through eating."

The little fellow commenced to cry,
and said:
"I don't want to; I'm afraid I will
catch the bacteria."—Eustis Lake
Magazin.

Messrs. M. L. John, Hinton James,
Messrs. Mary Fields, Mary John and
Master Edgar Whitaker, attended the
debate at Flora Macdonald College
Monday night. Messrs. John and
James acted as judges of the debate.

"Walk This Way."

Billy (Single) Clifford, in "Walk
This Way," his new musical satire,
will be seen at the opera house, Lau-
rinburg March 23.

This piece is the very latest style,
and is an entertainment of the high-
est class. The foundation of it is a
farce, full of complications and ludicrous
predicaments. To this is added a
dozen songs of the popular style and
a company of elegantly gowned young
women, who can sing and dance, and
who are pretty and sprightly. Billy
(Single) Clifford, who is starring in
the piece, is too well known to need
any introduction. He has been on the
vaudeville stage for many years as
one of the brightest and cleverest
singers and dancers and he has a style
and manner all his own. In his pre-
sent vehicle he has a role that fits his
personality to a nicety, and it is one
in which he shines with great brilli-
ancy. The story of the piece has to
do with a young man who goes in
quest of a young lady whose father is
a German who has lately obtained
great wealth and wants his daughter
to marry into the nobility, and at the
same time has advertised for a butler,
but of course he gets mixed up in all
sorts of funny predicaments and has
all sorts of trouble before the plot is
finally untangled. Mr. Clifford is
seen as the young Englishman and
he is given many brilliant lines and he
is caught in many tight places. There
is a love story running through the
piece also, and it forms one of the
very interesting features of the at-
traction. Mr. Clifford has surrounded
himself with a good company. Miss
Helen Clark is a singer of real songs
and has had much experience in mus-
ical comedy. She has a fine voice and
a splendid stage presence. Dainty
Miss Collins, the soubrette, is a clever
mimic of Scotch songs, and has gained
much distinction on the vaudeville
stage. The three Weston Sisters, one
of the orpheum's best musical acts,
and Nick Glynn. These and others,
who charmingly sing and dance, pre-
vide an evening's entertainment long
to be remembered.

A Gilt Edge Offering.

Opera house Thursday evening,
March 23. Billy (Single) Clifford
and his merry company of clever ar-
tists will be the offering at the opera
house on March 23, for one night
only in the merry musical satire,
"Walk This Way."

Billy is well known to the theatre
loving public of this city, and is of-
fering this season an attraction even
high above the usual high standard
maintained by him, and "Walk This
Way" has proven the greatest suc-
cess of his career, having toured the
country for forty weeks the past sea-
son, and being one of the few attrac-
tions that gave universal satisfaction.

It is a mixture of light comedy with
musical interruptions, of which there
are sixteen, and none of which intrude
upon the other, and this pleasing com-
bination with all suggestiveness re-
moved, forms the nucleus of a very
pleasant two hours of fun and enjoy-
ment. Billy has in his support an ex-
ceptionally clever company; the scenic
and electrical effects are up to the
regular standard and there is no doubt
that his engagement here will prove
one of the most acceptable offerings
of the present theatrical season.

There are eighteen tuneful, catchy
song hits of the kind that linger in
your mind for many moons.

This show carries with it Nick
Glynn, that funniest of all funny men,
seen here for several seasons as one
of the best parts of Coburn's Min-
strels.

Another Auto Accident.

"Yes, my wife used to keep bees,
but we haint got none no more," re-
marked the cracker-barrel humorist
at the country store. "You see, when
them bees would go swarming, the
woman she used to go out and beat
the dish pan and the bees would fol-
low her back to the hives. But they's
been so many Ford's go by this sea-
son, the swarms took to follow them
by mistake.—Ex.

Gilman Notes.

Mr. J. E. Doster visited in Ben-
netsville Monday.

On last Thursday morning, the
many friends of Mr. John Galloway
were saddened to hear of his death.

Mrs. B. V. Leutz visited in Hamlet
Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Centenary,
spent the week-end with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wright.

The many friends of Mr. C. B. Cros-
land will be glad to know that he is
rapidly improving.

"Blue Eyes."

Mrs. T. T. Covington and son, Hal-
stead, who were the guests of Mr. and
Mrs. C. F. Leith at Charlotte during
the past week, returned to Laurinburg
Saturday night.

Messrs. J. A. McAnoy and T. L.
Covington spent a short while in Lau-
rinburg Tuesday morning. Mr. Cov-
ington having been summoned here to
attend court.

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Caledonia-Hasty-Johns.

Earth worms are beginning to wig-
gle; fish to bite and asp to rise, yet
the young man's fancy is ever the
same.

It doesn't matter if Uncle Sam does
send the soldiers into Mexico, we have
"Aunt Becky" in the Fork.

The new Methodist church at Johns
has been completed. 'Tis a beautiful
church and would be a credit to any
town.

Miss Fannie Wilkes and her sister,
Miss Ida Wilkes, spent Sunday in Dil-
lon, S. C., with their sister.

The "peep peep" of the many little
chicks is music to my soul (vision of
fried chicken.)

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Nicholson are
remodeling their home. 'Tis great to
ride through these beautiful and well-
kept farms with hands in keeping
with the surroundings.

Some people won't smile when luck
is against them. 'Tis the time of year
though for chickens to have "pips"
on their tongues.

Fertilizer is floating by, acid and
meal are taking the day. We have
loosed our potato to the Germans.
The Blue birds are back and spring
is here. The Bull Frog announced

these facts last night, aided by the
far distant, but enchanting melody of a
screach owl.

Everyone who read the announce-
ment made by Robert N. Page, our
Congressman, in last week's Ex-
change couldn't help but be proud of
the fact that he is a citizen of the
same State as Mr. Page. Although
we will miss his presence and power
at Washington, North Carolina is
proud to call him one of her most
distinguished sons.

We are wondering who Scotland
will decide on to represent her in the
Legislature next year. What do you
think about it?

Base Ball.

On Tuesday the 7th, the Spring
Hill High School base ball team played
two games. One with the Mason
Cross school team, the result being
a tied score—3-3. They also engaged
the Gibson team winning from them
by a score of 11 to 6.

Our Wagman correspondent phones
that this is the only news of interest
at Wagman just now, except the rum-
ors of some weddings, and this he
says, can not be given in detail at this
time.