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Meanwhile, just be cheery, Meet life with a smile; That boy is always happy Who is whistling all the while. When you meet misfortune, Don't let it knock you flat, Just be glad you're living, And let it go at that!

PROGRESS BEING MADE.

Campaign for Reading Room Slowly Bringing Results.

The committee of the Library Association which has in charge the equipment of an up-to-date Reading Room in the Elliott building where the Library is at present situated reports that encouraging interest is being shown in the project by the people of the city and that the committee has great hopes of final success.

The Hickory Club generously consented to donate to the Reading Room the magazines and periodicals that come to the club's book room. These will be placed in the Library at once and be ready for use.

The Furniture Company has made the committee an offer of some tables and other material for the equipment of the room. Like donations have been received from other sources and Mr. Elliott is having steps taken to cut off the Library Room from the Reading Room.

The committee has on hand unexpended about fifteen dollars cash which has been received in small sums from several persons.

Although the amount needed has not yet been received the Reading Room is to be fitted up as far as possible with the funds and material at hand and the work will be finished as soon as the necessary amount has been received.

Those in charge of the work express themselves as appreciative of the support received and confident that the full sum asked for will be donated.

Meditations of A. Jonah.

A fool and his money is soon parted, that's why he is a fool. It has always been a wonderful thing to me that the smaller a man is the larger seems his estimation of himself.

* We often think a man is on the water wagon when really he is under the pump.

A rolling stone may not gather any moss but it has the consolation of knowing it's not getting rusty.

Now that we've got to using canned speeches the proper thing to do is to perpetually seal the cans.

Many a man will risk his life so as to be able to talk about it later.

If you want to chain a devil make the chain out of something that wont melt.

For the purpose of furthering its aggressive campaign for forest reserves in the White Mountains of New England and the Southern Appalachians, the Appalachian National Forest Association has determined to establish its headquarters at 514 Metropolitan Bank Building, Washington D. C., with Mr. John H. Finney secretary and treasurer, in charge. The association has recently elected as its president Mr. D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte N. C.

Baby won't suffer five minutes with croup if you apply Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil at once. It acts like magic.

"Whom the Gods Love."

If it be true as has been written by one of England's "sweet singers" that "Whom the gods love die young," then may we, in some measure understand the blow that fell upon an entire community, that racked with helpless pain and yearning the hearts of loved ones, when Annie Winston Holbrook entered into her rest. And there are so many to grieve. Besides the husband whom she loved as only such women as she can love, there are the little children and her brothers and sisters. From far Oklahoma came her sister, Mrs. J. D. Cox and her brother, Wm. Winston, from Virginia's fair capital, the young brother Ed Winston to whom she was mother and sister together. Here at home, surrounding her with the care and love that only a sister can give, was Mrs. E. V. Morton. Upon them all, gathered about that deathbed, the shadow of the destroying angel fell darkly. Upon the writer, away in a nook of the Alleghanies, knowing nothing of her illness, the blow fell with crushing force. For my soul was knit to hers, from the first day I looked upon that sweet face, even as David's was knit unto the young Jonathan's. She was to me as a beloved younger sister, and I grope blindly after the meaning of the affliction laid upon us. She was needed so much, she left such a terrible void in the lives of so many—"Oh, mystery of mysteries, the death of the well beloved."

In many of her noblest traits of character, Annie Holbrook forcibly recalled to me Marianna Walton, the sister who was my other and far better self, and who was taken away from family and friends in the prime of her young life and usefulness. They were alike, too, in their absolute fearlessness of death, their longing for another and higher life than any they could ever know here. My dear friend Mrs. Holbrook, in speaking, with all a mother's yearning, of the dear little son, William, gone before her to the Land of the Little Children, spoke ever as we do when our little ones have gone us for a pleasant visit. Things mentioned in our more intimate talks showed clearly that she had a premonition that her life on earth would be but a short. Surely, if ever there were one who was ready when the summons came, "Come up higher" it was she.

Life is darker without her, many thoughts will never be spoken because that faithful friend cannot give ear to them, when I go about the streets I will not watch for the dear face that ever brightened at sight of me—the face that they tell me wore a smile of Heaven's own brightness, even when the coffin lid closed over it. Well I know that a glimpse of the glory that shall be revealed hereafter shone through the gates ajar upon her as she saw in dying her father, mother, child waiting to welcome her as she passed over the river of death. Be happy there, Annie. The babe followed you quickly. It may be that we may be with you ere long.

"Be the day weary; be the day long, Some time it weareth to even-song."

S. F. W.

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We wonder if Teddy will OK those phonograph speeches of Taft.

Letter From Los Angeles.

To Editor of the Democrat.
It seems strange to be addressing you at such a number as 9th Ave, Hickory, the station we used to know as "Hickory Tavern," but times change and tide waits for no man. A more recent example of growth is our own city Los Angeles. When I came here twenty years ago the population numbered 40,000, five years before that there were only 12,000. Now it is a magnificent city with 300,000 inhabitants, and is rapidly growing. Last year, 1907 we voted bonds for a new water supply for \$23,000,000 and in five years we will be using Owen's river bringing it 240 miles through cement and steel conduits. The latter are for developing electric power (75,000 or more horse power) and we not only expect to use this power for manufacturing purposes but also for cooking and other household uses.

A few days ago the county voted \$3,500,000 for good roads. The city voted the water bonds as you will understand.

We are also moving to have the finest harbour on the coast. San Francisco having the largest. Los Angeles is about 20 miles from the ocean with a "shoe-string" leading to the coast at Wilmington or San Pedro. This string is a mile wide and has within it a slough which leads up to within 8 miles of the heart of Los Angeles. This "nigger slough" is 400 feet wide and but a few feet—supposedly 3 feet above sea level, it is through earth and leads into the west basin of a natural harbour, so you see with a little labor we can be a great seaport city rivaling San Francisco and Seattle.

We are ahead of the latter now and they are the only two cities on the Pacific coast that can compare with Los Angeles.

There have been great developments in crude oil out here within the last few years and just now in process of formation is a company that proposes making alcohol out of water and crude oil. Three gallons of alcohol from one gallon of oil and two gallons of water at an expense of only 8 cents per gallon.

If anyone desires information concerning Los Angeles or the country which is on the eve of great development he can get a great deal of useful information by writing to the Chamber of Commerce here.

J. E. Cowles.

Evidence Against Him.

"I am proud to say," said the man with the loud voice, "that I have never made a serious mistake in my life."
"But you are mistaken," said the mild mannered man with the scholarly stoop. "You have made one very serious mistake."
"I'd like to know where you get your authority for saying so."
"Your declaration is evidence that you have never tried to see yourself as others see you."—Exchange.

The Marvelous Resistance of Water.

If it were possible to impart to a sheet of water an inch in thickness sufficient velocity, the most powerful bomb shells would be immediately stopped in their flight when they came into contact with it. It would offer the same resistance as the steel armor of the most modern battleship.—Strand Magazine.

The Law's Delay.

Betty—That case hasn't come on yet. Isn't the law's delay maddening? Cissie (absentmindedly)—Perfectly frightful! I've been six months getting that young barrister to propose.—London Opinion.

His Loss Our Gain.

Poet—I had a poem here, but while I was waiting for you I carelessly upset some ink over it, and I fear that I cannot remember it to rewrite it. Editor—That's good.—New York Press

A Quick Switch.

Jack (studying geography)—Father, what is a strait? Father (reading the paper)—Five cards of a—that is, a narrow strip of water connecting two larger bodies.—Harper's Weekly.

It is much easier to shout hal-lalujah than to whisper good of your neighbors.

The Fayetteville-Hickory Matter.

The muddle over the State championship between Hickory and Fayetteville is fresh in the minds of the sports of North Carolina and will not be reviewed. Challenges and counter-challenges have been sent from Hickory until the managers of the two teams have become locked on the matter and they have both sent their troubles to the Observer's sporting editor for settlement.

And since the matter has been left with us we make the following ruling:

Place—Charlotte. Because it is about equally distant from the two towns, and as good, if not the best, ball town in the State.

Time—August 27th, 28th and 29th. Because these dates seem to be satisfactory to both parties.

Another question arising is: Shall the teams be allowed to play professionals? We understand the contest to be for the amateur championship of the State, and if this is the case then none but amateurs can be played.

But in looking over the correspondence we find one of the managers using the word "for the independent championship of the State." If the contest is for the independent championship of the State then the teams are allowed to use the players they see fit to select.

If the contest is for the amateur championship, play amateurs.

If it is for the independent championship, play whoever you please.

The managers can decide between themselves the question of the division of gate receipts, etc.

The sporting editor will ask the managers to wire him if the above dates and time are satisfactory and also if the contest is for amateurs or independents.

Since writing the above we learn that the local grounds are engaged for the dates mentioned. If satisfactory let the games be played September 1st, 2d and 3d.—Charlotte Observer.

With One Eye Bandaged.

"I had a great joke played on me while shooting billiards at a hotel in New York recently," said a Milwaukee man. "Having a little time on hand, I sauntered into the billiard room. I became engaged in conversation with a fellow in the room, and I proposed a game, while he readily accepted. At first things went along splendidly, and I had twenty to his ten. But soon he forged ahead and beat me out by a close score. Then a friend of mine, who was stopping at the same place, said he was willing to wager that my opponent could beat me with one eye bandaged. I accepted his offer and placed \$5 on the result. He didn't give me much of a chance, trimming me to the tune of 50 to 15. After the game was over I paid my bet, when the above mentioned friend loudly told me the eye that he had bandaged was a glass one."—Milwaukee Sentinel

NOTICE TO DEMOCRATS.

Senatorial Convention.

The Senatorial Convention of the 31st District, composed of Lincoln and Catawba counties, is hereby called to meet at Newton, at 12 o'clock m. August 29th for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Senator and transacting such other business as may come before it.

This the 8th day of Aug. 1908.

A. L. Quickel,

Chairman Lincoln Co., Democratic Executive Com.

E. L. Shuford,
Chairman Catawba Co., Democratic Executive Com.

"The business of the country is largely dependent upon a protective system of tariffs," says Mr. Taft. "The victim of" would have come nearer to the facts.

Fingers were invented before forks but then dirt was invented before pie. Still we prefer the latter.

Mr. Bryan's Speech.

Even the sharpest and most intolerant critics of William Jennings Bryan will be forced to admit that his speech at his Lincoln home in acceptance of the Democratic nomination for President of the United States was a thoroughly conservative outgiving and presented the general political issues of the year from an altogether wholesome and reasonable point of view. It must be said, of course, that extended treatment of the half-dozen or so leading questions of the campaign has been reserved by Colonel Bryan for later dates—as for instance, the tariff—and thus the opportunity for the discarding of whatever rank radicalism that may yet remain with the Democratic candidate this arrangement was of his own choice and making; and inasmuch as if any at all was not present; but dramatic appeals to the passions and the prejudices of the masses and the classes of people would reach a much larger audience through the medium of a formal address of acceptance than through, later-on campaign speeches, the temptation if it existed, was resisted.—New York Commercial.

The speech of William Jennings Bryan accepting the nomination for Presidents at the hands of the Democratic party is strong, conservative and to the point. There is less of Bryan's individualism and more of the flavor of statesmanship in it than in any utterance of his we have seen for some time. He hews strictly to the line of endorsement of the platform, and in so doing says, among other things: "I am in hearty accord with both the letter and the spirit of the platform. I endorse it in whole and in part, and shall, if elected, regard its declaration as binding upon me. I may add, a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains." This last sentence is perhaps Mr. Bryan's most significant declaration and commitment. It cannot but be construed as an abandonment of all individual theories which he has advocated, and which have worked as seriously against harmony in the party.

The speech is good reading throughout, and what with Mr. Bryan's unequivocal pledge regarding the platform, his indictment of the Republicans and his exposition of their ability to fulfill their promises, the slogan, "Shall the people rule?" should rally the Democracy to thorough reorganization and harmony.—Richmond News Leader, Dem.

One of the most interesting and significant declaration in Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance is embodied in the following excerpts. "And I may add, a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains."

"A platform announces the party's position on the questions which are at issue, and an official is not at liberty to use the authority vested in him to urge personal views which have not been submitted to the voters for their approval.

"The platform upon which I was nominated not only contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years."

Down goes the free silver bogey, down goes the government ownership bogey; down goes the initiative and referendum bogey. "A platform is binding as to what it omits." All the stock scare-heads with which Republican spell-binders had meant to conjure terrors to the name of Bryan vanished into thin air at that straightforward pledge.—Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dem.