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Thursday, August 10, 1911

In other departments of the Government service there has not been that effort at enforcing economy as that displayed in the attack on Dr. Wiley. It is stated in the U. S. courts there is sometimes as much as fifty dollars a day paid to witnesses, this is quite a contrast with the \$9 per day that so much racket has been kicked up because Dr. Wiley paid it to an expert chemist to assist him in his work of perfecting the pure food department. The Remson Board was created to get around some of Dr. Wiley's ideas, and it is a well paid useless adjunct of the public service.

The Department of Agriculture paid the expenses of the Remson board members who went to Indianapolis. The department, it will be recalled, thought it best that Dr. Wiley, who held contrary views, should not testify, and the removal of Dr. Wiley, who did testify in the Indiana case and who supported the State's fight has been since removed "for the good of the service."

Considerable stress was laid upon the fact that the Federal Government had paid expenses of witnesses to Indiana, and Chairman Moss, of that State, said he did not see why the members of the Remson board had so broadened the scope of their work as to take part in the State fight. Dr. Remson testified that Secretary Wilson suggested that the board members ought to go to Indiana.

The decline of the two dollars per bale on cotton due principally, and primarily to the governments prediction of an enormous crop, is at best nothing short of criminal. It was a prediction made evidently in the interest of the bears in the cotton market, to the prejudice of those who had cotton to sell. The Governments statistician whose business it is to calculate facts as to the condition of the crop for world wide information, had no absolute, facts upon which to predicate a certain forecast, and to attempt to do it in the face of uncertainties to the prejudice of the owners of the staple should have constituted a crime. It is not the first time this department of the Government has been perverted to the benefit of Wall street speculators. Not a great while past the report leaked out from some trusty source in advance of the time when it should have been done, and the result was a sharp change in the quotation on cotton solely for the benefit of those who had been furnished the report in advance of the time when such information should have been furnished.

The governments apparent interest in the speculators is discreditable to say the least.

We have known Mr. Hoke personally for years, we knew him during Mr. Cleveland's administration as Secretary of the Interior and we have always regarded him as a splendid man of ability, a man whom we admired, but we must say that his neglect of his duties as a Senator in Washington where he has been so badly needed has tended much to disparage our opinion of him. It is a big mistake Mr. Smith, that you have made, a mistake you will have ample time to repent of. "The Resolu-

tion of the Georgia Legislature asking him to resign is a befitting rebuke.

Governo: Kitchin in speaking of the recent attack upon him by the Raleigh News and Observer intimates that when the Senatorial canvass opens he will unlimber his guns and direct a broadside not only against the News and Observer, but any other and all other newspapers that dares attack him. This is a privilege of Mr. Kitchin, but in order to keep history straight he need not wait.

Great is the power of lies, lies boldly told, and stubbornly maintained, but greater is truth which must triumph at last, and grander is it when it crushes filthy intrigue.

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In the splendor of the midnight, in the freshness of the morn;
In the majesty of thunder when the skies are lightning-torn;
In the shimmer and the shiver of the moonlight on the sea—
In all of thy great handiwork I see and worship—Thee!

The Creator! The created! Paltry words that blind the soul
To the glory and the greatness and the beauty of the whole!

Thou the maker of the universe? Thou art its pulsing heart,
And thy beat is in its arteries unto the utmost part!

Thou—the gliding of the sunlight!
Thou—the silver of the rain;
Thou—the rippling of the breezes over fields of springing grain!

Thou—the sweep of upland meadows, all with milky daisies starred!
Thou—the rainbow's iridescence of the beetle's golden shard!

Thou—the marching up through centuries of Life, the undimmed;
Up through chaos, up through conflict, never daunted or afraid;

From the cell that knew no hunger, up to man who gueth: Thee!
Thou art Matter! Thou art Spirit!
Thou the riddle—Thou the key!

Warring waves of joy and sorrow, hate and love and space and time
Sink to calm upon the vastness of Thy serene sea sublime!

Thou—the finite, star and blossom; pride of man and sparrow's fall!
Thou—the infinite, transcending, comprehending hushing all!

—Geo. Gowen, Mathews Va.

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He Couldn't Be Feared About the Growth of the Trees.

A promoter for a rubber company was trying to persuade Mr. Spangler to invest some of his savings in the company's stock. The demand for rubber, he said, was worldwide and constantly increasing. The company owned immense forests of rubber trees and kept an army of workers employed all the time in gathering the crude rubber. The output was enormous, and the profits—well, the scheme was certainly better than a gold mine.

"I have heard," said Mr. Spangler suspiciously, "that the forests are being exhausted."

"That's true to some extent," answered the other, "but we are not depending on the existing trees. We are planting hundreds of square miles with new trees."

"How long does it take for a tree to grow big enough to tap?"

"Only six or eight years."

"That won't go down with me," said Mr. Spangler, with emphasis. "My wife has had a rubber plant in the front parlor for six years, where it's warm all the time, winter and summer, and it hasn't grown a foot in all that time. No, sir; you can't fool me on that!"—Youth's Companion.

Man Eating Wild Man.

In the celebrated "Travels" of Edward Webb (1590) are dozens of stories that would make Munchausen turn green with envy. One of the most celebrated of these is his story of the wild men of Prester John, which is as follows:

"In the court of Prester John there is a wild man and another in the high street of Constantinople whose allowance is every day a quarter of raw mutton, and when any man dyeth for some notorious offence then they are allowed every day a quarter of man's flesh. These wild men are chained fast to a post every day, the one in Prester John's court, the other in the high street of Constantinople, each of them having a mantell about their shoulders, and all over their bodies they have wonderful long hairs. They are chained by the neck: test they speedily devour all that cometh within their reach."

His Choice of Weapons.

In "A Century of English Ballads," a book by Harold Simpson, there is a delightful story of Stephen Inledon, an eminent tenor of other days, whose singing of "Black Eyed Susan" was peculiarly to the people's taste. While staying at a country inn Inledon had quarreled during the evening with an army officer. He imagined he had closed the controversy by going off to bed, but the officer, left downstairs to brood over his wrongs, thought otherwise. Making his way to Inledon's bedroom, he found the singer fast asleep. When he succeeded in waking him, a matter of some difficulty, the officer demanded satisfaction. "Satisfaction?" murmured Inledon sleepily. "Well, you shall have it." Whereupon he sat up in bed and sang "Black Eyed Susan" in his best style. "There," he said, lying down again, "my singing of that song has given satisfaction to thousands, and it will have to satisfy you." And he turned over and went to sleep again.

West Point Traditions.

"It is an interesting fact, often referred to at alumni reunions and in addresses delivered to the cadets at West Point," said a retired army officer, "that one of the most distinguished of the graduates of the academy, who afterward wore the epaulettes of a major general, was once a bootblack on the streets of New York and was playing his trade when he noticed in a newspaper an announcement of a vacancy at the academy for the district in which he lived, and he applied for it.

"Another of the traditions," continued the officer, "is that one of the best cadet officers that ever wore the gray was the son of a convict, and, although that fact was known to every one of his comrades, it never made the slightest difference in his social standing. I do not know of any other institution where the same social recognition and the same loyalty of comradeship would be displayed."—Washington Herald.

Taming a Tiger.

"It is nothing but kindness that makes animals really tame," said a trainer. "All the terrible accidents that used to occur so frequently to trainers and tamers were due to the fact that the animals had been cowed and not won by kindness. I remember a savage Bengal tiger which was sent to me from Calcutta some years ago. When he arrived he was in a state of fury and rage and for several days would fly at me whenever I approached his cage. I paid him a daily visit, purring as I approached, which was like speaking his own language, and he gave up gradually his furious greeting. After a week I took a piece of meat at each visit, for the way to the heart is through the stomach, and that does not apply to tigers alone. At the end of four weeks I could touch him, and three months later he had quite realized that no one wanted to hurt him and used to come quietly to the bars to be stroked each day."

Sir Walter and the Royal Glass.

In 1820 George IV. conferred a baronetcy upon Walter Scott. Two years later the king of England went to pay a visit to his Scotch subjects. He was received with indescribable enthusiasm, and Scott led the manifestations organized in his honor. "You are the one Scotchman I have chiefly desired to see," said the sovereign. The two men then drank one another's health, and Scott begged George IV. to give him the glass which he had just put to his lips. The favor was granted, and the poet put the glass in his pocket. Unfortunately when he got home he forgot to place the relic in safety, sat down upon it and broke it into a thousand pieces.—From De Monvel's "Beau Brummel."

The Romans Dressed For Dinner.

A sartorial authority says that the custom of dressing for dinner began with the Romans. It was a simpler procedure than at present. A loose robe of fine material was donned for the evening meal, preferably at home, but in cases where guests came from a distance at the home of the host, who kept a supply of dinner clothes on hand for the use of his guests who came unprovided.—Springfield Republican.

All but That.

"My present patient," said the pretty nurse, "is a peevish old millionaire."

"Never mind. He may ask you to marry him."

"Yes, he may. He has about run out of other requests."—Kansas City Journal.

Ought to Be Well Posted.

"I am quite surprised, Mr. Meeker, at your wife's knowledge of parliamentary law."

"She? Great Caesar! Hasn't she been speaker of the house for the last fifteen years?"

Quite Frank.

The Old One—So you wish to marry my daughter, eh? Do you drink? The Young One—Thank you; not just at present. Business before pleasure is my motto.—Philadelphia Record.

The Important Question.

It is idle to frame such a query as "Can the cook be a lady?" The real question is now and ever will be, "Can the lady cook?"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Economy.

She—Don't let us have oysters this evening. Let's be economical, and then you can buy me that pearl necklace I told you of.—Rita.

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