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### A CIVIC LEAGUE

Civic Leagues have worked wonderful in a great many towns and cities in arousing a public sentiment favorable to civic improvement. The Leagues are in the hands of the ladies, who organize, and then do what they can to encourage civic pride, they try to induce the citizens to beautify their homes, keep their premises clean, and encourage a sentiment that will aid in getting rid of unsightly places.

A civic league could work wonders in Mebane, there is so much it might do, if the ladies would only energetically push the work. There are a great many ways by which they may make their services of value. They could secure the passage of wholesome and beneficial ordinances, and insist upon their being enforced. There are a great many unsightly places in every town, and Mebane is no exception to the rule they may do much to arouse public sentiment to the pressing necessity of remedying these troubles. The moral force of their influence is a great power when rightly directed. There is much they may do to make Mebane beautiful. Some time past we discussed the matter frequently and urged a Civic League, but our effort met with such little encouragement we dropped the matter. We trust that conditions are more favorable to the organization of a Civic League. The New Year is upon us and it is a good time to organize and get ready for a year's work. Any one with a spark of civic pride could hardly use a portion of their time to better advantage than in helping, and in encouraging people to beautify their homes, or to insist upon unsightly public places be corrected. Mr. W. E. White has shown commendable interest in this matter, he has on several occasions directed our attention to it, and seemed anxious to encourage effort along such lines. The Leader tenders its help in any way it may be able to serve.

### THE UNDERWOOD BOOM

Reports from Washington indicate that the Underwood Presidential boom was assuming generous proportions. And why not, Representative Oscar W. Underwood measures up to ideal Presidential timber. He has demonstrated that he is one among the most capable, and level headed men whose name has been mentioned in connection with the nomination of this high office by the Democratic party, but it is said there is just one big "IF" standing in the way of the Underwood nomination for the presidency. That is the obsession, peculiar to the south, that no southern man can be elected president of the United States. The time honored belief, which followed the Civil war, that it is impossible to elect a Southerner, is one embarrassment to the chances of Underwood. And the south itself is declared to be mainly responsible for the feeling.

The old fear of sectionalism still haunts the southern Democrats. Year after year the solid south has sent its delegates to the national conventions and helped to nominate men from

the North, East and West.

The south has had presidential timber of its own. Just as Mr. Underwood now measures up to the job, but that section has consistently failed to rid itself of the antiquated idea that a southern man cannot receive the support of Democrats elsewhere.

If no Southern Democrat can be elected to the Presidency, it would not be out of place to reflect that only one Northern Democrat has been elected in the past fifty years and it was with Southern votes principally he was elected. For half a century since the war the South has given the full strength of its votes trying to help elect a Northern or Western Democrat to be President, if it failed it was because the North and West failed to aid as it should.

The war has been ended near fifty years, and at no time since it ended has the South been wanting in loyalty to the Government or lacking in men worthy to occupy the presidential chair. So what is it that must bar it from its rightful claim to offer to this nation a man the peer of any to rule? nothing except that innate modesty that has ceased to be a virtue, and that fear of Northern and Western sectional prejudice, that amounts to moral cowardice. If the South has not won the respect and confidence of this nation in its fifty years of loyalty and patriotic devotion, then it should not want it, it should not seek it, it is an element of respect that is not worth having. Mr. Underwood has never run off on any fools errand after pension loafers, nor threatened Mr. Taft with a dose of political layout drops by running as a Canadian Reciprocity candidate. Mr. Underwood has acted as an honest able Representative in all positions in which he has been placed. He is a Southern man, capable and conservative, and the Leader would take pleasure in giving him the full measure of its support.

### The Flight

(George E. Woodbury in Scribner's)

O Wild Heart, track the land's perfume,  
Beach roses and moor heather!  
All fragrances of herb and bloom  
Fall out at sea, together,  
O follow where aloft find room  
Lark song and eagle feather—  
All ecstasies of throat and plume  
Melt, high on yon blue heather.  
O leave on sky and ocean lost  
The flight creation dareth;  
Take wings of love, then mount the most;  
Find fame, that furthest fareth!  
Thy flight, albeit amid her most  
Thee, too, night starlike beareth,  
Flying, thy breast on heaven's coast  
The infinite outwearth.

"Dead o'er us roll celestial fires;  
Mute stand earth's ancient beaches;  
Old thoughts, old instincts, old desires,  
The passing hour outreaches;  
The soul creative never tires—  
Evokes, adores, beseeches;  
And that heart most the good inspires  
Whom most its wildness teaches.  
"For I will course through falling years,  
And stars and cities burning;  
And I will march through dying cheers  
Past empires unreturning;  
Ever the world flame reappears  
Where mankind power is earning.  
The nation's hopes, the people's tears,  
One with the wild heart yearning."

Nature ever yields reward  
To him who seeks, and loves her best  
—Berry Cornwall  
Watch well the building of the dream;  
However hopeless it may seem,  
The time will come when it shall be  
A prison or a home for thee,  
—W. Webb,

Let us be of good cheer, however,  
Remembering that the misfortunes  
hardest to bear are those which never come.—Lowell.  
Yes, the new days come and the old days go,  
And I the while rejoice;  
For now 'tis the rose, and now 'tis  
the snow  
And now a sweet bird voice.  
—W. Brunton.

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## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

They May Not Be Quite So Numerous as You Imagine.

GUESS AS TO THEIR NUMBER.

Then Do Some Thinking and Figuring and See How Far From Your Guess You Come and Incidentally Learn How Many Folks You Don't Know.

Did you ever have the experience of walking down Main street with a man who is running for office? All the time he is looking right and left to people you meet. Several times in a block he will stop to shake hands with an acquaintance.

"You seem to know every one," you say to him almost enviously.  
"That's right," he replies, not without some pride. "I guess I do know everybody worth knowing."  
Yet how many people does he know? How many people do you know yourself? Did you ever try to figure it out? What proportion of the people in the United States do you know? Certainly you don't know the one-hundredth part of them. Even the president of the United States doesn't know it could be kept traveling all the time, making a host of new acquaintances every day.

To know the one-hundredth part of the people in this country would be to know in the neighborhood of a million persons. No; it is perfectly safe to say that there is no person in the whole world that knows a million other persons well enough to call each of them by name. Think what a million means! Suppose you said the names of all the people you know as fast as you could. If you could cumulate twenty names a minute you would be doing marvelously well. Even at that rate, working steadily eight hours a day, it would take you nearly four months just to name the people you know. There isn't a memory in existence that would hold a million names.

Well, do you suppose you know a hundred thousand? Let's see; that would be about one-fifth of the population of Rhode Island. Imagine yourself sitting in the railroad station at Providence watching the people come through. No; that is hardly a fair test, for unless you live in Providence you do not know as many people there as in the city in which you live. Sit in your own railway station and count the people coming through. No matter how well known you are or how many people you know, you cannot help but be impressed with the fact of how many people there are that you do not know. If you know one in a hundred persons you know far more than the average.

Let us try to get at it in another way. You make on the average, say, two new acquaintances a week. Of course there are weeks and weeks that you make no new acquaintances at all, and then there are times, such as picnic week and vacation week and church fair week, when you meet a lot of people, so that two a week is a fair average. You have been meeting people, say, for twenty-five years. That's 2,500, isn't it?

Is it possible that you know only 2,500 people? You thought the number would be far more than that? But hold on. You don't know nearly that many. There are lots and lots of people whom you knew twenty years ago that you don't know now. You cannot even remember their names or what they looked like.

Just sit down and try to remember the names of all the boys and girls that were in the same room in the public school with you. You cannot remember half of them or a third of them or a fifth of them. It is safe to say that of every two persons you met in all your life you have forgotten one. The chances are that the number of people you know by name is nearer 1,000 than it is 2,000.

Of course a preacher with a thousand members in his church is expected to know them all by name. But all the same you will find him saying to his wife:

"My dear, who was that young lady who spoke to us just now?"

It is business, too, for a merchant to remember all of his thousand customers, but very few merchants are able to do it. Possibly some of the politicians and public lecturers may know a couple of thousand persons by name, but very few other persons know that many.

If this estimate seems too low it is easily disproved. All you have to do is to take pencil and paper and begin putting down the names of your acquaintances. Start with your own family and then put down your cousins and your second cousins and your wife's relations. Then put down the names of the people you know in the town you used to live in and the people you know socially. Follow that up with the people you know in business, then—

But you can't dispute these figures. It is too much trouble to think of all the people you know. You'll never do it.—New York World.

A Hat and a Head.  
"Now, if you follow my advice," said one business man to another as the wind caught the hat of the latter from his head—"if you follow my advice your derby will stay on in any wind that New York can produce. When I buy a new hat I heat it over the gas jet, and while it is still warm I put it on and let it cool on my head. The result is a perfect fit. Try it and see."—New York Sun.

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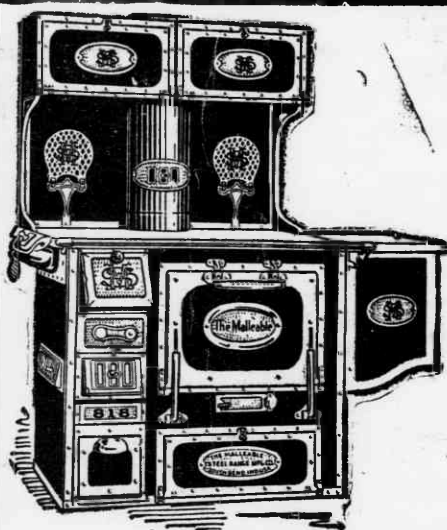
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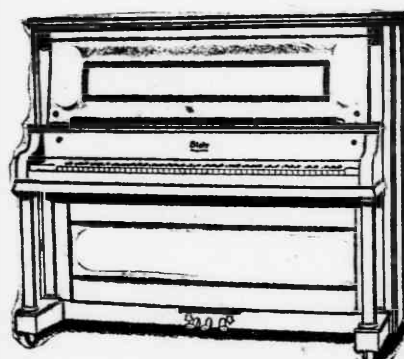
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