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SOMETHING ABOUT THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

A few years past and the word civic had a vague and uncertain meaning to some people, the time was when it was a word of little use, but alert, progressive citizens who had a high conception of life found it fit exactly to express a condition vitally important to this country. The word Civic League was made to apply to a band of citizens whose purpose, and policy was to beautify and make clean and healthy. The progressive element in every community in which there was life, and a proper respect for higher ideals, banded themselves together and went to work with a view of making every spot that was sickly and unsanitary, wholesome and healthy, by planting flowers where the briars and brambles grew, and covering unsightly patches with fresh green grass, turning them into an attractive, wholesome and healthy place. The work of the Civic League in our towns and cities has made a great transformation, in so much that was unsightly and unhealthy, that their work has come to the world like a benediction thrice blessed.

The Leader some years past aided and urged by some of our best citizens advocated the necessity of a Civic League for Mebane, in doing so we sometime become so impatient and petulant at the lethargy and like of interest shown by our people that we felt almost discouraged, but we labored on, and there did come a day of change. Mebane has an exceedingly creditable Civic League, its a League that is enthusiastic, vitalized by an earnest desire to make of itself a helpful force for the health and beauty of Mebane. It has only to continue its work along lines already begun and it will prove an estimable blessing to this community.

THE AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE.

The trend of enlightenment of the present age is of a high and helpful character. Perhaps in no age has matters that concern the physical, and mental development of the human race been so seriously considered. What ever would develop the mind, lift the thoughts of youth, and manhood to a higher and more idealistic plane, has found earnest, helpful men and women to lend their lives to give force and emphasis to its practical development and teaching, until to-day education is measured as the great lever to lift humanity into the sunlit planes of a higher and holier purpose.

The physical development of man is made the study of our best scientist, and it does not only relate to the physical development of man alone to make his body strong, but it relates to, and teaches lessons that concern hygiene, sanitation, and all the means and methods to eliminate and destroys the noxious poisons, contagions, and sceptic azotic germs. It teaches men how to live better, healthier,

and longer. It is these things that have made grandest the age in which we live, and work. We are approaching the physical perfection of Rome in her palmy days. It was Charlie Aycock that first lifted highest the oriflamme of inspiration to the poor boy of our State, and bade him look up and climb higher, that to him who toiled there was nothing too good to give.

We often see articles in the State papers deploring the fact that it seems so easy for people to draw pistols to shoot down their fellow man. They deplore the wrong fact, the thing to deplore is that we usually have such an imbecile General Assembly that they will keep silent upon the vital question of selling deadly weapons. Men who seem to be idiotic, or associate in crimes will allow the pawn broker to not only sell, but tempt the vicious to buy the deringer, the repeating pistol, or any other fire arms. The State gets the pitiful sum of \$10 per year for the tax. How much is the pawn brokers general fund for buying this class of Legislation, we don't know but we suppose it has a price.

It was thought by a number of profound statesmen at Washington a few days past that Bryan was monkeying with the dove of peace too much, in fact was willing to see the Nations flag trailed in the dirt in order that he might avoid doing that which he feared would injure his political chances for the presidency, an eventuality in case of war, Bryan is a misfit. He may be a square man trying to get in a round hole.

However much it may be boasted that the Thaw money has done in defeating justice, in shaming the law of our land, and helping a murderer to escape punishment, the courts which shared in this infamy will have nothing to be proud of, and the day will come when the Harry Thaw trials will be looked upon as the blackest blur upon American jurisprudence.

Decision Reserved.

An English seamstress, says the Manchester Guardian, who was helping to make some costumes for a Browning pageant, was asked if she had ever read any of the poet. "No," she replied, "I've never read any of that sort of stuff; not Browning, nor Shakespeare neither. But then, you know," she added, "my mother has her own opinion about Shakespeare."

Before the Age of Speed.

Twenty years ago London omnibuses, according to a police statement at the time, traveled at the rate of six or seven miles an hour, and thought they were making speed.

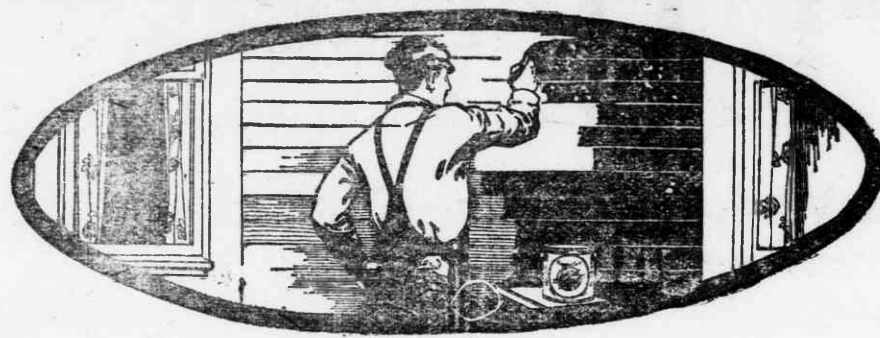
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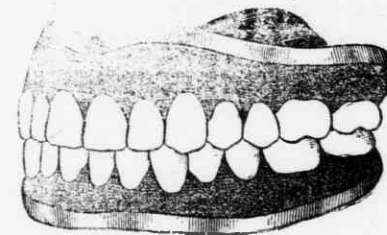
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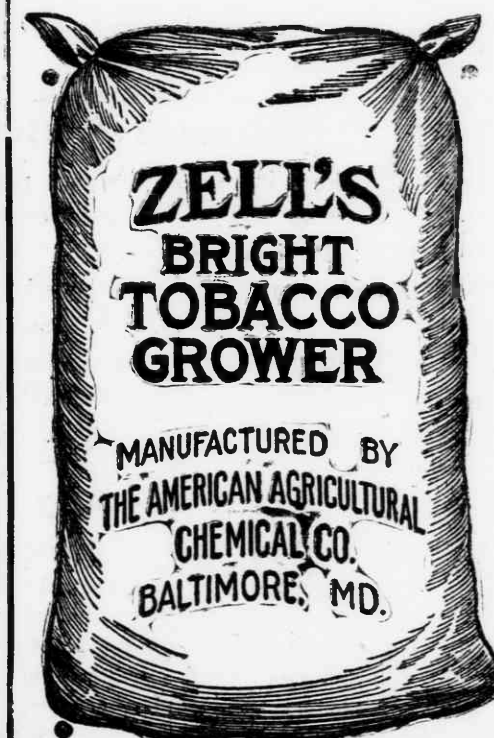
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