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Thursday, May 21 1914

Mr. Roosevelt will soon be home and then he will tell us of some of the wild animals he saw in South America, the prolific field of animal nature, and as soon as he gets time from this subject he will give us a few lines on the needful politics of the day.

It is the duty of a nation to exhaust every resource to avoid war, except to submit to dishonor. We have run vitally close to this class of wrongs with Mexico, and because it is Mexico is the one sole reason why we submit to so many. To become entangled in war with a nation that has no intelligent representative head, is a kind of a folly Mr. Wilson is trying to avoid.

The Mebane officials, or those who have the matter in hand, should get to doing something on the road through town as early as possible. Time is passing and the work can not be done too soon. People who pass out of Mebane going East is bound to note the improvement in the road when they reach the Orange county line.

You may think it your duty to make your neighbor good. If you think that the chief way in which you will make him good will be by being good yourself. Precept is a fine thing but the most potent moral force the world has ever known is example. Let the world see what your own life is, and then be sure it is good, it is kind, it is charitable, nothing need be said, but you will do a great and noble work. Don't fear the world wont see what you are doing, for it will.

It would seem that secretary of state Bryan does a lot of hurrying these days. If counsel Silleman is imprisoned, he hurries across to the Brazilian Mediator to tell him he must insist that Huerta have him released. If the lights in the Light Houses at Vera Cruz goes out, he hurries over to the Chillian Ministers to tell him he must turn on the light. If Huerta orders a Mr. Sharp killed he hurries across Pennsylvania avenue to have Mr. Huerta instructed that he must tell all about it, and some more.

What the second trial of Lieutenant Becker is going to develop will be hard to tell at this distance. There are a good many people who thought the New York Supreme court made a mistake in granting him a new trial. The characters of witnesses it is proposed to try to convict him with in his second trial are hardly any better than those who appeared in his first trial. But what matters, it the supreme court that is supposed to be an infalible tribunal, but the fact is it is not and never will be no more than the five commissioners that framed up the case when Tilden was defrauded out of the Presidency and Hays given the place on a count of three to five.

There will be a county convention held at Graham on Saturday the 23rd. There will be much business to transact, and it is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance of representative Democrats. Mr. John Vernon's name is signed to the call, John is chairman. We want to say if there is anything hanging loose around this convention that it would seem that a good Democrat ought to have. John Vernon is the man for it. A bright active Democrat, a self sacrificing Democrat, a patriot, and all that. Don't forget John.

The Mediators are supposed to be able to get down to business, on Wednesday of this week May 20th. They have wined and dined at Washington, kissed and embraced the delegates to the convention, and it is now supposed they will be ready for business. It is sincerely hoped that the Mediators may be able to reach a safe and satisfactory solution to the difficulty questions, but we rather doubt it. What the United state would agree to Huerta will not and vice-versa.

Dad.

Dad was never no hand to fuss. Used to hurt him to hear us cuss; Kind o' settled in his ways, Born an' raised in the good old days When a tattered coat hid a kindly heart, An' the farm was home, not a toilin' mart. An' a man was judged by his inward self; Not his worldly pelf. Seems like 'twas yesterday we sat On the old back porch for a farewell chat Ere I changed the farm and the simple life For the city's roar an' bustle an' strife. While I gayly talked of the city's charm His eyes looked out o'er the fertile farm An' he said as he rubbed where the hair was thin "All right, son, you win."

Member the night I tramped back home Skinnin' deep in the fresh turned loam, Sick and sore for the dear old place, Hungerin' most for a loved old face. When I had climbed the hilltop o'er There stood dad in the kitchen door, An' he says in a voice from deep within "Hello, son, come in."

One winter's day, the first of snow, He went the way that we all must go: An' his spirit soared to the realms above On the wings of a simple hearted love An' I know that when I cross the bar I'll find him there by the gates ajar, An' he'll say, as he idly strokes his chin "Hello, son come in."

—William Edward Ross.

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ADVICE TO EMBRYO POETS

First Efforts Should Not Be Directed to Subjects That Would Test Genius.

Far, far is it from our wish or intention to hurt anybody's feelings, but we do wish to state, very, very gently, that one of the most difficult tasks a real poet, experienced and skilled in the practice of his art, could undertake, would be to write an adequate and fitting poem on the loss of the Titanic. For anyone else to attempt it is to invite inevitable failure, and failure of a kind that—well, of a kind that it would be unkind, in the circumstances, to characterize.

To be deeply and sincerely moved is one of the requisites for writing noble verse about a tragic episode in human history, but it is far from being the only requisite, and, with all respect for their emotions and intentions, we would suggest that those who have only a desire to express what they feel in regard to this calamitous event should do it otherwise than in verse. At least they should not try to get the verse printed, for by so doing they place upon the winners of metrical offerings the always painful duty to be cruelly kind.

Surely, surely, surely, a first effort to write poetry should not be on a subject that would test all the powers of a long-tested genius.

If mediation does succeed many a man who proclaimed his readiness and willingness to go the front will be spared the possible embarrassment of having his bluff called.

The philosopher of the Galveston News gives it as his observation that "nobody pays much attention to a diaphanous skirt when it isn't in use"; and it may be added that even when in use, it isn't the skirt so much as what it reveals that attracts attention.

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