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THE FIGHT ON EVOLUTION

The fight that has recently developed on those who believe and teach the theory of evolution in this country assumed proportions that are out Because of the turn it has taken in the way of discrediting the ability and usefumess of promin-ent educators, the subject becomes of general interest. Again it is being freely said in the press and on the platform and pulpit that if the peo-ple knew that the money they contribute to the support of education was going to men who teach evolution then the money would no longer be contributed. Thus the opponents of evolution are trying to create sentiment against those institutions that retain teachers who are believers in the theory.

Just how much prominence Hon Willian J. Bryan has given to the sub ject we do not know, but he has lately been making in all his public addresses a vigorous attack on all those who subscribe to the evolution theory. One would almost be made to think that Mr. Bryan is making this his key note, and thus getting himself constantly talked and writen about over the whole country.

It is no discredit to the ministers that they are very zealous of the truth they believe, and it would be a sad day if the ministers should ever come to hold lightly what they think to be the truth. But it seems to be a recognized and undisputed fact that every discovery that has been made in the material world, that tended to better mankind and throw off the shackles of fear and limitations, has been looked upon by the ministers as an attack on the truth they subscribe

For long ages the world believed this earth to be a flat surface and to be small in area. So long as this belief remained in the minds of the people they ventured only short distances out to sea, and kept well within the bounds of the known country. It would be hard for the present generation to believe or conceive of the de gree of fear that was in the minds of the people during the time that the world was believed to be flat with "jumping off" places all around the supposed edges of the land and sea.

While the world was cramped with this idea some astronomer invented a telescope that would enlarge the heavenly bodies, and out of this discovery developed the modern theories of astronomy that destroyed the idea that the world was flat and gradually grew into the present accepted theory of the spherical shape of all the heavenly bodies. Now all this seems simple to the man of today, but when the astronomers announced that the world was round and that the sun was relatively stationary, the ministers of in they can possibly raise over the get laws enacted that prohibited the publishing of the books written by the astronomers, and teachers in the colleges who subscribed to the theory went into seclusion to save themselves from persecution and death. And the fight was kept up for centuries, and even to this day there are those who believe that Joshua was right when he commanded the sun to stand still while he fought the battle. They give him credit for knowing more about astronomy than any other living authority, and are utterly unable to reconcile the bible narrative with the present accepted ideas of the relations of the heavenly bodies.

The same kind of resentment has developed over numerous theories that men of an investigative turn of mind have advanced. Always the charge is made that the new theory will destroy the faith of the people in the bible. And yet it is generally admitted that the bible is now the most popular book in the world, and that there are more christians and more men seeking the ways of the Lord and striving to live the enristian life. It would be hard to reconcile the accepted idea that Christianity is rapidly gaining with the contention that evolution and other theories are in this way the Republican solid party destroying the faith of the people.

se theories are only theories, and no man advances them only as ories, for it is impossible to prove to any man that it is ninety five million miles to the sun and that the sun is a ball of fire,—it is only a theory. The atomic theory that under-lies the science of chemistry is only a theory, and no man could prove to an fariff bill that is attracting the atlearned mind that there is such a tention of the nation and may ing as an atom. The germ theory changes that will mean much at is responsible for the advance-people.

edical science is only a yet there are those who positively

been before the world for than half a century. It is admitted by all those who know of the facts that the theory is largely responsible that the theory is largely responsible for all the advancement that has made in modern years in agricu

and the improvement of stock.

When Charles Darwin publish books that made the theory prom ent the world of thinking men wak up to the opportunities that lay be-fore them for the great improvement of all kinds of vegetation and animal life. Today it is known that by careful selection and breeding, according to the laws discovered by Darwin, algreatly improved in the course of a few years.

It is a pity that there is confusion because of this theory and that con-scientious, useful men are not able to see that all this is not an attack on the bible any more than was the discovery about astronomy.

If the theory of evolution is the truth it will come to be accepted just as did the theory about astronomy. It is unthinkable that the truth of the Christian religion can be destroyed and the fear that is in the minds of many ministers that great harm is being done the church is all a creature of imagination.

There are some facts that might just as well be made known. They charge that colleges are retaining teachers who teach evolution. The truth is that practically all the teachers in the colleges believe the theory and teach it. It would be hard to get a teacher in any of the sciences who does not believe in the theory. To undertake to get anywhere by dismissing teachers who subscribe to the theory would accomplish nothing, for their places could not be filled by men who do not subscribe to the theory And so, to the man who knows the situation, it would be just as thinkable to undertake to get back to the days of a thousand years ago and set up a chair of astronomy in all our colleges that would declare to the world that the earth is a flat surface, and that the sun is a ball of fire, driven daily across the heavens in a fiery chariot, by one of the gods whose duty it is to make the daily run.

It may sound harsh to say it, but it is a fact that those who are making themselves prominent by opposing evolution are simply making them-selves laughing-stocks for the intellectual part of the country, though the folks who are doing the laughing are too polite and too politic to laugh out

THAT NEW TARIFF BILL

The millionaires of this nation are thankful, or should be, for the many tariff bills they have been able to get written into our laws. These tariff bills enable the few wealthy maniputhe day raised a greater disturbance lators of great combines of capital to enrich the selves at the expe theory of evolution. They were able to the general public. Congress is now trying to put over the latest tariff bill that is the child of the trusts, and a mighty commotion is being made in the effort. The present leaders in were banished from the country and Congress have promised the money lords that this bill would be passed, and at the same time they are facing discord and lack of harmony in their own ranks over the apparent results. Many of the Republican members of Congress see that while the bill will please the money lords, it will not please the general public.

Part of the bill is to decrease the tariff on wool that the sheep men of a five dolars. Thus the whole nation city, both of whom have announced will be made to pay a high price for themselves as candidates for this ofclothing that the sheep men of the fice in the Republican primaries. west may be satisfied. And many other features of the bill will hit the Many Liquor Cases in Hillspublic hard.

The most interesting turn that the contest has taken is that the so-called Farmer Bloc has broken down. For months now a few western Republican senators have lined up with the Democrats in the effort to protect the agricultural interests of the west, and was no longer in position to dictate its policies.

For some reason, or for no reas these western senators have age lined up with their party and Farmer Bloc is no longer able

OPPOSED TO MOB RULE

doing violence, and they did, for Paul the action of a mob such as we have here in our own country when occa-sion arises that stirs to an unusual degree the passions of men. We are just as much against mob

rule as any other man, but we have survey work on paper it will be sublittle patience with that class of mitted to the state highway commis-sentimentalists who would make the sion who will pass upon which route impression that mob rule is a crime to adopt. that is peculiar to the South and to Southern people, especially when the race problem is injected into the issue. We know that men's passions are today just as they have always attend the annual ceremonial being been, and that they will become enrag- held there this week. While there this it would first be necessary to this it would first be necessary to go along to make the pilgrimage remove the conditions that are responsible for mobs. So long as norant or vicious men commit acts of removing the cause.

It is a gross misrepresentation to try to leave the impression that To Build Large Store Building Southern people are more inclined to mob action than others. The contions in the South are such that mol form more frequently, possibly, that

for the effect is to deal with the cause, which all men should know who have given the subject the least bit of thought. Education and a general uplift that will put an end to violence will put an end to mob rule and nothing else can.

Old Clothes and Airplane

The greatest problem the world faces today is to get Russia in line with the idea of peace rather than war. With business in that country almost destroyed and famine raging to that degree that seed corn and seed wheat are no longer to be had in the country the leaders of the people seem unable to get their minds off of war. How to change all this is the world problem.

Those who are charitably inclined are contributing of their wealth and old clothes to help the millions of poverty stricken people, and while they are doing this the Russian leaddred from Italy and hiring Italian officers to come to their country and teach them how to use them. This is truly a picture of a people gone mad. Until they have time to change their minds and see the futility of their course there is utterly no hope for that poverty stricken and benighted

E. M. Linville Not a Candidate

E. M. Linville, vice president of the Bank of Mount Airy, informs this office that he is not a candidate for any office at the hands of the Republican party. It has been reported for some time that he would enter the few western states may be able to get race for State Senator but he says a higher price for their wool. It is that under no conditions will he be now estimated that this one feature of a candidate. This leaves the race for the bill will increase the cost of the State Senator between S. O. McGuire average suit of clothes from three to of Elkin and R. L. Haymore of this

ville Court

Carroll county closed a week's and like the ones in Surry was noted for its liquor violators. The grand jury returned indictments against 105 persons and 72 of these were for violating the prohibition laws of that state. A number were convicted and in most cases the jury passed a sentence of \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

City Begins Side Walk Work

A force of hands and mules this week began the work of grading Le-banon street preparatory to building side walks. I. W. Barber has completed a survey of this street, the town is now doing the grading and in a few days A. M. Short and John Jones will commence laying the walks.

One follows the old road part of the way, another goes up the hollow, and the other two wind up the hill in various ways.

After the engineers get all this

Several Shriners of this city left here Wednesday for High Point to ed beyond reason when great provo-they will have the pleasure of seeing cation arises. Not in a thousand three from this section travel through years will any earthly power be able the hot sands. Dr. H. B. Rowe, E. C. to dispense with mob rule, for to do Bivens and Dr. Lancaster of Dobson, time, and if all goes well and their feet are not too tender are expected violence and brutally treat their vic- in our city about three o'clock Sunday tims we will have mob rule, and no morning with white shirt and white power can prevent it without first trousers, red fez, red neck tie and a

D. E. Nelson, of Ararat, was in the city this week making preparation for the erection of a large store room form more frequently, possibly, than in other sections, and so long as the women and children of the counts are brutally treated by brutes you will see flaming headlines telling of the consequences.

The building will be about the consequences. A mob is an effect and the remedy or the effect is to deal with the work will begin on this structure which all man should know. Nelson hopes to be able to get his stock moved from Ararat here in time for fall business. He will carry a line of farm implements, heavy machinery, tractors, saw mills, electric motors, and country light and water

Man Dies in Dobson Jail

Roby Barnes died almost suddenly in Dabson jail last Friday morning about seven o'clock. Barnes waiting to be carried to Durham county roads this week, being sent there at the last term of De court for driving an automobile through Dobson in a reckless manner and under the influence of liquor. His sentence was for twelve months. The day before his death jailer Beamer learned that this prisoner had some kind of heart trouble and had not allowed him to have any coffee that night and the morning of his death, ers are buying airplanes by the hun- but he was taken suddenly Friday and

Mrs. Patterson vs. Mr. Stedman

O. B. Webb attended a meeting of the Republican Congressional Committee at Greensboro last week. This committee has in hand the matter of the election of a congressman from this district. In their case they will try to elect a congresswoman year instead of a congressman, as they have nominated a lady, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, of Winston-Salem, as their standard bearer, Mrs. Patterson will make a canvass of the district and the people will watch with sinterest the campaign of a woman, as it will be something new to all.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democrats of the Eleventh Judicial District:

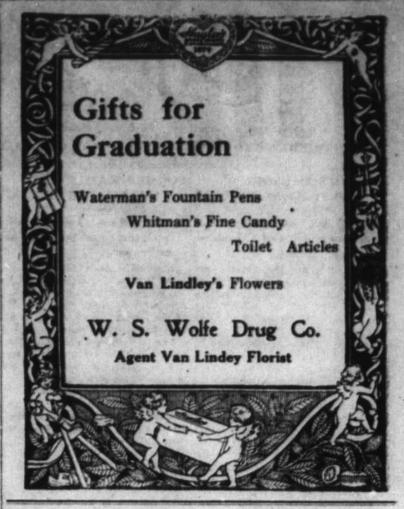
The criminal dockets in the larger counties have been greatly congested, many of the cases vitally affecting public morals and demanding my undivided attention, and thus I have been almost continuously in the court room for the past six weeks, the stress of work precluding opportunity for any correspondence in furtherance of term of criminal court last Saturday any correspondence in furtherance of

personal interest.

In this public way I wish to express my appreciation of the confidence the people of the Eleventh Judicial District have reposed in me as a public officer and to assure the Demograts of the District that if renominated for the position of Solicitor and elected to the office, I will endeavor to perform the duties required, fairly, honestly and to the best of my ability, I trust my past record merits approval and warrants your cordial endorsement in the coming primary.

Mount Airy Lodge Meets every Mond

S. PORTER GRAVES.



Prisoners Carried to Roads

Officers from Durham county came o this city Monday and carried back with them five prisoners who were convicted and sentenced to the roads at the last term of court at Dobson. hibition laws. One man, Bob Wood, was allowed by the Judge to be hired out to a farmer in his neghborhood but Bob preferred to go to the roads rather than work on the farm, and he stuck to his preference by going with the officers to Durham this week

The five prisoners were: Sid 6 months; Ingle Goad, 6 months; Johnny Snow, 6 months; Bob Wood,

O. B. Webb Receives Big Shipment of Material

O. B. Webb, plumber and heating contractor of this city, has just re ceived the largest ship ceived the largest shipment of heating material ever brought to Mount Airy at one time consisting of two car loads of boilers and radiators and one car load of pipe. This material comes from the American Radiator Co., ent of heati Buffalo, N. Y., and will be used by Mr. Webb on various jobs during the coming months. This large shipment was necessary to take care of the work that Mr. Webb has contracted and wil be used in installing heating systems for the following: Rockford street school, North Main street school, Martin Memorial hospital who is deeply interested in the new

heating equipment.

Two Acres In Strawberries

A few days ago Mr. J. L. Banner brought the editor and office force silver offering to help to defray some of the most delicious strawberries we have seen this season. A hopes to have the station in operation few quesions revealed the fact that in the near future. Mr.. Banner now has two acres set in strawberries, which will yield him this season five or six hundred crates of berries. The berries at the first of the season brought as much as \$8.00 well on the way to health after subper crate, the they are cheaper now.

Squirrel Spur Road

ses, J. B. Sparger and son Ran dail, W. E. Barnard, F. L. Smith and William Barnard motored to the Pinnacles of Dan Sunday. They reort splendid progress being made All were offenders against the pro- the new road that is being built, nostly by private subscription, and nown as the Squirrel Spur road. Two thirds of the work has already been completed on this new road and there are only two points with a 7 per cent grade the balance is a grade of about 4 per cent. The road covers a distance of five or six miles. When Vaughn, 16 months; Nat Smith, col., completed it will be possible for autonthe; mobiles to make the trip from here to the Pinnacles of Dan in about an hour, this is one of nature's show places, and has been almost inacces sible from here on account of the bad

Aside from opening up this lovely view, for those who admire the beauties of nature, it opens up a section of rich farming land with practically no-outlet for its perishable products, the farmers often being compelled to let. fruit and produce lay on the ground and perish for want of a market.

This strip of road will connect with

the Roanoke turnpike, and will make Mount Airy the natural trading center for Mayberry, Meadows of Dan, Laurel Fork, Va.

Wireless Outfit to be Installed

Our townsman, Mr. J. D. Smith, annex, Nurses home for hospital, and radio system of transmitting sound residences of John Banner, N. C. waves, has secured a new and up-to-Marion, Dr. T. H. Worrell, Dr. H. B. date radio-telegraph outfit which has Rowe, J. G. Harrison, and J. E. Ayers, already arrived and will be installed.

A force of hands is now at work installing these systems. Mr. Webb over the J. D. Smith clothing store. says that these contracts call for the Mr. Smith expects to be able to enterexpenditure of about \$20,000.00 for tain about twenty five guests in this room, and has not yet decided whether he will invite his friends to enjoy the be will charge admission or take a operating expenses, at any rate he

> Mrs. Robert Lawrence, of White Plains, who has been a patient at Martin hospital for some time, is now mitting to a serious operation.

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