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THE FOUR POWER TREATY

The four power treaty, binding England, France, Japan and America to conferences on possible differences with regard to their insular possessions in the Pacific is not a comprehensive agreement. On its face it is not even a conclusive document. It does not mention China which is the tender spot in the whole Pacific situation. It substitutes for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, an alliance of the four greatest powers but it says nothing about the "Open Door" or the territorial integrity of China.

However it does say that we shall get together and talk over all disagreements concerning our insular possessions. And that is great progress, since the most troublesome thing in the world has always been the inability of the nations to agree to talk things over before they begin fighting.

It is believed that this conference has practically reached an agreement for naval limitations and that the reason further progress has not been made as to China and the ten points or bill of rights that she submitted is because China is in such a chaotic state. The conference has recognized the administrative integrity of China and apparently is waiting to see if the Chinese can bring a strong government out of the trouble that now exists there.

So it seems that the four power alliance will prove satisfactory. One thing that Mr. Bryan once proposed as conducive to peace was a year's cooling off period before a nation could declare war. This new agreement agrees not only to take time to cool off, but to talk matters over and settle them by agreement if possible.

President Monroe advised the American people to keep out of Europe's troubles, but how will this help us now when our own troubles are so much like those of the European countries? Can we not bring about a more lasting peace by joining with them and working together than we can by holding aloof and merely waiting for some excuse to fight?

BESSIE FAULKNER

NORTH CAROLINA'S OWN

There is one institution of which this state can be justly proud. North Carolina was the first state in the Union to conduct a triangular debate. Her example has been copied by many other states, but none has found a more successful plan to encourage debating in high schools.

Every year more and more high schools are turning out debating teams that will furnish material for inter-collegiate debaters and later on for the pulpit and the bar.

Although most of the boys of Oxford High will have to learn something beside public speaking to be preachers, there are a few among us who aspire to be lawyers and now is the time for these few to start their preparation. This is also the time for the young ladies to start practice in arguing. Considering the number of students who expect to use their vocal organs at some future time we ought to have a goodly number of candidates for the triangular debate this year.

IVEY ALLEN

Ad. seen in Rose's 5-10-25c store: "Rose's False Hair, 15c."

NEW RESOLUTIONS

Some people have a habit of resolving on January the first to swear off, swear on, wipe the slate clean and hang up nice little printed cards, each bearing a full set of resolutions for the New Year which are all promptly broken by the first of February. But in the words of the poet, "Every day is a fresh beginning," so let's all do some more resolving right away. Let's decide on something more definite than to be good citizens of the greatest nation on earth. Let's all make each day a fresh beginning and when one perfectly good set of resolutions is broken, make another set which will be just a little better, and then make a good, firm resolution not to break them. The English language gives us no better means of expressing this thought, than Oliver Wendell Holmes has given us in *The Chambered Nautilus*

"Build thee more stately mansions O my soul,

As the swift season's roll.
Leave thy low-vaulted past;
Let each new roof, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast

Till thou at length art free
Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's unresting sea."

BESSIE FAULKNER

THIS MEANS YOU

The query for the high school inter-debating contest has been announced. It is, "Resolved that the United States of America shall enter the League of Nations." Now is the time for all pupils who wish to try for one of the triangular debating teams this year to get to work. This debate cannot be won without the proper preparation and now is the time to get this preparation. The subject requires extensive study for one must secure a thorough working knowledge of the League of Nations, its aims, and its policies, before he can write a winning debate on this query. We have some excellent material on this subject and some excellent debaters to choose from, so we expect to win both debates this year. Go to work, folks, and show what you can do for old O. H. S.

JAMES WEBB

AUXILIARY MEETS WITH MRS. LONG

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church had a very delightful meeting with Mrs. W. J. Long on Monday afternoon. The program was well planned and well presented. The refreshments were thoroughly delicious.

A. G. B.

INTERESTING MEETING OF EPISCOPAL GIRLS

The Juniors of the Church School Service League held the first meeting of the new year with Patty Lewis on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by the president, Frances Landis. Every member responded to the roll call. The subject for the afternoon was *Valle Crucis*. Alice Hall acted as leader. Interesting selections were read by Rosa Parham and Frances Horner. Charlotte Easton read the Bible lesson. After the meeting, elegant refreshments were served by the hostess.

ALICE HALL

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING, THE UPLIFTER OF THE FARMER

Among the many subjects confronting the people of today, there is probably none of more vital importance than that of co-operative marketing. It is a subject that directly affects that class of people who constitute the backbone of the world,—the farmers. Although throughout the ages the farmer has been relied upon to feed and clothe the world, he has humbly lagged along, apparently unconscious of his vital importance to the human family. He has labored manfully until his burdens have grown to be absolutely unbearable. Then at last as if it were of divine inspiration the idea of co-operative marketing.

The design and intention of co-operative marketing is not to oppress any single class, but its object is that the ends of justice may be met both to grower, manufacturer, and all concerned. There is, however, an element of farmers and men otherwise concerned who are fighting this fairly devised method for the sake of their own selfish interests. But it is to be hoped that they will soon grasp the idea of justice to all, and thereby condescend to raise the hand of oppression from the heads of that most worthy class—the farmers.

Co-operative marketing is not designed to bring upon the manufacturer an unfair deal, but its object is to offer him the product with as little profit as possible between the grower and manufacturer, and to reserve for himself the right to set upon the product a fair and reasonable price.

The farmer has never questioned the right of the manufacturer, jobber, or retailer to set a price upon his goods. Neither has he questioned the right of labor to organize. But he has willingly stood for all these, believing them to be constitutional and divine rights of all men. And thru co-operative marketing he is only claiming for himself a standing equal to that granted by him to others.

There are various reasons to believe that co-operative marketing will succeed. First, because it is based on the golden rule of doing as you would be done by. Second, the people who constitute this organization have been made sick and sore by oppression until they have been forced to resort to this method of demanding their rights. And third: It is reasonable to suppose that the tobacco companies, who are dependent upon the growers for their raw material, will readily approve of this method.

FRANK SLAUGHTER

MRS. A. A. HICKS HOSTESS TO LITERARY CLUB

The initial meeting of the Woman's Literary Club for the new year occurred on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. A. A. Hicks as hostess. The features of the meeting were an excellent criticism of modern poetry presented by Mrs. J. C. Horner, and a survey of the negro's status in politics given by Mrs. Ham Powell. Each member responded to the roll call by reporting briefly on one current event of general interest. At the conclusion of the program, the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Julia Brent Hicks, served an elaborate salad course, followed by a variety of dainty sweets.

A. G. B.

KA-KA-KACHOO!

The following article appeared in the *Virginia Journal of Education*. The instigator of the scheme was none other than our own Barnhart.

The plan has been adopted in Oxford High School and is meeting with great success:

"A most ingenious and practical method for preventing the spread of the spray borne diseases among children in school has been devised and put in operation by Mr. Walter W. Barnhart, principal of the Clarksville High School.

"During the influenza epidemic of last year, Mr. Barnhart was deeply impressed by the number of persons, both children and adults, whose cough and sneezes were uncovered in the presence of other people, and who were entirely unaware of the influenza and other diseases they might be spreading. He purchased a gross of good-size men's handkerchiefs—the kind that used to retail for five cents before the war—and took them to school on the reopening day. He assembled his pupils, and carefully explained to them that the germs of many of the commonest diseases are spread from one person to another in the spray from the mouth and nose. He then announced that he was prepared to supply handkerchiefs to all teachers and pupils who did not have them, and called for a show of handkerchiefs. Of the one hundred and fifty pupils in the school that day, twenty-six were without. On the following day, all but one pupil were able to show handkerchiefs when the roll was called; these were promptly supplied.

From that time to the present, it is a part of the daily routine in Mr. Barnhart's school to "show your handkerchief" at general assembly each morning. No exceptions are allowed, and no excuses are accepted. The rule applies to pupils, and to teachers and visitors as well, and seldom is a cough or sneeze in that school uncovered by a handkerchief.

Each person who has to be supplied with a handkerchief is requested to pay seven cents, or if he is short of change, to bring it the next day. Handkerchiefs now cost six and a fraction cents and, from the margin of profit, is realized an amount sufficient to make up the loss caused by the few who fail to bring their seven cents. During the past year, two hundred and forty-two handkerchiefs were distributed at the school.

Mr. Barnhart's plan is simple, like most of the things that are really worth while, and yet it has been of far-reaching importance in instilling into the children of that school, and the grownups too, one of the fundamental principles for the protection of the public health and a wholesome regard for the welfare of others.

"Already the 'Show Your Handkerchief' requirement has been adopted by the Superintendent of Schools of Mecklenburg County, and there is every reason to hope that once it becomes known, it will become a part of the routine of every school in the State of Virginia."

Lady: "What is the price of that fur in the window?"

Salesman: "Which one?"

Lady: "The brown striped one."

Salesman: "Oh! you mean skunk!"

They took him to the hospital!