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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

To those people who are relying on their genius: Mr. Edison says that his success has been due to 2 per cent genius and 98 per cent hard work.

Mr. George L. Morton, who at the last few sessions of the Legislature has acted as an obstructionist in a number of matters looking to the moral welfare of the State, has issued a call for a meeting of the liquor forces at Salisbury on March 5th, to prepare to fight the Prohibition cause in the present campaign. We are glad that these men have concluded to meet and to come out openly in the field. It will amount to a great many votes for Prohibition.

The following item taken from the Fayetteville correspondent represents a ray of light falling from the murky sky of the race problem: "The colored people of this city, led by Prof. E. E. Smith, T. H. McNeill, Dr. B. H. Henderson, and Dr. T. M. Melchor, are raising a fund for the relief of the family of late Chief Benton. The colored churches of the city will be given an opportunity on Sunday to subscribe for this fund." It will be remembered that the Fayetteville chief-of-police was wantonly shot by a negro a few days ago.

Keep your eye on the Laymen's Movement. It represents one of the most lively issues in the whole ecclesiastical world. It touches church life from the preacher down to the sexton. Its rise in the last two years means that the laity of the Church has a conscience and that it is at last aroused. At the late session of the North Carolina Conference, a Layman's organization was effected, and General J. S. Carr was elected President. He and his official helpers may be depended on to carry forward the work with all energy, fidelity, and wisdom. The meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 21st to 23rd, will be a great occasion.

There is a kind of Masonry existing among the representatives of the press. Hence we take pleasure in announcing that the Evening Times, of Raleigh, which has been placed in the hands of a Receiver, is not really on the "ragged edge," as one would be likely to think on reading the announcement of the Receivership. It appears that the suit was brought with the consent of the Times, in order that some complications in the ownership question might be eliminated. The paper will continue to run as usual. They say it has been making money, and that its prospects were never brighter than now. Our congratulations to the Times. If it would only take out those liquor ads it would be an ideal afternoon paper.

There was no trouble in raising at Durham a few days ago the sum of \$500 for the baseball club. Let them play baseball if they wish, but it hurts us to realize that while it is so easy to raise

a fund for this purpose almost anywhere, it is an extremely difficult matter almost anywhere to raise a similar sum for a high moral purpose. So many congregations would laugh at you if you were to propose that they raise a sum, say \$750, for the purpose of supporting a missionary. Leaving the religious field, do you not think that if you have any spare cash you might chip in and help that movement which looks to the erection of a monument to Henry Wyatt, our first soldier to fall in the Civil War?

If our people are taking any deep interest in one of the most important enterprises lately projected, we are not aware of it. We refer to the Inland Waterway from Boston to Beaufort, to which enterprise Hon. John H. Small has devoted his mind and soul. General Alexander McKenzie, Chief of Engineers, has made his reports to the Congressional Committee. He says that the total cost of the route, with the exception of the New York and Delaware and Raritan section, would be about \$77,000. The committee will doubtless prepare a bill at an early date. This enterprise means much to the tide-water South. To hear its enthusiastic father, Hon. John H. Small, talk about it, you would feel almost as interested as you would in hearing an exciting tale. The following is what President Roosevelt thinks of it: "Our people are united in support of the immediate adoption of a progressive policy of inland waterway development," says the President in the special message which he transmitted to Congress a few days ago, along with the report of the Inland Waterways Commission, appointed by him to investigate and report as to the conditions of water traffic and the needs of the various navigable streams."

Criminals, as a rule, fight shy of things ecclesiastical. There are comparatively few who will rob a church. An official representative of the church comes near to being immune against the attacks of the criminals of Southern Europe. When an Italian or any other representative of a Latin race simulates a devotional spirit, assumes a devotional attitude, and deliberately shoots down the priest who is administering the sacrament to him, you may be sure that the assassin has reached the depths of an awful depravity. This very thing happened in Denver a few days ago. The assassin was apprehended. Among other things, he said. "I just went there because I have a grudge against all priests in general. They are all against the working man. I went to the communion rail because I could get a better shot. I did not give a ——— whether he was a German priest or any other kind of priest. They are all in the same class." The assassin represents thousands upon thousands washed by the waves of immigration on our shores every year. Our country is paying dearly for its policy in receiving openly avowed anarchists simply because this is a land of "free

speech and free thought." It does seem that there should be passed laws which would serve to keep away from our shores those droves of scurvy human cattle which defile the very name of freedom.

The railroads are truly between the upper and nether millstones. Newspapers and political leaders have excited public sentiment against the railroads to such a pitch that Legislatures, at a period when almost everything was going up in price, passed laws that reduced the profits of the railroads to a minimum. The railroads in their distress used the dernier resort—reducing expenses by cutting the wages of their men. Here public sentiment, already heated as in a furnace, steps in and says: "No, you shall not abuse your men in that way." What are the railroads to do? They are criminal in the eyes of public leaders and their misguided adherents if they make any money. They are criminal if they try to reduce expenses by stopping their great enterprises, taking off a train, or reducing a salary. What are they to do. Now, we are not in favor of a reduction of the railroad man's salary. He must live. But the only way to forestall such a thing is for the States to treat railroads just as they would individuals, and stop this procedure which is making the railroad an Ishmael among corporations and turning him out into a financial desert. The railroad employees did the logical thing, even if it was in vain, when they appealed to the North Carolina Legislature.

Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, has tasted the waters of Aganippe and is therefore competent to pass on the merits of poets and near-poets. We are glad to see from the following taken from the last issue of *Charity and Children* that Mr. Johnson, in his advancing years, has lost none of the inspiration which came from those sparkling waters:

"The Gubernatorial campaign has called forth the rusty lyres of the North Carolina poets. A bard from Burgaw has probably struck the highest note in celebrating the virtues of Hon. W. W. Kitchin. We give our readers a sample:

'The time demands, and no mistaking,
In the Governor's Mansion, William Kitchin.'

"It must have been a sweet relief for this songster to have rid his system of that couplet. Here is another specimen from a poet of Johnston County in honor of Mr. Ashley Horne:

'The farmers all will want a man
That's up to cotton and corn,
To guard their rights, I'm sure they can,
Depend on Ashley Horne.'

"And here is the tribute to Lochiel following hard upon the others:

'Here's to Lochiel Craig,
The next Governor of N. C.,
To his honor be it said,
He is the choice for me.'

"Oh, these North Carolina poets are daisies."

Nazaritism was the antipode to extreme self-indulgence. It was no golden mean. By its extreme austerity it was designed to accentuate the wanton luxury of the day. It was not an ideal of life obligatory on all. A pretty world this, if Naziritism were universal!