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Friday, March 4th, 1910.

A "DAY DREAM."

Rockefeller is to give more millions to a "foundation." It is not as yet announced what special class of beneficiaries will be taken care of by this latest effort on the part of the Oil King to die not too indecently rich.

The fields that are obvious have already been preempted. It is a languishing college that cannot get an "endowment" if it wants it. It is a forsaken town that could not, with proper effort, secure a library. It is a poorly advertised disease that cannot interest impatient millions in the work of "stamping it out."

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The Heyburn incident continues to bear good fruit. In the New York Tribune, we note a communication from a "Past Commander" of a large "G. A. R." Post, who, among other kindly expressions about Confederate veterans, says:

"Who better than we learned the proper application of these words in the bitter school of war? Who more than we have worked for forty-five years past to eliminate such terms as 'rebel' and 'traitor' from our vocabulary? Between the years 1861 and 1865 the men who were in rebellion against the central government at Washington were justly called rebels, as opposed to loyalists; when they laid down their arms they ceased to be rebels. We recognized this on the spot, and from the day when they came into the Union camps all over the South, on their way to their old homes, we welcomed them as comrades and shared with them our clothing and our food.

At any rate it is a pleasure that Pinchot and Secretary Wilson managed to differ without departing from the euphemies of the occasion.

"PILE DRIVERS FOR FLEAS."

Under the heading "Pile Driver for a Flea," the New York World calls attention to a bill pending in Congress, which is designed to permit the extradition of corporations from one Federal District to another. The author of the bill, Senator Cummins, says that the measure is not directed at the press, but is designed to reach a certain mail order house in Chicago.

Relative to the passage of a law for a specific purpose, the World takes the ground which we have several times emphasized in the case of North Carolina statutes: that it is neither within the reason or practice of law that it should not apply generally. "It may be true," it says, "that justice demands some interference by Congress with the local fights of Western merchandizers, but if so, care should be taken not to involve most of the newspapers of the country in the inquisition which is to be established. To use the power of the United States in a small way is almost impossible."

It is impossible that any real power should be "used in a small way." Examples of this truth will, we fear, become numerous in North Carolina unless certain laws passed on the principle actuating the bill referred to be repealed. Already the trend has proceeded in this State to the point where it only needs that the Legislature shall say that arson is a misdemeanor for any citizen to be convicted thereof and, without indictment or trial by jury, sent by a police justice to the roads for life. It only requires that a general reputation, made by police officers, of being a thief shall be made prima facie evidence of guilt, to "put away" any citizen who cannot show that he is honest by the same summary method. In Charlotte it has already been demonstrated that a local statute is sufficient to cause the indictment of a man of undoubted integrity as a "blind tiger," simply and solely because, in providing for the entertainment of a high Masonic order, he included drinkables. Under another statute making it compulsory for a man with liquor in his possession to disclose the source from which he obtained it, any individual is liable, without notice, to similar indictment upon the most unreliable testimony.

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A TIME FOR RESTRAINT.

The News and Observer quotes with full approval the recent editorial of this paper upon the occasion of the meeting, at Henderson to start a political movement looking to the repeal of the State Prohibition law. Stating that "the Wilmington Star, which has never advocated State Prohibition or local prohibition, voices the sentiment of thousands of thoughtful men," the Observer, after reproducing the editorial, adds this comment:

"State Prohibition was made the State policy by a majority of more than 2,000 of the sovereign people of North Carolina. The law is what the prohibitionists asked and it ought to be given a fair trial without agitation for amendment or repeal and that trial will be given to it. The Star correctly states the only effects that agitation can now have in North Carolina."

Our readers will recall that the editorial in question criticized the action of Rev. R. L. Davis, agent of the Anti-Saloon League, equally with Mr. Self. The one makes appeals to prohibitionists to carry a settled issue to another political fight; the other appeals to anti-prohibitionists to join the issue for a contrary purpose. As we see it, both of these appeals are wrong and dangerous, and call upon the sound sense of people of all faiths and parties to discountenance them alike. The News and Observer considered prohibition of sufficient virtue to justify the confessedly hurtful effects of the agitation necessary to get it; in its present attitude it displays a wisdom under the provocation of the Henderson meeting which shows that its zeal has not run away with its head. There is just one point, however, on which we would like enlightenment:

When Mr. Self spoke at Henderson, the News and Observer failed to report the meeting until two days after it had taken place, and then only in the most cursory manner. In distinction to which, it gave full space to the appeal of the Rev. Davis advocating what it now condemns and seeking to rouse the same manner of strife which Mr. Self is engaged in promoting. The Self meeting was news; the Davis appeal was not. Why, if the Observer believes that the "Star correctly states the only effect that agitation can now have in North Carolina," should it afford a medium of publicity to long and nominally official communications seeking to bring those evil effects to pass?

It is explained from Raleigh that, under the operation of laws permitting the sentencing of prisoners to the roads, a large majority of the prisoners in the State penitentiary are long-term convicts, and that it is therefore necessary to send them away from the institution to work on contract in order that the penitentiary may continue self-supporting. While this is in a way reasonable, it would not seem to justify sending out to work where the chances of escape are many convicts whose crimes are those of violence, or who by their actions or record may be put down as dangerous men. Convicts ought, of course, to be kept; if they will escape, let the opportunity to do so be restricted so far as possible to those who are apt to hurt the pocket and not the person of society.

The Charlotte Chronicle calls Wilmington "jealous" because of a movement to build a permanent home for the Chamber of Commerce. There is much about Charlotte to emulate, but where the jealousy comes in is more than we can fathom. Wilmington, for instance, is not jealous of Charlotte's fire department, nor does the necessity of obtaining street lights by private subscription exactly fill us with envy. There is much about both cities that either might well imitate.

The Hon. Gussie Gardner expresses the belief that it is the "uppermost wish" of the President that Cannon should retire. It is this character of talk that makes the retirement of this tough old citizen the last thing in his mind. When Cannon retires, it will be felt foremost in the midst of the most gorgeous "Congressional funeral" in the experience of the House.

Having caught Senator Jeff Davis in the act of making an accurate statement, that Senate Committee wisely refuses to permit him to tamper with a unique sentence merely for the pleasure of keeping his record straight.

The New York World having prodded the administration into appealing to the Supreme Court the government's case of fiasco in the Panama libel matter, the folly of Roosevelt will be definitely preserved in the precedents.

A better way to "retire" Cannon would be to send him to the Senate, where he would have to let them talk.

The trouble about putting long-term convicts on the roads is that they become short-term ones.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Day after tomorrow Judge Taft will have been President of the United States one year. In that time he has traveled 25,539 miles and made 348

speeches. He has, to be sure, done some few other things, just as Edward Payson Weston has done other things than walk across the continent. But one never hears of Weston in connection with the other things.—Savannah News.

Atlanta policemen, we hear, have been advised to shoot the tires of automobiles caught in the act of exceeding the speed limit. But that is a mighty risky way of stopping a machine. The Atlanta policemen need not think that because Capt. Davant of Savannah was able to puncture the tire of Henriot's racing machine with his revolver at the first shot that anybody can do the trick. Moreover, if it should chance to be an innocent bystander and not the tire that was punctured by the shot of the Atlanta policeman, how would the innocent bystander's "text-of-kin be compensated?"—Savannah News.

The State has been long an advocate of arbitration, of compulsory arbitration, for the settlement of questions arising between employer and employee. But arbitration demanded by strikers, after they and their friends have smashed one thousand street cars, assaulted passengers, and beaten employees of the car company, is hard to support. They call for peaceful arbitration, but have already appealed to the arbitration of the bludgeon. And when force has failed, a sympathetic strike of all labor is ordered, but is held up "to give the workmen time to go to the employers and emphasize the necessity of arbitration." If arbitration is right the sympathetic strike is utterly indefensible. Those standing for arbitration can not condone the cruel injustice, to employer and employe alike, of the sympathetic strike or the sympathetic lock-out. Why not appeal to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for a temporary arbitration law?—Columbia State.

The Donaldson Military School, located on Haymount in this city, is doing a fine work, and is every term increasing in numbers and usefulness. So great has been the growth recently that the faculty have found it necessary to take steps for more and larger buildings and grounds. Action has been taken by the Chamber of Commerce and public spirited citizens to render substantial aid to the project. The plan is to induce the trustees of the Donaldson Academy property to sell same for \$12,000, loan the money to the management of the military school, taking a first mortgage on the investment of the school. In addition 51 leading citizens have pledged themselves to take one \$100 six per cent. bond each, same to be secured by a second mortgage on the school property. This neat sum of \$17,100 should enable the faculty of Donaldson Military School to set up a modern well-equipped institution. No selfish proposition, however, has as yet been submitted to the trustees of the Donaldson property, and consequently no action has been taken.—Fayetteville Index.

Referring to the fact that the State of North Carolina expended in the management of its asylums for the insane at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro last year, \$447,528.95, providing accommodations for 720 patients, The Columbia State says: "The population of North Carolina is less than one-third greater than that of South Carolina, but this expenditure of nearly half a million dollars which did not include the cost of maintaining the three institutions, was made without any lengthy discussion or agitation. The additions cost about one-half the whole estimated requirements for a new hospital in this State. The need for them was plain and North Carolina proceeded to make them without ado." It is a fact that the last Legislature did great honor to itself and to the State by its liberality in dealing with State institutions. What it did, however, was only a beginning. The State hospitals are yet short of the requirements, but the indications are that in the future they will fare better at the hands of the Legislature than they have done in the past.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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We hope that Mr. Charles Sheldon's play, "The Nigger," will never be brought South. Its manner of presenting a Southern Governor with negro blood in his veins as nothing remarkable is by no means the only or even the worst fault. One scene in which a hunted negro crawls from the bushes, his hands dripping with a girl's blood, must be almost unendurable to any normal onlooker. "There isn't a lesson in the whole play," says a writer in the Milwaukee Journal, "but it is a fine picture of Southern life." Thus we see what manner of impression Mr. Sheldon's play tends to create among those not familiar with Southern conditions. The Chicago writing wrongs both black and white; he goes farther than Mr. Thomas Dixon's "Clansman," without such excuse of a purpose in view as Mr. Dixon could make, and substituting his falsely typified present for Mr. Dixon's much truer past. The New Theatre, dedicated to the betterment of the American drama has been by general consensus a snobbish and mismanaged failure, but it will never do anything more discreditably than when it presented "The Nigger."—Charlotte Observer.

A number of people who are op-



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posed to the State prohibition law held a meeting in Henderson Saturday and listened to an address by Mr. W. A. Self, a prominent lawyer and forceful orator, who pleaded for a return to the principle of local option. This is a free country, and it is perfectly proper for people who are opposed to the prohibition law to give expression to their sentiments; but if we were entering in a fight for a restoration of the principle of local self government styled local option, we should feel a little more confidence in the success and justice of our cause if we followed the leadership of a man who had always advocated local option. We take it that the Henderson meeting was attended by good citizens, and we do not doubt their earnestness and sincerity of purpose, but we would advise them that they are wasting their time and energy in protesting against State prohibition—at least, at this stage of the game. It might be said that the success or failure of prohibition doesn't enter into the equation at this time, for the voters of the State have given an expression of their will too recently to admit of any reversal of their position at any time in the near future.—Greensboro Patriot.

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