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Many folks are trying to get even with the grocers and others are trying to get even with those they dislike.

Kentucky barely missed going for State-wide prohibition. That saves the colonels from viewing the future with undisguised alarm.

The love of some devoted people is the same today, tomorrow and day in and day out, as every dollar they have could testify if it could talk.

The lady lecturer who said "men should be allowed to just slosh around once in a while," probably knows how some men feel when they see other men having a high old time.

Those who love to do something for the uplift of the undertrod, should hasten to the relief of the Western candidate who has suffered defeat in his eighth attempt to get elected to Congress.

Florida counties are disputing each other's claims as to which has the best highways and the most mileage of good roads. Everybody knows a county is prosperous when it becomes boastful about its fine roads.

In a week's time former President Taft attended five banquets and made a speech at each of them. He made himself so plainly understood that he has not had to call somebody a liar for failure to understand exactly what was said.

Tango balls are popular during the spring season in certain circles, while the time is about here when moth balls will hold sway in towns which have no cold storage to take care of the ladies' furs, wraps and winter clothing.

Some foreign nations are holding up our propositions for peace treaties with them for fear we might insist that there is nothing in any treaty that we consider binding when we take a notion to repudiate the agreements.

At Liberal, Mo., a few days ago, a man died at the age of 115 years. He always enjoyed life, but how much happier life he could have led if he had only resided in Wilmington or somewhere in this delightful portion of tidal North Carolina!

A Wilmington business man who decided to run a truck farm on the side has been netting from \$300 to \$425 an acre from his land. He bought an automobile and charged it up to the farm because it could stand it better than his mercantile interests.

It is said William Randolph Hearst is greatly dissatisfied with the Wilson administration because Wilson has ignored Hearst's suggestions about how the country's affairs should be administered. We thought there was some strange reason why Wilson's luck keeps up at such a lively clip.

A man imagines that if he had a million dollars he would do an immense amount of charity work. When he gets his million he thinks everybody can make a living as easily as falling off a log. However, Joseph Fels bemoaned the fact that the richer the few become the poorer the masses get.

When cake and preserves were put on a table before a boy he showed no sign of wanting any, it was found out that he was suffering with "staphylococci of the cornea." A doctor operated on the boy and it is regarded as a complete success, as the boy can now see to get into the pantry and eat everything in sight without so much as waiting for anything to be put on the table.

A writer who has made a long study of Indians and spent years among various tribes, says there never was an Indian that did not have a full head of hair. We are satisfied, however, that it is simply because an Indian's hair is coarse and black and totally unfit for use in the headgear of our lady friends. If an Indian had hair that looked good to the white man, he would be chased right into the tall timber and robbed of his treasures. We don't happen to need any.

CONGRESS TORN BY DEBATE.

We presume Star readers are keeping up with the cantankerous debate which has been precipitated in the House over the measure to repeal the exemption of the toll clause in the Panama Canal Act. Yesterday's Congressional reports in this paper showed to what low depths so-called statesmen can go in debating a question in which the motive with some is not national but one solely of special interest. President Wilson regards some of the assertions of the Congressmen as positively insulting.

They are more than that—they are unprincipled and venal, with revenge and bounty and subsidy as the motive. Some of the opponents of repeal must know that they are guilty of deliberate falsehood and unblushing misrepresentation when they make barefaced statements that are absurd if not scandalous in import. Something of the character of the opposition, both in the press and in Congress, may be judged from this extract from an editorial in "Illustrated Shipping," doubtless the leading maritime journal in the United States:

"Only those who know the depths of degradation which can be reached by venal writers in the pay of special interests, can comprehend the hysterical fury with which President Wilson is being attacked by scribes incompetent to convey any idea in grammatical English, yet who are expert in the art of hurling with most effect the literary sputum supplied in 'boiler plate' form by the unclean press bureaus supported by those whose sole object in the canal tolls controversy is to have the Panama Canal conducted as an eleemosynary institution for the benefit of a ring which occupies toward the waterborne commerce of this country the relative position of barnacles to a ship. These tricky scribes who endeavor to arouse public opinion against the President in his mission of restoring the international repute of our country are compensated for their work as regularly as the scavengers are paid for removing offal from the streets. Yet among these men are counted self-styled 'friends of the people' who prate loudly about what ought to be done for putting an end to all monopolies, while practically contriving to subsidize out of the public revenue one of the most tyrannical monopolies in existence; namely, the coastwise shipping ring, with the demagogues who block the way against all attempts to break up the coastwise monopoly are the attorneys in the employ of the Ancient Order of Revenue Swindlers who stand pat with any policy that affords a chance of evading payment of the full customs duties on imports. The sinew of war is contributed by glibble enthusiasts who will swallow any lie told by the false patriots that play fast and loose for the sake of votes with the national honor."

The authoritative maritime journal from which we quote, is devoted to American shipping. It favors every legitimate means of encouraging the American merchant marine, but its able and well-posted editor knows all about the free toll deal and the motive and influences sustaining the fight against repeal. Of course, all the opposition is not of the class so mercilessly exposed by "Illustrated Shipping," but it can be said that some of its Democratic opponents for once have gotten into mighty bad company.

The one question, after all, is not about our right to use the canal, as we see fit because we built it, or whether it is our own business or a question of economy or national right so far as we are concerned, but one with every nation on earth regarding free tolls as a violation of our treaty faith and the present effort against repeal as a subterfuge and evasion of a solemn national pledge to other nations. Opponents of repeal may be right on every question involving the economical and American side of the question, and even that is extremely doubtful, but they can never be right in repudiating the nation's treaty bonds. President Wilson will win and for the sake of the nation's honor he ought to win without any opposition, much less the infamous opposition that is being put up by some men and from some subsidized sources.

DOWN ON CARNIVALS.

A few weeks ago a carnival visited Wilmington, but we don't know what kind of a show it was. We cannot criticize what we never saw, but the average run of carnivals, as we have seen them in recent years, got so rotten that they were not worth going to see. Probably a good thing once has been run in the ground now, and the general complaint is that in character, influence and nefariousness most carnivals can be classed as nuisances.

We think meritorious shows should be given a chance, but the demoralizing, perpetetic aggregation commonly known as a carnival, is a travesty on the name. Doubtless that is the kind against which Kinston has risen up. The Kinston Free Press denounced a recent carnival there as a nuisance, and the authorities are considering the advisability of forbidding such shows in the city, else levying a prohibitive tax on them. At any rate, a strict censorship should be exercised over their performances. They carry away a lot of money but they leave behind a demoralizing influence, not to say odor. They do not leave any cash behind, and when they are gone it is agreed by carnival goers that it is "good riddance of bad rubbish."

Asheville, Salisbury, High Point, Hickory and other North Carolina cities, have put a ban on the visitation of carnival companies, and now the Wilson Times is demanding that Wilmington bar put such shows. Kinston got enough of the last carnival there and later Wilson had an experience that will last her the longest sort of time. It was while carousing at a carnival at Wilson that a man shot and killed his nephew. Whiskey and carnival mixed seem to have been the cause of a most distressing homicide, when

tragedy doubled for the family. There is no wonder that the Wilson Times cries out:

"Some way should be discovered to prevent the visitation of carnivals to our city, whether they shall be condemned as a nuisance, for they are a nuisance in every sense of the word, or as a demoralizing factor, for they are this in several ways. Almost every time a religious meeting is held in the city a carnival comes along and interferes, and the good that the meeting does is largely offset by the demoralizing influence of the carnival. Last evening the man who was killed at the carnival was invited by a relative to attend services at the Christian church and instead of doing so he preferred the carnival and he now lies stiff and cold in death. A carnival is a cover for blind tigers. Whenever they come to Wilson the tiger under the cover of the crowd gets busy. The carnival is the cover for gambling and games of chance. With every one there are a lot of fakirs who figure on separating some one from his money. They toil not in any useful employment, the lives they lead are not calculated to refine or elevate, there is no incentive but to get money and expend it and why should they think of anything except getting money and living a life of revelry and dissipation. Usually in the wake of a carnival there follows a bunch of thieves, and if the town looks good from their standpoint they loiter around and robbieries result."

If that is the character of the average carnival, it is time communities were giving them the cold shoulder. Generally, they are induced by some local society or organization to give a show for the benefit of some worthy object, perhaps of a charitable nature, but charity had better begin at home and not look about for every kind of old carnival. Only high class entertainment companies should be induced to play for charitable or benevolent purposes. With a local organization and some study and originality, most any town can get up a series of entertainments of its own—a really refined entertaining mardi gras, or real carnival, or something just as good.

BACK TO JEFFERSONIANISM.

It was announced a few days ago that "the North Carolina Progressives Want Teddy." That, of course, means those former Republicans who are now affiliated with the so-called Progressive party. As a matter of fact, the really progressive party is the Democratic party, which has several well-defined and unalterable fundamentals, but which readily adjusts itself to every living principle and current issue. One thing that Democrats should be proud of is that in doing so, the party takes its stand for and alongside the people, thus living up to the generic import of its name—government of the people, by the people, for the people.

In the main, the Democratic party constantly endeavors to live up to its aim to be the people's party. It has done that more than any other party, and yet in some particulars it has not fulfilled all the ideals upon which it was founded. Under the lead of Bryan, Wilson and other great interpreters of Jefferson, the party is gravitating towards those ideals, just as they were conceived by Thomas Jefferson, whose cardinal doctrine was the absolute sovereignty of the people. The North Carolina Democracy is moving up on that line, and next Tuesday there will be a conference at Raleigh to discuss and declare for certain "progressive" principles, which truly are but a part of the Jeffersonian principles of old—as old as the hills. The advocates of this movement are called "progressives," though all Democrats are inherently progressives, but not Progressives with a Big P.

The Raleigh News and Observer is quite right when it says: "Don't confuse Progressives with the progressives. There is a difference and a big one." Quite true. We are a progressive but not a Progressive. The Democratic party is progressive, but it is only so in the sense that it is reactionary in going back to original principles. We are getting back to the point where Jefferson left off, hence we are making progress toward the complete ideals of Jeffersonianism. Issues and policies are new, but the fundamentals are the same, with only the elaboration of the original doctrine being brought into completer form.

We don't see a thing either new or radical in some of those principles which are referred to now as "progressive" ideas. They are the resurrected principles of the party, and it never will be its primitive and original self till it surrenders completely to the will and the wishes of the people, as well as perpetuate itself as the servant of the sovereigns. There can be no dictation to the sovereigns by any democratic party, so the Democratic party is realizing that and is readjusting itself to the Noah's Ark principles which need revival every now and then. "Let the people rule." It is their right. No party has the right to rule except by the consent of the governed.

THE SCENERY PART OF THE STATE.

News has been sent out from Le noir, in the mountain region of North Carolina, that Mr. Thomas H. Coffey is at the head of a movement to construct an electric railroad from Le noir to Blowing Rock and Boone. The line is designed to follow the trans-mountain turnpike in which Mr. Coffey is largely interested in a financial way. The turnpike is a private enterprise and it has done much to popularize the magnificent mountain section around Blowing Rock, but an electric line would be the making of that resort.

The proposed electric line is not only a feasible project but an attractive investment proposition. There is plenty of hydro-electric power for development, if it is not already available, and it is in just such lines as Mr. Coffey proposes that the mountain



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It is announced that "the political pot is boiling in Georgia." That is so much better than if Georgia were boiling in the political pot. However, we must not forget to say that Georgia politics is always in a stew when either Hoke Smith or Joe Brown hasn't got an office. As Smith is Senator and has no occasion to stir up Georgia at this time, it is inferred that Brown has taken a notion that there is something he wants at the hands of the people.

The English sparrows of Wilmington seem to be pulling together. At any rate, they keep in flocks and each one gets out by the crack of day without depending on a bellboy or an alarm clock. English sparrows are great nuisances, but how much greater nuisance they would be if they were about the size of South American parrots.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It will be remembered that some time ago Mr. Clarence Poe published a letter in The Observer to the effect that he would not become a candidate for Governor. Well, Mr. Poe writes to remind us of that letter and re-affirms his allegiance to it, so this paper a few days ago addressed him as "Governor." Mr. Poe says that as soon as he gets through with that mass meeting he intends to get back into his usual editorial groove and stay there. Charlotte Observer.

Tuesday marked the beginning of the 94th semi-annual volume of The Morning Star, the oldest daily paper in North Carolina and one with a record for service to its city, county, section and State that will compare with the record of any newspaper in the State. Before a great while the paper will have completed its new home on Chestnut street, and put in the equipment that will enable it to improve its service to its hefty list of subscribers. In connection with The Star's projected improvements, it is gratifying to note that the dailies are rapidly reaching a point where they compare in size and in patronage with the big dailies anywhere. At Greensboro and at Charlotte they are getting out papers, their last Sunday's editions being hummers. And The Raleigh News and Observer has changed to an every-day-in-the-week paper, a distinct improvement at the Capitol City.—Wilmington Independent News.

The chief regret that the Daily News feels at the occurrence at the University of North Carolina, when its correspondent was assaulted because he had dared to tell the truth, is the fact that it puts a terrible weapon in the hands of those who dislike the University. The student body at Chapel Hill, taken as a whole, is as honorable and law-abiding set of men as can be found in the State; but it has made the fatal mistake of granting personal liberty to men incapable of using it properly, and the result is that the institution stands branded today as a school for gamblers and hoodlums. But while it feels sympathy for the many decent and respectable men upon whom this affair has cast a stain of dishonor, this paper cannot overlook the fact that one of its representatives has been attacked while engaged in an unheavenly duty. The taxpayers of North Carolina support the University, and they have a right to know what is going on there; if affairs have come to such a pass that a newspaper reporter cannot give a truthful account of events in the school and the town, without running the risk of personal violence, it is high time for an upheaval. Of the authorities at Chapel Hill, both the officers of the school and the officers of the law, the Daily News demands an immediate investigation and the punishment of the guilty persons. It invites the large majority of the students and the alumni who have the honor of their Alma Mater at heart, to assist in the detection and punishment of the

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