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TOP OF THE MORNING.

Field not thy hands! What has the pilgrim of the cross and crown To do with luxury or couch or down? On pilgrim, Oh!

—SELECTED.

President Wilson needs and deserves the sympathy of his people today—not censure.

The failure to catch Villa shows how expensive a common villain can make himself when he tries.

Oh, yes, Sister Sue, some great men "do things," but in doing them they do about as many people as they do things.

It is to be hoped that very few North Carolinians will vote to put the South out of the saddle at Washington.

A fool does not believe everything that is told him, because he is sharp enough to know that the one who tells him is apt to be another fool.

The run-over and run-off primary in South Carolina takes place today. It is hoped that Manning will be nominated but it is feared that Blease is liable to be nominated.

A doctor performed a surgical operation on a Chicago man to cure him of a tendency to become a crook. If you see a lot of Chicago men on the run, you will know the reason why.

The size of some of the daily newspapers indicates that they don't care a cent for expenses. We infer that big editions in spite of high priced paper is a sure indication of prosperity.

A New York paper stated a few days ago that an intoxicated man created great excitement at Oyster Bay. In justice to other citizens of Oyster Bay, the paper should have stated which one of them raised all that excitement.

In a speech in Kentucky Vice-President Marshall took it on himself to state the real Republican issue of the campaign. He declared that the Republicans want to get the Democrats out so the Republicans can get in. That's about it.

On account of the fact that the lino-type made a Western editor say that one of the society ladies gave a "pink luncheon," he had to leave town instead of trying to explain to the lady what he supposed saying was that she gave a "pink luncheon."

The fact that a man has been either appointed or elected to a high office does not furnish sufficient credentials for entrance into popular confidence. Outside of South Carolina it is no recommendation that Blease served two terms as governor, nor has the same old Bill Sulzer anything coming to him because he has been governor of the great state of New York.

"Mexican envoys begin parley in friendly spirit," says a newspaper headline. Well, why shouldn't they? They are staying at one of New England's leading resorts and from all accounts the surroundings are most delightful.

Republicans are getting a lot of comfort out of the criticism of President Wilson by certain special interest papers, but their glory will be short lived, for time will prove that the President can steer clear of entangling alliances in domestic affairs as well as foreign.

We are surprised that One Hundred Per Cent Candidate Hughes has not pointed out to some of his audiences that the Democratic administration has caused the high prices being paid for cotton and tobacco, just because the majority of congressional leaders are from the South.

AS TO A MATTER OF BUNCOMBE.

Afflicted with some kind of hallucination and antipodal vision that surely never had their origin in North Carolina, the Greensboro Record (Ind.) jumped its trolley and went up in the air to try to catch up with The Star, which luminous sphere paused in its regular orbit long enough to shed a modicum of refulgence upon the spacious difference between equal suffrage by national enforcement upon the states and the same kind of suffrage regulated sovereignty, inherently, optionally and wisely within the province of the states—to be settled by each in accordance with its own social and civic standards and the existing circumstances of its own peculiar and traditional and actual state of society.

Of course, The Star a few days ago vented some wisdom along that line in accordance with a safe and sane North Carolina point of view and in keeping with sound, Jeffersonian Democracy. It was all wasted on the independent and saucy and misguided Record, which has a point of view that gets its load of energy far away from the magnetic area encompassed within the good old North State. Our point of view, as a matter of course, and by means of Tar Heel predilection, got its magnetic supply from the North Carolina source of supply. Mixed in with the real gospel and doctrine, we interperse in a certain editorialette some Star-esque flippancy so the whole thing could be swallowed in a pleasant manner. Of course, the merriness and starlight portion of it was thrown upon the screen as a mere sidelight, but we grieve that we grieved The Record, which has a record that is right up to the notch of our Uncle Al Fairbrother. He rapped us over the knuckles and we presume it was all about the real thing that we said. Leaving out the side-light, we are forced to indulge sufficient immodesty to repeat this as the meaty constituent in The Star's offending enlightenment:

"Wilson is committed to the principle that woman suffrage is a matter for the individual states to decide without any national interference in a state's own business as to whether it or its women want woman suffrage. Hughes advocated the national assumption of the right to force woman suffrage on every state in the Union. That is one reason why Hughes does not stand knee high to a duck in the sovereign and personally conducted State of North Carolina. The Star, Tar Heel State, wants to attend to her own purely domestic affairs without national interference in the serene and domestic tranquility of domestic affairs. Even Republicans don't care to have the Federal government poking its nose into a matter that concerns North Carolina women more than it concerns national interlopers and misguided molestationists.

"Democrats do not want any national suffrage in this State, and the probability is that thousands of Republicans will vote against Judge Hughes for favoring such an idea as national imposition of woman suffrage on a free and independent and resentful North Carolina people. On that one question he has taken a position which ought to beat him for president. The question is both social and civic, depending upon the state of society in the various states, and North Carolina knows so much better than anything else how to regulate her own society that she objects to all foreign interference in the domestic and state matters which North Carolinians are looking after themselves."

People with real tar on their heels will recognize the foregoing Star dicta as fundamentalistic and profound. Therefore, we deny that the main thing is "buncombe," as alleged without a scintilla of evidence, proof or corroborative circumstances—rendering even a mild and harmless castigation entirely unnecessary, null and void. Nevertheless, from an "independent" point of view, more or less incisive and pointed—in the wrong direction—The Record leads off with a leading editorial that ought not to lead any patriotic North Carolinian astray. Peevish and peevish and perverse. The Record made utterance as follows:

"All of which is the shallowest kind of buncombe and beneath the dignity of a great paper like the Wilmington Star. In face of the recent passage of the Keating Federal child labor law, urged by President Wilson and bitterly opposed and hard fought by the North Carolina representatives in both houses of Congress, it is time for papers professing to support the administration that put through the measure, regardless of how the people of the state felt about it, to quit talking about state's rights and try to be a little bit consistent. If the women of North Carolina do not care to exercise the rights of citizenship, there will never be any compulsory law to force them to do so. It is time, however, for the men of a state boasting of its respect for women, to get on a higher plane when discussing the merits or demerits of a great world question—one which has been recognized and approved by the leaders of every respectable party—than exhibited in the article from The Star above quoted. Really, we are surprised, and wonder where the editor was on the day that the janitor was furnishing the copy."

Now what do you think of that? Well, for sure, the editor was on the job, but outside of an effluvia of hilarity utterly different from our regular buncombe, we did happen to lug in sportive references to a Republican convention at Lexington, in which such commitments as "liars," "thieves," "scoundrels," and the like, were exchanged. Of course, we don't know how many of these were there, but we had to take their word for it and so we assumed that some of them had recognized each other. Some of them resented the recognition, however, and the newspaper accounts noted that the real eventful feature of the Republican gathering was much vociferousness, scolding and raucousness. Thereupon and therefore, he wrote accordingly.

The fact is, the Lexington row was because the Republicans, in convention assembled, disagreed as to Judge Hughes' ideal of nationalizing suffrage regulation and taking it out of the

hands of North Carolina, where the National Republican and Democratic convention platforms both rightfully declare that it belongs. Genuine Republicans and Democrats know that the suffrage problem is a matter for the states to keep within their own wise discretion, and the only man who has gone contrary to the wise platform declarations of both the great parties is Judge Hughes, the Republican candidate for president, who is a law unto himself and who has declared a suffrage idea of his own in spite of the wisdom planked at the Chicago convention.

There isn't any buncombe on the equal suffrage question in the platforms of either of the great representative conventions of both parties, for both declare soundly for suffrage by the states. Therefore, The Star proves an alibi as to buncombe by exhibiting its sound and incontrovertible position upon the question of granting the right of suffrage to either women or men. Moreover, we are satisfied that the wise women and men of North Carolina, in overwhelming majorities, concur in The Star's opinion, and there is not a Republican or a Democrat who can deny that The Star's position is buttressed immovably upon the suffrage declarations of the great Republican party and the greater Democratic party. Where has The Record's "buncombe" gone to?

Yes, the really esteemed Record reckons without its host and skates on thin ice when it attempts to draw a parallel between the child labor and suffrage questions as elements of states' rights. The child labor law, which we really preferred for North Carolina to adopt, is a sociological question and involves the cause of humanity and posterity regardless of politics or the technicalities of mere political parties whose positions are declared in platforms adopted by a mere handful of their adherents. The child labor law is based upon the constitutional right of Congress to regulate interstate commerce, and, while that prerogative may be far fetched as being applied to child labor in the various states, the Supreme Court is yet to say that Congress, in its purpose to serve the ends of God and humanity, possibly may have gone beyond strict constitutional warrant.

On the contrary, the suffrage question is one of those great civic questions which belongs to the people and their states. There is about as much similarity between suffrage and child labor as states' rights questions as there is between a golf ball and a Buncombe county apple. The only similarity is that a golf ball and an apple are both round, but they are only alike in their spheroidal shape. That's all. The Record had better get a better cleavage idea and get the visual clarity that will enable it to distinguish between sociological and political questions. We fear to send The Record for an apple lest it bring us a golf ball, on account of the disingenuous presumption that they are the same because they are round.

In all seriousness, that question of suffrage is a profoundly important one for the people of North Carolina to decide right—justly for those women who insist upon the ballot—but justly for the civilization of North Carolina. We are glad to get this opportunity to refer to it and to reaffirm the incontrovertible position of The Star, and, as we believe, the position of the great majority of North Carolinians.

It is a question of whether we want to reserve and retain a sovereign right of North Carolina or whether we are ready to surrender another bit of North Carolina sovereignty to the Federal power, such as we would do by supinely letting the Federal government take over the regulation of suffrage and not only say what women but what men can vote at a North Carolina or a Federal election. We stand for the sovereign right of North Carolina to regulate her purely domestic affairs in accordance with her own serious problems and in keeping with the intelligence, the enlightenment, the morality and the social and civic interests of which we must take account for the best interest of North Carolina's own people.

North Carolinians can judge whether or not this is buncombe or cardinal doctrine or sound gospel.

THE REPUBLICAN HAUNT.

Some of our ruefully forgetful Republican contemporaries are reminding North Carolina voters that it is now respectable for white men to vote the Republican ticket, owing to the fact that the negro cuts no more ice in that party in this State.

Of course, the Republicans formerly enjoyed the party fraternity of their once faithful negro dupes, but it is the recollection of forgetting people that the Democratic party deserves the credit for using the "grandfather clause" and other processes for taking the negro out of politics so as to make it impossible for the Republican party to keep on freighting to him. It is more or less awful to have to state the fact that the North Carolina Democracy made North Carolina Republicanism "respectable" in spite of itself. The process was strictly Democratic, but white folks who have memories happen to recollect that while it was being done the Republican party kicked worse than a sheep being separated from most of its wool.

It also is noticeable that the colored citizen seems to have gained considerable respectability since he was lopped loose from unscrupulous whites who once used him as a dupé and who were responsible for getting good white people down on him for following blindly the Republican type of politi-

cian who used him as the veriest tool. Animosity was not aroused against the negro because he happened to be one, but because he helped to do injury to the best interests of the State by aiding and abetting the Republicans, who conceived all the iniquity and did all the damage. The poor dupes kept in power a party which disgraced itself when it got into office in North Carolina. The poor darkeys simply helped to hoist the Republicans into office. The Republicans did the rest and the negroes had to suffer for it. Surely, they constitute the black sacrifice that was necessary to redeem the Republican party. If both have been regenerated by a Democratic sterilizing process, the white supremacy party surely deserves the credit. On that account a grateful Republican party ought to vote the solid Democratic ticket.

To us this is always a melancholy recollection. We do not make politics of it, but we only refer to it in order to keep history straight. History is one of those things which ought to be kept straight so it won't wobble around and get crooked, too. A historic feature of this pathetic reminiscence is that the same old Republicans who used to operate cheek-by-jowl with the colored brother in the period of fusion and amalgamated politics during the reeding years of sadness, are the same ones who now spurn the negro and invite white men to take the negro's place alongside his old white allies back yonder when negro votes counted in a political game in which North Carolina was debauched as the stake.

History ought to be kept straight in the particular that the poor negro did not make the Republican party respectable, but that the Republican party made itself disreputable by using the ignorant negro as a step-ladder for his white brothers to get into power and get the pelf. History written right is that the negro never debauched North Carolina. He helped to put into office the white men who did. The white allies got into the feed trough and the negro got it in the neck. It is a sad tale, mates, but it is the true old story which makes a true blue North Carolinian hate the party which negroized and debauched the good old North State. That's all. We recall it as history, the infamy of which hangs like an inkly pall over the heads of Republicans who dread it as the ever appearing Banquo's ghost.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The State Democratic headquarters announces a series of engagements for former Governor R. B. Glenn to deliver campaign speeches. He is coming back to this State from an extended western tour under the auspices of the National Democratic campaign committee. His first engagement in this State is in Lincoln, September 20 and he swings eastward with dates at Monroe and Charlotte September 21, Raleigh September 22, Concord September 23, and in the State of Virginia in Goldsboro, Clinton, Whiteville, Kenansville, Wilson and other points in daily succession. State Chairman Thos. D. Warren is arranging still more engagements for this distinguished campaigner to follow through the already scheduled.—Charlotte Observer.

With the counting of the ballots in November Solicitor John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, will become Judge John H. Kerr, the primary in the Third Judicial district of Saturday having resulted in his nomination by a decisive majority over his opponent, Judge Francis H. Johnston, the estimate being that he will receive 1,000 votes. The contest was a spirited one. Mr. Kerr is a man who will adorn the bench, known as a lawyer of attainments and ability, having the high esteem of the people of his district, and in merited regard wherever known. For ten years he has filled the office of solicitor of the Third district with signal ability. Standing for the highest ideals he is a nominee which the Democracy can present to the voters with the utmost confidence. Mr. Kerr has served the Democratic party with zeal, and his counsels have been of service. The strength of the support he received over the district is a testimony to the regard in which he is held. His fitness for the position of Superior court bench is recognized, and with confidence his friends predict for him a most successful career in the high office to which the votes of the National Democratic party have called him.—Raleigh News and Observer.

While Mr. Hughes drones away about the "timidity and vacillation" of President Wilson, Hannis Taylor declares that the only reason for the election of President Wilson on the ground that Mr. Wilson is "an abnormally ambitious and dangerous revolutionist with monarchical tendencies who is striving to build up a series of dictatorships." The wife must be crossed somewhere. Political dictators with monarchical tendencies are not likely to be weak and vacillating. They are usually rather bossy and unscrupulous. So it stands to reason that either Mr. Hughes is wrong in his estimate of the President or Mr. Taylor is wrong, or that both of them are wrong, which is the soundest explanation of all.—New York World.

Mr. J. E. Wager, of Monroe, on reading a recent editorial in The Observer of some old newspaper, which was in the old Deep River in Chatham county, was reminded of something he had read in the dim and distant past relating to the prophesies of early days, made search of some old newspaper, which was in the old Deep River in Chatham county, and was awarded by finding a clipping from the Fayetteville Observer of April 16, 1860, in which Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son printed a copy of a letter they had received from Mr. C. B. Dungan, of Philadelphia. Dungan had visited Fayetteville and had inspected the possibilities of the Egypt coal fields. Messrs. Hale spoke of him as being "probably more extensively interested in gas work than any other individual in this country." He was one of the pioneers in the improvements in the Deep River mineral region and was at Fayetteville on an inspection of his interests there. The Coal Fields Railroad—the same, we believe, now a part of the Norfolk Southern lines—was then being built. Mr. Dungan spoke his pleasure over the substantial character of the work being done and predicted that the people of Fayetteville would soon

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HEALTH IS WEALTH by John B. Huber, A.M., M.D. The best tonic is fresh air. The best restorative is sleep. The best stimulant is exercise. Fatigue calls for rest—not the spur. Madonna Up To Date. THE things we mentioned yesterday and much more to the same effect do earnest and anxious pediatricians tell us. Which may prepare us to be informed by Dr. Julius Levy, that twenty times as many bottle-fed babies than breast-fed are prone to the dysenteries, that among the former, ten times as many such pitiful little sufferers die, that during the first year of their helpless lives three times as many die of the various diseases to which infancy is subject; that in a thorough comparative study in a small German city, a very small percentage of those who had in infancy been artificially fed were found alive after their twenty-first year. And as to the relation in which maternal nursing stands to the welfare and the future of our race! The mother's organism is in the most intimate union with that of her infant. The normal exercise of the nursing function does indeed develop not only the infant normally; but as well the fortunate mother, and as beneficently, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually—in every possible way that is natural and rational. And all this through the warmth and the close bodily contact, the caresses and the constant play of mother and child, the tiny hand creeping confidently about the mother's neck. Who can estimate the part played in the molding of the child's character, to the infant's benefit of the individual and of the race, by the sweetness of the mother's smile, which her infant's first visual impressions receive, by the comfortableness, the endearment, the cherishing expressed in the maternal countenance. And yet, five years ago, a physician stated before a medical society that nowadays sixty per cent. of mothers cannot, or think they cannot, or are led to imagine, by what they read or are told, that they cannot, or just crassly will not, yield to the yearning of the infant, with no language but a cry, for the breast of the mother who bore it. Such a mother bewailed to a great physician—whose temperament was a bit lacking as to diplomacy—that it had pleased Providence to take her babe from her. He told her she had no right nor reason to lay the fault on Providence. Providence had had nothing at all to do with the wretched business. It was not the Diety, but her own abominable perversity, abetted by bad milk, that had killed her baby.

TRINITY OPENS TOMORROW.

Old and New Students Arriving in Large Numbers—Campus Improved. (Special Star Correspondence).

Durham, N. C., Sept. 11.—With practically every incoming train filled with both new and old students, Trinity College is preparing for the commencement on Wednesday morning, September 13, of its sixty-fourth year of existence, and the twenty-fifth annual session in Durham. The whole campus appears to be in heretofore unequalled readiness for the opening. The park never before has presented so attractive an appearance as it does at the present time. Months of hard labor which made for the beautification of every part of the campus has shown telling effect. Driveways throughout the park are being macadamized; those which have not already been so; and walks are being laid with cement. The western portion of the park has recently undergone a rigid grading, and it is now overgrown with grass. The initial step toward putting it in shape for the planting of trees and shrubbery which is to come this fall. The eastern side of the campus is being relieved of several old dilapidated buildings which used to detract from the imposing view of the whole campus presented. When the removal of these old landmarks has been completed, it will be graded and planted in trees and shrubbery like the western portion. By far the most imposing and artistic beauty which the campus has is the new stone wall which winds itself around the entire park.

BONE MARROW.

Answer to I. T. B.: Inflammation of bone and marrow is a serious disease; doctors term it osteomyelitis. The treatment consists in constitutional measures and in preventing the bone from becoming ulcerated. The surgeon cuts down on the affected bone, removes the diseased portion by chisel or trephine, drains out the pus, irrigates the wound with hot bichloride solution and packs with gauze. In some cases there has to be amputation.

MANURE.

Answer to T. A.: In the rural districts manure is very often handled in such a way that there is an unnecessary loss of fertilizer. The sooner the manure is got on the land the better; and there will then be less loss. The farmer's best interests are served by the scientific management of manure. And some method of storage must be provided for that portion of the year when it cannot be spread on the land. Manure in storage loses its value through: (1) Fermentation, whereby a certain amount of the nitrogen is lost. (2) Weathering and bleaching, which cause a loss of soluble constituents, as phosphates and potash. To prevent such losses the manure should be stored in sheds with cement floors; or better, in cement-lined pits—both pits and sheds to be fly-proof.

DROPSY.

Answer to A. T.: If the dropsy begins at the feet and spreads upward, the cause is probably heart trouble; if it begins in the face and spreads downward, it is probably due to renal disease.

This column is devoted to disease prevention; to physical and mental hygiene; to domestic, industrial and public sanitation; to the promotion of health; efficiency and long life. The latest developments in medical science will be presented. Questions of general interest will be answered here, space permitting—all others by mail if stamped return envelope is enclosed. Requests for personal diagnosis or treatment cannot, however, be considered in any way.

INDIA TEA. Dr. Ludwig Ganghofer, the German Novelist, described in the Munchener Neueste Nachrichten an interview with the Kaiser, who on learning that the Novelist had not yet taken his Midday meal immediately ordered a cup of tea brought to him.—News Item. STRICTLY NEUTRAL ALPHABETICAL 80578. "MOSQUITOES" SPREAD DISEASE. Use Miller's Antiseptic Oil (known as Snake Oil), drives they away, prevents poison; also for any kind of ache or pain, cut or burn; it is said to be without an equal; should be in every home. Guaranteed, 25c and 50c. Accept no substitutes. At leading druggists. HARDIN'S PHARMACY.