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A Modern Sisyphus.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: In the Survey of Oct. 11, 1913, page 48, there is a picture drawn by Herbert Johnson, copyrighted by The Life Publishing Company, which I wish every person in our State could see. It is the old story of Sisyphus, rolling up the hill a great stone. In this picture the stone is an enormous bag of money, and across the face of it is written dividends. Sisyphus is a small boy with spindling legs, and across his back is marked "Child Labor."

As I looked at this picture and then looked at it again, it began to grow upon me. It came to me that we had in our modern life, almost an exact repetition of this ancient legend. In our own State it is little boys and girls with not half the strength of either men or women who day by day set their shoulders and strain their muscles in order to roll up the hill this great bag of dividends. I think that it would be improper to have these children thus exert their strength against the stone on the incline, even if the stone should get their share of the dividends at the top, but they do not strain their arms, legs and back however much they may, all they can hope for is bare clothes and little food, a though it takes the strain of the back and weakening of the muscles and the destruction of that which is best and most lively in childhood.

The way is long. Somehow, as I looked at the boy straining himself to roll his load, I wanted to see him jump aside and let the great stone go rolling down the hill. One of the joys of a boy is to roll rocks down hills. It is the business of men and women to push the load up the hill, and in no case should the children be set to strain their young muscles against the load which men and women should carry. I cannot believe that it is a good State in which young children must thus strain themselves, nor can I believe that it is the best business in which young children are thus called upon to contribute so much in rolling the stone.

Let us suppose that a farmer should set his children from the age of 12, and in some cases younger, pushing a heavily loaded wagon up a steep hill, that he should get them at the job at 6 o'clock in the morning; that he should keep them pushing until 12 o'clock; that he should let them have an hour to get dinner, that he should start them again at 1 o'clock; that he should keep them pushing, boys and girls, until 6 o'clock; that he should keep pushing them through the spring, summer, fall and winter, and year. What kind of standing do you think the farmer would have in his own community, and what esteem would be held in by his own neighbors? Not high, I think.

And yet, men and women of North Carolina, this is exactly what is being done in certain classes of business in our State. Childhood at work. Children as wage-earners and young boys and girls as toilers, and yet we say that our State is moving along well.

It is not moving along well. No farmer, who would do what I have suggested above would be considered as doing well, or as being a high type of man. The same rule should apply in the manufacturing industries of our country, as common sense applies to our farmers. There is no need to work these children in North Carolina and it ought to be stopped.

W. H. SWIFT
Greensboro, N. C.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The overalls in which Governor Craig worked the roads on the 5th and 6th, were a present from the Hickory Overall Factory.

A business block is being built in Salisbury on the site of a number of small houses in the "Red Light" district.

Governor Craig has appointed Michael Schenck, of Henderson county, Solicitor of the Eighteenth Judicial District to succeed A. Hall Johnson resigned.

Mrs. Nelle Wakefield, of New Haven, Conn., is to be hanged March 4, unless her sentence is commuted. She killed her husband last June for alleged cruelty.

A lumber barge from Jacksonville, Florida, to New York, was dashed ashore on Cape Lokout Beach, near Beaufort, during the severe storm a few days since, but fortunately her crew was saved.

One of the three story brick buildings of the Leonard Medical School of the Shaw University for negroes at Raleigh, was damaged to the extent of \$4,060 by fire, but the loss was covered by insurance.

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, succeeds Revenue Agent R. B. Sams, and has taken charge of the office. He is, of course, in charge of the district composed of North and South Carolina, and headquarters may be moved from Asheville to Salisbury.

William F. McCombs, of New York, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Miss Dorothy Williams, daughter of Col. and Mrs. John K. Williams, of Washington, D. C., were married on the 8th, in a Roman Catholic church in London.

Miss Clara Query, of Charlotte, a nurse in the Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, entered an elevator in the building and tried to operate it. She pulled the wrong rope, the elevator shot up and she was crushed and her neck broken.

Fire which is supposed to have originated from an X-ray machine in a nest of electrical wires, broke out in the administration building of the University of North Carolina on the night of the 8th, damaging the building considerably.

Miss Jessie Wilson's wedding cake was baked in New York on the 11th. It weighs 135 pounds, and is two and a half feet tall. It cost \$500. There are 2,000 white boxes tied with satin ribbon in which the cake will be distributed, the boxes being small enough to go under pillows to be dreamed upon.

A pendant made up of one Canary diamond weighing six and one-half carats, surrounded by eighty-five smaller diamonds arranged in pear shape and attached to a chain in which smaller diamonds are set, will be the gift of the House of Representatives to Miss Jessie Wilson when she is married on the 25th inst. Its cost was more than \$2,000.

The Times-Mercury, published in Hickory, with Mr. J. F. Click as editor, has been sold to the Messrs. Flagler, and the paper, which has been republican, will hereafter be independent, and the new owners contemplate making it a semi-weekly in the near future. Mr. Click will probably resume the publication of the "Nut Shell," which was suspended several years ago. He has been with the Mercury practically all the time since it was established 22 years ago.

How to Observe Thanksgiving.

Lenoir Topic.
When the world was younger and times were harder, people had better appreciation of the good things that came to them. Progress, modern invention, and better enlightenment along certain lines have increased the number of bright days and shortened those of suffering but good times in the old days were not taken so much as a matter of fact and and people at certain times made it a practice to render thanks for the good things that came their way. Then it was no mere perfunctory observance. Thanksgiving was a term that had real significance.

The day is almost here which the almanac tells us is the time for observance of the annual proclamation calling for a day of thanksgiving. As is usual, certain games, certain annual hunting parties, and certain other plans for pleasure, not to omit the hapless turkey have been long looked forward to in keen anticipation by tens of thousands of us in connection with that date but how many will remember the real significance of the institution of thanksgiving? How many of us have preserved the original spirit that prompts the observance and how many of us are preparing to make real expression of thanks on Thanksgiving day?

The usual pleasures are natural results of a year of prosperity, but this is not all. Every man who has prospered and is conscientious in his intentions to properly observe the occasion can't well do so without expression of sympathy for the unfortunate and the numberless needy. These classes are found under many circumstances and, this year of all years, when prosperity has been almost rampant, they ought to receive a much increased material support. The orphanages of the state, these institutions that exist for the sole object of fathering the homeless children, that fit them for the higher duties of life, ought to find as tender spots in the hearts of the prosperous public as any cause. It is good to contemplate how many children are sent out in life from them well equipped to meet the exigencies, but it is sad to contemplate how many of them might have been cared for and sheltered in their more tender years.

No cause is more appealing and it is to be hoped that more people will mingle a little of the spirit of giving with the spirit of thanksgiving and make Thanksgiving worthy of its name.

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Much disaster was wrought by the fearful blizzard last week. Especially did the Great Lakes suffer. It is probable, say the dispatches, that it will never be known how many sailors lost their lives. Cleveland, Ohio, lost many millions in property, while the loss in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and many other States is terrible.

Fine Watauga Cattle.

Mr. W. E. Shipley, of Valle Crucis, passed through town last Friday with a beautiful bunch of "top" two-year steers, taking them to his brother's farm on New River, where they will be fed during the winter. Mr. Shipley is "carrying over" 120 steers, the average weight of which is 776 pounds, and he tells the Democrat that the herd is made up of the very best cattle he could buy, and is of the opinion that this is the choice bunch to be found in Watauga or adjoining counties. Mr. Shipley has a thirty-ton silo which he filled this year from a little more than four acres of corn, and says next year he will build another with a capacity of 100 tons, giving him 130 tons of inseleg upon which he will feed through the winter, on his own farm, 150 head of steers. He has found that it takes an acre of New River meadow to winter a steer, while a ton of ensilage and a bag of cotton seed meal will bring one through in better condition than the hay from an acre of ground. From his silo he carried six head per acre, with the cotton seed added, and have the benefit of the manure for the next crop. Of course the better the yield of corn per acre, the more cattle it will feed—Mr. Shipley's silo now full of corn that averaged about 80 bushels to the acre. All of his cotton seed meal is shipped to Elk Park, and is hauled by wagons to his farm. He has made a study of the cattle business, and is making money as a result.

Let Us Hope So.

Concord Times.
Better clothing, and cheaper too, is the joyful prospect for Americans as a direct and early result of the new tariff law. More real, tangible reductions of the "high cost of living" as a result of tariff legislation will be effected by the reduced duties on clothes and wearing apparel of all kinds than any other commodity. Many Republicans, as well as Democrats, concede that clothing will be both better and cheaper because of tariff slashing. It is estimated that the actual saving will be as much as \$60 a year to the average family of five persons. Retail prices on wearing apparel however, can hardly be expected to drop before next spring, although wholesalers and retailers may decide to "unload" present stocks at "bargain prices" in some instances, in anticipation of the inevitable.

"If you have a grievance or a grouse as to the wording of an article appearing in this paper don't take it to 'the devil for an adjustment or an airing. But we came near remarking that you could go to the devil with it if that would suit you better than taking half the pains that we do to get things straight. Some have remarked that editor (like lawyers) are liars. We claim to tell the truth as we understand it, but it would not be good policy for us to tell the whole truth at all times, any more than the minister does in his funeral sermons, in which case there would probably soon be empty pulpits and editorial chairs in plenty."

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The Colored Concert.

The concert given at the court house on last Friday night by the colored children of the public school in Boone, was most creditable in every respect, and reflected much credit upon both pupils and teacher.

Rev. J. Baxter, who has worked so arduously for the spiritual uplift of his people here during the conference year just closing, has the school in charge, and all who attended the concert are now convinced that their mental training has not been neglected by their devoted pastor and teacher. The minister, before the opening of the concert, made a very timely talk, rather apologetic in its trend for the efforts of his pupils that were to follow, and the Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of the Boone circuit, M. E. Church South, pronounced the invocation, after which the programme of the evening was taken up.

The songs, recitations dialogues, declamations, etc., were fine, all of which brought forth round after round of applause from the appreciative audience. One gentleman who is a competent judge, was heard to say that the rendition of "Old Black Joe" was the finest he had ever heard, and he had heard it often. An admittance fee of 15 cents was charged, and the proceeds, amounting to \$16.60, will be applied to repairs on their church building, and they are very thankful to the white people for their patronage.

At the close of the exercises Prof. Roy M. Brown made a very timely little talk in which he congratulated both teacher and pupils for their splendid efforts, all of which met with the hearty approval of all present.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county. In the Superior Court before the Clerk. In the matter of S. J. Price; A. A. Perry, Adm. of Riley Eggers' decd., and Annie Eggers, widow, vs.

W. M. Eggers, Polly Eggers, wife of Joel Eggers, G. W. Eggers, Lucinda Storie, wife of Lee Storie, Nancy Williams, wife of David Williams, Angeline Ward, wife of ——— Ward, Sarah Loyd, and the following miners heirs of Rebecca Hodges, decd., viz: Robert Hodges, Jacob Hodges, Chas. Hodges, Lafayette Hodges and Veda Hodges, heirs at law of Riley Eggers, deceased.

The defendants above named, viz. Nancy Williams, David Williams, Angeline Ward and Sarah Loyd will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action against the defendants on the 11th day of Oct., 1913, by W. D. Farthing, Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county, requiring said defendants to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county on the 3rd day of Dec. 1913, and the Sheriff, E. R. Eggers, has returned the same endorsed as to Nancy Williams, David Williams, Angeline Ward and Sarah Loyd "not to be found in the Watauga county" and affidavit having been made by A. A. Perry, administrator of Riley Eggers, deceased, one of the plaintiffs in this action, that said defendants cannot after due diligence, be found within the State of North Carolina, and it further appearing that said defendants are proper parties to said action being entitled S. J. Price and others vs. W. M. Eggers and others, wherein a petition is filed praying for the sale of certain real estate belonging to the said Riley Eggers, at the time of his death, for partition and to make assets to pay the debts of the deceased. We therefore the defendants above named, viz: Nancy Williams, David Williams, Angeline Ward and Sarah Loyd, will take notice that they are required to be and appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga county at his office in the court house in the town of Boone, N. C., on the 12th day of December 1913, when and where the petitions will be heard and answer or demur to the complaint of petitions, and let the said defendants take notice that upon their failure to appear, answer or demur as duty are required to do, the relief demanded, and asked in said petition will be granted. This 14th day of Nov. 1913.

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