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Steering a True Course.

Charlotte Observer.

The address of ex-President Taft at Morristown, N. J., in which he commended the course pursued thus far by this government in the solution of the difficult problems that have been precipitated by the European war was worthy of the man. It was an additional proof that he has the ability to rise above the level of partisanship and view the issues dispassionately as an American citizen. It is so easy, at a time like this, to seize on the uncertainties of the situation as a basis for political capital that it should always be remembered to the credit of the Republican ex-President that he has refrained in this instance at least, from doing so. Whether he will be able in the event of a re-entry into politics next year, to resist the temptation to charge up to the Democratic party the commercial conditions resulting from the upheaval abroad must remain unsettled until the time has come, but that will be a crucial test.

Mr. Taft's commendation, based as it is on no ulterior motive and even at the sacrifice of some possibilities for gain, and backed by the prestige of his extensive experience, should serve to set at rest the doubts that have been aroused in some people by the insistence with which the champions of this cause, and that, have sought to show that this government has shown favoritism in its dealings with the foreign powers. These charges and counter-charges have come from both sides and by offsetting each other have constituted, by their very contradictoriness, their own effective disproof. Advocates of the Teutonic cause have laid the accusation of discrimination at the door of this country because it is exporting food and munitions of war to the British Isles whereas Germany is unable to secure any of these shipments. These advocates have overlooked the fact that the United States is not responsible for the British dominion of the seas which has been maintained by that Nation through decades of vast expense, and that to place an embargo on these products now, with England in possession of the oceans, would be an act of gross partisanship though it would have been permissible at the outbreak of the war, before the dominion of the seas had been established in actual warfare.

Advocates of the cause of the Allies, on the other hand, have criticised the government because it did not protest the violation of Belgian neutrality, because it did not lift its voice against alleged atrocities, and some have even intimated that the United States should take a hand in the mad struggle on the ground that the Allies "are fighting our battles for us."

Between these two extremes the American Government has steered a middle course. Even the most pronounced critics of Secretary Bryan found no ground for anything except commendation in the document which he issued a few months ago defining the country's conception of the rights and duties of neutrals and pointing out how consistently they have been observed. The present war is the outgrowth of what Washington called "the set of primary interests" of European Nations. Inevitably we are affected by it, and undoubtedly we shall be affected by its outcome, but it is not our quarrel.

Temporarily ours may be the actual fate of the impartial person who incurs hostility on both sides, but such sentiments are ephemeral and evanescent. Under the circumstances, it is neither selfish, provincial, narrow nor unsympathetic to cherish as our motto "America first of all."

Congressman Doughton.

Rowan Record.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, the wide-awake, progressive and able member of Congress from this, the eighth Congressional district; beside being a good public servant, a clever gentleman, and much interested in the welfare of his constituents, is also a man of public spiritness in a way that counts. When cotton was selling at 6 cents, in order to improve conditions and help some needy farmer, he purchased, at 10 cents per pound, a bale of cotton in every county in his district. This was commendable, but recently when called on for a donation for the Farm Life School, he donated his Rowan bale to this worthy institution. County Commissioner E. E. Gray, having received a letter from him yesterday to that effect.

This is doing all that a Congressman could reasonably be expected to do in this line and shows how completely our Congressman is filling his obligations to his people. If Congressman Doughton has failed in any particular point to render full and acceptable service we have yet to hear the complaint. Mr. Doughton is highly esteemed, and justly so, hereabouts.—Rowan Record.

The financial edition of the Dew Drop, the Appalachian Training School publication, was presented to Governor Craig and Legislature today by Capt. Lovill, chairman of the board of trustees. The school wants \$25,000 with which to complete its new building. The fine management of this school is reflected in the fact that on Feb. 1, it had a balance to its credit of \$925.18. Prof. B. B. Dougherty, principal of the school, is here looking after its interest.—Editorial correspondence from Raleigh to Charlotte Observer.

Progress in Watauga.

The value of school property has increased 500 per cent in ten years, says Supt. B. B. Dougherty. The enrollment last year was 80 per cent of the census. Libraries are in 40 of the 55 schools.

The Training School has helped to put trained teachers in every school.—University News Letter.

That Cold Needs Attention
Nurse to fuss and try to wear it out. It will wear you out instead. Take Dr. King's New Discovery, relief follows quickly. It checks your cold and soothes your cough away. Pleasant, antiseptic and healing. Children like it. Get a 50 cent bottle of King's New Discovery and keep it in the house. "Our family Cough and Cold Doctor," writes Louis Chamberlain, Manchester, Ohio. Money back if not satisfied, but it nearly always helps.

Some men think a dollar saved is a good time lost. And they are not willing to lose a good time.

Women of Salutary Habits.
Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

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What We Will Gain From the War.

Durham Daily Sun.

The reaction from the first effects of the European war producing demoralization and depression is passing and will soon be over. Some of the countries which have been our strongest competitors for the textile trade of Latin America, and who are now so busy trying to exterminate each other, will not have time to manufacture, and this creates a demand on the mills of the United States.

We will gain national prosperity along with agricultural prosperity. The United States will this fiscal year sell to foreign people upwards of a billion dollars worth of farm products. This, with what 100,000,000 consumed (and it is more food stuff per capita than any other nation in the world), and what they will have to sell; constitutes a bed rock for national prosperity. There cannot be a national prosperity without agricultural prosperity—nor can there be a long sustained business depression if an extraordinary degree of good times is experienced by agricultural interests. Never has experience failed to vindicate the force and truth of this statement.

We will gain the valuable experience of confidence in each other, throughout the entire United States, to meet every emergency, from handling the cotton crop of the South, in its most congested condition, to the requirements of all other crops in all other sections of the Union. It will more thoroughly unite all of our people in a oneness of business purposes. It may require a little time for the cause to produce the effect—for the tide of agricultural prosperity to proceed from the source to other ramifications of industrial activity. But it is bound that way. It is flowing in that direction. It will inevitably reach that destination and thus accomplish a nation-wide revival of business.

Above all, we will gain the high distinction of an exemplar—a nation that "seeks peace and insures it"—that peace which is the offspring of power and the masterpiece of reason. The United States will be in the white light, blazing the pathway for all nations to that time when the science of destruction shall bend before the arts of peace; when the genius which multiplies our powers, which creates new products, which diffuses comfort and happiness among great masses of the people, shall occupy in the general estimation of mankind that rank which reason and common sense now assigns it.

There is great cause for faith, hope and cheer in every American heart.

Distress in the Stomach.

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and is easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghau, Victor, N. Y., writes: "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began to take Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." Obtainable everywhere.

When a man thinks himself cunning he means shrewd, but when a woman thinks herself cunning she means cute.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Should Small Things be Dismissed?

"There's a lot of interesting reading on a thousand-dollar bill. Get a few and amuse yourself." It happens, however, that a thousand dollars is made up of one hundred thousand pennies, and that there is a lot of interesting reading on the pennies one has spent foolishly and which he cannot get back when he is most in need of them.

Mountains have been pulverized and cast down, and castles of marble have been razed in the course of centuries by the lichen, a moss so insignificant that its roots are scarcely discernible to the human eye. The earthworm plows the whole surface of the earth. The silkworm helps to clothe the nations.

If Columbus had not seen and picked up a small piece of wood floating on the water, he might have lost heart, as his men had already done, and turned back.

The developed science of printing began with a few rude letters carved on wooden blocks. What has printing done for the world? It has overthrown dynasties and made democracy (the rule of the people possible); it has driven out superstition; it has spread the light of knowledge and truth over the whole earth.

The first rude settlement of Romulus became Rome, and Rome at length commanded the world.

Suppose Galileo had not observed the swinging of a lamp or Newton the falling of an apple? Suppose Franklin had not sent up a kite? Suppose that Wat, while mending broken fiddles for a living, had not noticed the necessity of keeping the wall of a cylinder at the same temperature as the steam which came into them? Suppose Rockefeller and Carnegie had never saved a penny? Suppose Noah Webster had never learned his letters?

"The smallest thing becomes respectable when regarded as the commencement of what has advancing into magnificence."—Ex.

A Divine Gift.

A Cheerful disposition that scorns every rebuff of fortune and laughs in the face of disaster is a divine gift. "Fate itself has to concede a great many things to the cheerful man." To be able to laugh away trouble is greater fortune than to possess the mines of king Solomon. It is a fortune, too, that is within the reach of all who have the courage and nobility of soul to keep their faces turned to the light.—O. H. Marden.

The Truthful Boy.

How people do trust a truthful boy! We never worry about him when he is out of sight. We never say: "I wonder where he is; I wish I knew what he is doing." We know that he is all right and that when he comes home we will know all about it and get it straight. We do not have to ask him where he is going or how long he will be gone every time he leaves the house. We do not have to call him back and make him "solemnly promise" the same thing over and over. When he says "Yes, I will," or "No, I won't," just once, that settles it.—Burdette.

Hopless Lung Trouble Cured.

Many recoveries from lung troubles are due to Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It strengthens the lungs, checks the cough and gives relief at once.—Mr. W. S. Wilkins, Gales, N. C., writes: "I used Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in a case given up as hopeless and it effected a permanent cure. Get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your cough is dry and hacking, let it trickle down the throat, you will surely get relief. Only 25c at your druggist."

Apply Sloans Freely For Lumbago.

Your attacks of Lumbago are not nearly so hopeless as they seem. You can relieve them almost instantly by a simple application of Sloan's Liniment on the back and loins. Lumbago is a form of rheumatism, and yields readily to Sloan's, which penetrates quickly all in through the sore, tender muscles, limbers up the back and makes it feel fine. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents at any drug store and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.

Notice!

North Carolina, Watauga County. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, executed on the 29th day of June, 1908, by E. F. Potter and wife to W. E. Johnson trustee for W. H. Jones, to secure the payment of the sum of \$340.00, which deed of trust being duly recorded in Book O, page 44, of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county, I will on the 23rd day of March, 1915, at 1 o'clock p. m., sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house in Boone N. C. to satisfy a balance of \$340.00 due on said debt, the following described real estate, to wit: Lying and being in the county of Watauga, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. O. J. Potter, A. B. Potter and others, and bounded as follows: On the waters of Stringers Fork of the North Fork of New River, beginning on a stake about 8 feet west of a buckeye stump, corner of J. O. J. Potter, then S 86 W 56 poles to a stake, then S 20 E 17 poles to a stake at a fence, then N 61 E 24 poles to a stake, then N 45 E to a stake by the road side, then N 59 W with said road 28 poles to a poplar tree, then W with said road 28 poles to a poplar tree, then N 40 W 16 poles to the beginning of 12 7/8 acres, more or less. This being the tract of land deeded by J. M. Barker and wife and J. F. Hicks and wife to Zions Bach Mining Co. This 18th day of February, 1915.

W. E. JOHNSON, Trustee.
Councill & Bauguess, Atty's.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, County of Watauga, Superior Court, Spring Term, 1915. John B. Earp, Plaintiff, vs. Nora Earp Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county for divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, and the said Defendant will take notice that she is required to appear at the Spring term of the Superior Court of this county, to be held on the third Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915, at the court house in said county of Watauga then and there to answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This Jan. 29, 1915.

W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed on the 17th day of August 1914, by Lee Eller, et al., to me and in favor of Finley & Henderson and recorded on August 20, 1914, in Book S, p. 248, office of Register of Deed of Watauga county, I will on Monday, March 22nd, 1915, at the court house door in Boone, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the lands conveyed in said Deed of Trust, that is to say, the interests of Lee Eller, Don Eller and in said lands are described as follows: Beginning on a white oak on bank of Flower's Branch Chanie Payns corner, running N 80 poles to a chestnut in R. L. Wagner's line, thence up a ridge a north course, with a conditional line and fence, 110 poles, more or less, to chestnut oak, thence W 86 poles to a black gum, thence W 4 poles to a black gum, thence near a south course 4 poles, more or less to a rock on the South bank of the public road, A. A. Eller's corner, thence down said road with A. A. Eller's line, 40 poles, more or less to a stake in Flowers Branch, thence down the meanders of the branch, with A. A. Eller's line, 140 poles, more or less, to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less. Said Deed of Trust is now past due. Hour of sale to be between 10 a. m., and 3 p. m. This Feb. 10, 1915.

H. A. CRANOR, Trustee.

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