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At least Governor Kitchin cannot complain that he is being ignored by the newspapers.

Amidst all the turmoil we wish to ask a very practical question: did it show well to achieve greatness or have it thrust upon you?

1910 has fairly to be a record breaker as an apple year—but what if the sun, when nothing can be done with apples, except eat them?

The high cost of living may alter the appearance of the dinner table, but it will have no influence on the receipts at the baseball grounds.

Up to the last report, there were 67 Democratic candidates for county offices in Guilford with a good many precincts yet to be heard from.

The recording angel is no doubt glad that women do not have to swear to the answers they will give to the census enumerators regarding their age.

It may go in Greensboro, but we dare any candidate for a county or legislative office to declare himself in favor of banning the dogs from Guilford county.

The last panic may have played smash, but the way it made values shrink was as nothing compared to the shrinking that will take place about two months from now—June is tax-listing time.

A well-known French admiral has written a book in which he foresees a war between America and Japan with the whole of Europe finally drawn into the conflict. So much the worse for Japan and Europe.

Illustrated hands and aching backs are a part of the game when professional business men essay the role of amateur gardeners. Not for all that it is a recreation that is both healthful and harmless if not productive of very valuable results.

Primates may in a way register the will of the people, but being a candidate before a primary that runs beyond the bounds of a single county is a rather expensive undertaking especially for the man who knows more about business than he does about politics.

A well-known North Carolina editor has turned the spotlight upon himself by suggesting own licks as a cure for the hookworm, but another man has gone him one better by proposing the same remedy as a sure substitute for the poisonous gases of Hall's count.

City folk may complain of the high cost of living, but we have heard of no complaint from the farmers, and as North Carolina is principally an agricultural state it would seem that at all the rule of the greatest good to the greatest number might have some application.

The Raleigh Merchants' association has endorsed Mr. H. G. Brown as eminently fit to be the Democratic candidate for corporation commissioner. Mr. Brown may be an eminently fit man for corporation commissioner, but we do not see how our Raleigh friends can work out the problem that he is a fit man to be the Democratic candidate for that position—no one has spoken of his long and loyal party service or said that he needed the place for a personal standpoint.

Having so often disagreed with Senator Tillman it is a genuine pleasure for us to be able to agree with him at least this once. The senator is reported to have said that the Democratic members of Congress made fools of themselves in that speakership rules committee matter.

THE SOUTH AND PROTECTION.

From one end of the country to the other Democratic newspapers have been singing songs of joy over the fact that in a special election held in a Massachusetts district a Democrat was elected to Congress from a district that has heretofore been solidly Republican. Not only do they express their delight over this one triumph of comfort, but they go further than that they attempt to argue that this shows that the country is tired of Republican supremacy and that the next Congress will be Democratic.

In the first place, we do not believe that it shows anything of the kind, and in the second place, there is another side to the lesson taught by this Massachusetts election. That the people of North Carolina would do well to take to heart.

Some days ago this newspaper printed a letter from the pen of Mr. T. T. Hicks, in the course of which the writer very forcibly and plainly made the point we are now discussing.

The press of the country is taking a great deal of notice of the fact that a Democratic congressman was elected by a good big majority this week in a district in Massachusetts heretofore largely Republican. Democratic papers and politicians see in this certain signs that the House of Representatives will be Democratic next March. Republicans do not admit it, but of true, what could they do with a Senate already elected for the next two or four years that is two-thirds Republican?

But it is perfectly clear to me that it means nothing of the kind. The word "protection" and the same selfish and narrow considerations influence the minds of men in North Carolina as in Massachusetts. It is this state will this year elect two Republican congressmen. Who do I mean? That district in Massachusetts makes most of its shoes, worn in the cotton-pick and hat, made of hay, but has to buy them at the prices southern and western farmers are getting for their. They voted for Free because of the high price of corn products and because he has been for years advocating reciprocity with Canada, so that Canadian wheat and grain may come in duty free and compete with ours. Now, if Senator Simmons votes for a tariff on lumber to help North Carolina, if he votes for a tariff on "guano" for the Virginia towns, don't the North Carolina farmers want the tariff that raises the price of corn, cotton and wheat to where they are to stay as it is?

If Massachusetts wants lower wheat, cotton, corn and meat and hides because it can't make them and has to buy them, don't we want and will we not vote for a tariff that will keep up the price on those things that we make for sale in North Carolina?

What argument can be brought against this line of reasoning? The only one that we can think of is that free trade is the traditional way of the Democratic party and that no change in actual conditions ever makes a Democrat change his mind, that he has always been a Democrat and always will be; that his party has always stood for free trade—in its platform—and that he will still continue to stand by free trade.

The fact is that whatever else they are, the New England Yankees are no fools. They have the reputation of looking out for number one and deserve the reputation. During the last hundred years the sections have exchanged positions. Formerly it was commercial and manufacturing New England that wanted protection for its infant industries, while the agricultural south clamored for free trade. Now New England wants to buy its foodstuffs and raw materials as cheaply as possible and the newly awakened south needs protection.

The only trouble is in making the average man see that, as Mr. Hicks points out, the same conditions that have made a congressional district in Massachusetts Democratic should make the entire south Republican.

As an illustration, it put a proof of this assertion, we point to the fact that when the last actually came there was not one Democratic congressman from North Carolina who stuck to his free trade delusions and voted against tariff duties on the articles North Carolina produced and producing was interested in bringing up to a high and profitable price.

THE BETTER WAY.

We claim no particular expert knowledge on the subject and some who claim to know may say that we do not know what we are talking about, but by that as it may, we say that the question is given a word of explaining the production of certain crops to raise the price has never appealed to us as being sound from an economic standpoint. Particularly do we refer to cotton and tobacco. It is true that a small crop made so by unfavorable weather conditions, naturally tends to raise prices, but what we are now discussing is the voluntary reduction of the crop, made simply for the purpose of raising prices.

In the first place, we have never believed that such an organization has been offered or can be affected that will be extensive enough and binding enough to bring about a general curtailment of planting. Human nature is human nature, and there will always be a sufficient number of men who will try to take advantage of their neighbor's curtailment and their own large crops to neutralize any efforts at curtailment. And then, as we have said, we do not think such a condition should be brought about even though it were possible.

The remedy, as we see it, and as we

have so often advocated, lies not in a curtailment of the tobacco crop or the cotton crop for the purpose of raising prices, but in diversified crops so that the raiser of cotton or tobacco will be independent of his main crop, so far as his immediate necessities are concerned, with the result that he is not forced to sell the first day his product is ready for the market. This may incidentally reduce the main crop to some extent, but that reduction will be merely incidental. The main thing is the independence it gives to the farmer. In this, we think, lies his remedy for hard times, and not in simply making but one stalk of cotton or tobacco grow where two grew before without putting anything in the places of the missing stalks.

Guilford Superior court is now wrestling with the trial of an indictment growing out of a horse trade in which the main point at issue is whether a certain spotted, glass-eyed horse was blind in one eye, blind in both eyes, or blind in one eye a part of the time and blind in both eyes the rest of the time. Without taking sides in the case at issue, we venture to say that here is a case for expert testimony if there ever was one.

For many years we have been wearing cotton clothing, for some time we have been eating cotton seed as olive oil and butter and now it is said that we are soon to make bread and cakes out of cotton seed flour. But the great benefactor of the human race will be the man who proves that it is a satisfactory substitute for meat.

No doubt Mr. Bryan thinks Mr. Roosevelt a mighty poor business man and is prepared to prove it by the neat little sum total from the Bryan letters written from abroad and syndicated to some hundreds of newspapers.

NEW YORK SALOONS OPENED BY MAYOR GAYNOR'S POLICY

New York, April 4.—New York had its first experience of Mayor Gaynor's new excise policy.

The great question of whether the metropolis is to be "wet or dry" resolved itself into a matter of how many saloons the saloonkeepers were willing to take. The order that went forth early on to make any arrests was followed out by police to the letter and the results were shown at once in the absence of offenders in the various magistrates' courts.

It was noticed that after midnight the saloon men followed their usual custom of keeping the light full on in their barrooms, but in most cases the barrooms were dark. At many saloons men and women were seen entering, but the police followed instructions to do nothing but look on.

The state board of excise has not enough men to make arrests all over the city and yet the saloon men are more or less in the dark as to whether Mayor Gaynor's cure for the graft disease may not be worse than the graft evil itself.

It will be impossible to tell before Tuesday what the results will be. If at that time the district attorney issues a crop of warrants they will know where they stand.

Saloonkeepers in the west side from the forties to the seventies seemed to be willing to take chances with the new excise regulations all day, and no one seemed to have any trouble in gaining admittance to the rear rooms. Sunday receipts are too large for most liquor men to ignore and although the side doors were kept swinging as usual, extra precautions against strangers were taken. Chains and peep holes and look-outs first identified the applicants for admission.

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