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Chasing rainbows is beautiful pastime.

Knocking does not produce prosperity.

This weather is ideal for producing freckles.

The "higher-up" fellows are pretty low down.

But, then, Milwaukee had already been made famous.

The sleeping sickness "never touched Colonel Roosevelt.

Lindley Park shall not be allowed to make Greensboro famous.

A noble effort is being made to reduce the cost of sleeping.

The sheriff's office in Guilford has now become a palpitating pone.

Prepare to tell it the census taker is about ready for business.

Harmony talk does not carry elections—it's votes that count.

Pie is perennial, but pone is not going to hold out—there are too many after it.

We really don't care whether Protector Patton learns how to make pies or not.

Dogs, unlike men, harbor no malice and will now adopt resolutions of forgiveness.

Thou shalt not be allowed to drink branch water from the muddy lake at Lindley park.

Oh, well—cut it all out, the germs are lots worse in Sunday cold drinks than any other day.

It would be dangerous to a number of presidential hopefuls to be away out cold storage.

The wasp-waist at going now typifies home ordinances. It seems to affection in collars and footwear.

The Democrats are now talking about catching rainbows. They've grown tired of simply chasing 'em.

The authorities should not keep the good housewives in suspense any about when to buy ice cream.

This is the season when fruit is placed in cold storage to be kept for next winter's high prices.

Maybe they all want something that promises quicker returns than the position of county chairman.

If they change the rates and charge less for the uppers, won't the uppers thereby become the lowers?

Good is always present, as the oyster steals silently away the cherries and blackberries come winding out the lea.

The Winston-Salem Journal is a sufferer in the departure of its editor, S. H. Farabee, who goes to Charlotte to become city editor of the News. The latter paper is to be congratulated.

The public would be tolerable well satisfied without any material reduction in sleeping car rates, if the Pullman company would only arrange to pay the porters and tolerate travelers of the annoyance and expense of tipping.

While the Democrats are crowing over what are termed digs at Uncle Joe by an element—or coalition—in Congress, they should not forget that party lines were also ignored in the vote on the battleship proposition the other day.

YEAR OF PURIFICATION.

In a newspaper article published yesterday ex-Governor and ex-Senator Thomas G. Jarvis, of Greenville, now affectionately called "the grand old man," takes a look at things political in the nation and in the state. Governor Jarvis belongs to a school of Democrats now almost extinct, and he is lonesome. He can't help creeping on him, and he must vent a little he sees the shallows beginning for the Democratic party as well as the high stalwart class of men who were his colleagues in other and brighter days.

The article referred to comes from the heart that would inspire hope if it were not for the small cause of the sad that whispers "hope is gone." There is a note of sadness and pathos in what he has written.

Think of a grand and noble old warrior trying to give a word of encouragement and advice to a party that has gone after strange and phantom gods that in recent years has persistently advocated things in which he does not believe and in which he has no faith, and you will catch the pathetic, the pitiful side of it.

Speaking pointedly to the recent history of the Democratic party, Governor Jarvis says:

"For 15 years and more lawlessness has been its bane. We have shattered and divided until the party has nearly gone out of business as a power in the administration of the federal government. Disaster after disaster, defeat after defeat, have followed the crescendo and discord among the opposed to Republican policies and Republican methods. The Republicans owed to these divisions in our ranks but always closing up the gaps, have swept the country time and again, till they have become arrogant and extravagant in the exercise of organized power.

"There is no discounting the sincerity of Governor Jarvis in his desires to rehabilitate the Democratic party, but in the remedy he offers he recognizes the hopelessness of the task that he would set for himself. He does not recommend a return on specific terms to the code of principles and policies that made his party popular in former years, knowing full well that such advice would fall on deaf ears. In general terms he makes a plea for a return to "old time principles" and for traveling again in the "ways our fathers trod." We quote:

"The year 1912 is to be a year of great political purification. The Republican party must come to an accounting. The books must be opened and the record laid bare. The Democratic party must be in a position to compel the complete and perfect accounting. To do this the utmost harmony must prevail in nation, state and municipality. The year 1910 is a good time to make all needful preparation for reconciling differences and to coming together for an old time struggle for the supremacy of the old time principles of the Democratic party. The country needs a united democracy to bring back the administration of the government to the ways of our fathers trod. The principles of the Democratic party, properly interpreted and honestly applied, have been found adequate to the needs of this republic in every phase of our national life. The country never needed a steadfast adherence to the fundamental principles of the American system of government as interpreted and applied by the teachings of Mr. Jefferson more than now. The party has the opportunity to render a real and lasting service to the country. Will it do it?

"The eye is a far one. Will it do it? Who shall hold aloft the banner of Jefferson in the Democratic party, bearing those major and fundamental words: 'Local self government'? How shall the Democratic party be able to gather 'old time principles' which it never had? Can even sanguine faith believe a great and conscious organization capable of it?

"But for harmony, however earnestly to be desired, unless there is something substantial as a basis on which to harmonize. When the old time principles are offered as a platform the old time advocates will find such hollow echoes out of the past to support them. In the old days there prevails, and the best policy suggests, to get a pone has been adopted as the Democratic slogan. In the pone there is nothing tangible upon which to harmonize.

"The Republicans themselves are engaged in an era of political purification. They are ready for an accounting any day and will place their entire record before the people with an abiding faith in the choice that will be made between them and the Democrats. There may be some mistakes to correct—as parties are human and liable to err. But over against the Democratic record of dreams and isms and schisms and failures will be placed the Republican record of achievement, progress, success. The choice is with the intelligent people of the country."

IMPROVED SERVICE.

An issue of publication, the insurance Herald, which has many friends in North Carolina, made the following announcement in its issue of March 31:

"Beginning with this week, an arrangement has been made by which the national telegraphic news service of 'The Western Underwriter,' of Chicago, will be extended to our readers through the columns of the Insurance Herald. This in connection with our own southern news service, which is being improved all the time, makes the Herald the first insurance newspaper to be considered by subscribers in the southern states, also by advertisers doing business in this particular section of the country. It is believed that southern insurance agents want a southern insurance newspaper, covering all branches of the business, that will give them the best possible service and give it to them first. This the Herald is now in position to do. In addition to our improved news service special features of an instructive nature along the most beneficial lines to the individual agent will be introduced as rapidly as possible, to make the Herald the ideal insurance newspaper for the southern states."

The improved service mentioned is more than a mere claim. In fact the last three issues of the Herald indicate that more has happened than the mere addition of a better news service. The paper shows that a trained hand has had charge of the compilation and get-up of the journal, and if the same high standard of excellence is maintained in the future the Herald is going to make rapid strides.

In future there will be a special Virginia, North and South Carolina department, under the supervision of a competent man, one who is familiar with the situation and who will keep abreast of the live things that are happening. The Herald has our best wishes for increased success.

The present board of aldermen will never be content, because they can't control the world and at least three wards in High Point.

Strange, that all the complaint is against the high cost of necessities, while nothing is heard about luxuries and extravagance.

They do not seem to care about crossing Uncle Joe by attempting to promote a presidential boom for himself.

If the hats get too big for the doors the doors will have to be enlarged. That's all there is to it.

THE MOST VITAL POINT

To Editors of Daily News:

In the discussion and comments of the recent picture incident I looked in vain for some one to bring out what I regard as the most vital point in the whole matter. It has not been, as I understand the question, what was the impression made upon men who had attained their majority and who are capable of banishing the evil thoughts and suggestions from their mind, but the question is what is a public policy which condones the practice of educating the public mind, and especially the young minds of our community, to look upon nudity as a proper form for female figures to appear before men and the constant pose of vulgar creatures in an attitude that can confess one is so beastly minded and so angelic in his thoughts as to be unacquainted with the ordinary trend of the world about him, have but one result, namely, the destruction of modesty on the part of our girls and the beastalizing of our boys in their reverence for woman.

I am aware that the attorneys who defended the case did what was being done in nearly all of our courts at the present day, namely, taking advantage of technicalities in the law in order to carry their point. That seems to be a part of the law today, and hence the great dissatisfaction of law on the part of the average citizen.

The result of the recent trial was to confine the case to the narrow limit of what impression those pictures made upon each individual juror, and has much or little weight on the part of those who were trying to enforce the law namely, the impression and influence that they would have upon the children of our town. I am not unmindful of the advice given by some of my friends that certain of us who testified in this case should wear blind bridles. I have under consideration an hotel bill for spending those pleasant days where I should certainly have these things flung in my face. Let it be known, however, to those who are endeavoring to find means to hide the truth from that they have for the success in unmuzzled practice, an effective remedy has been made. It matters not a trace of the very best of our community—citizenship. Well, I have known people who laughed at certain fire-stamped lights of a and foreign lands, and I have even in my short life lived to talk to some of them when the results of their practice has scandalized them to the heart and I have heard the cry from him: "I have reaped but what I have sown, would to God that I had never been born." Let not a people, but I venture a prediction that must come hang in the balance of this community in less years than and carry ignominy, a more right pall condemnation of that which pulls down and destroys, the elevation of the pure and beautiful in our homes. Behold, had just as well be western alone out there.

We encourage tuberculosis exhibits in order to destroy the white plague. We encourage vulgar, coarse and lewd pictures and use the result of which can only encourage the white slave traffic. Our civic league holds public and private meetings to encourage the cleaning up of our back yards. We encourage bill posters to plant filth heap along our sidewalks and in our show windows. We pass prohibitory laws and then condemn officers for trying to enforce these laws. We impose time limits upon automobiles and then try to discredit the officers of the law if they enforce them. We [illegible] people with more of real worth to attend our parents of a healthy moral atmosphere for the [illegible] our community to grow up in. Following the recent incident certain members of the bar and press turned loose upon them with all the ridicule at their command in order to destroy their influence, appealing to all the prejudice possible to accomplish this result.

My brethren, neighbors, friends, we are making a great mistake. Let us stop it. CHARLES H. IRELAND.

FALSE "HYDROPHOBIA."

Wilmington Star:

As we intimated was probably the case, the death of the Wilson county negro, declared to have died in convulsions caused by rabies, turns out to have been caused by a totally [illegible] the poor man with much hydrophobia had nothing to do. Dr. C. A. Shore, director of the state laboratory of hygiene, so declares positively, after having the body exhumed and having made a thorough investigation in connection with other physicians. In other words, the man's hydrophobia about the case consisted only in the history of the patient and a [illegible] diagnosis. Hydrophobia, like pellagra and hookworm, is popular. It would be interesting to know how big a collection would be necessary to apply to the number of cases reported in order to arrive at anything like a conservative estimate of the number of true instances of the disease.

Dr. Shore, in an interview, goes on further to state that the records of treatment of people bitten by "mad dogs" show that rabies develop in probably one out of 200 case that have been treated either during or subsequent to treatment. He explains further that even those mishaps result from a failure to enter upon the treatment in time; in other words his contention is that the Pasteur treatment is a specific.

What we would like to know, however, is what proportion of cases treated in this climate really need the treatment. How many persons bitten by dogs that are supposed to be mad, or in whose brains after examination are found the evidences of the disease, would have suffered rabies had they not taken this long and expensive treatement? Unless we are greatly mistaken, Dr. Shore has of recent years treated in this state hundreds of persons for rabies. And if we are not more mistaken still, the state population of people and dogs had previously theretofore been living together for several generations in a state of more or less complete amity, without the development of any but the most rare and isolated cases of rabies, either in man or beast.

Has the state suddenly been afflicted with a deadly influence of madness among the dogs or is that madness which is so frequently manifested discovered in them analogous to that genic insanity so readily discernible in hundreds of well-meaning, hard-working, but erratic thinking human beings with whom we are all familiar and to many of whom, in fact, we are all endeared?

A Democratic England.

(Harper's Weekly.)

"A full grown and unfettered democracy!" These are striking words for a British premier to let fall concerning the future of Great Britain. It is a Liberal Premier, of course, who pronounces them. But Mr. Asquith has been considered as belonging to the moderate and not the radical wing of his party. That makes his interpretation of the warfare against the Lords of the more significant. England is commonly and rightly regarded as one of the freest countries in the world. Few enjoy so full a measure of constitutional liberty. In no other are the person and property of the individual more scrupulously safeguarded against any kind of aggression or oppression not even in America. There is ample freedom of speech and of the press. The people have the ballot. But a democracy? That is certainly not the right term for what England is at present. For democracy implies more than political freedom and equality before the law; and socially England is not democratic. Her class system has successfully withstood all democratic inroads. She has an aristocracy recognized, legalized, firmly based on the ownership of land and the law of primogeniture. The throne, however shorn of its merely political powers and prerogatives, is still, in other and far from negligible ways, a potent source of privilege, still the summit of the social edifice. In the mass of the English people there is an ingrained and habitual respect for privilege and deference to rank. Before England can become a true democracy, whatever her government, her merely political usage, maybe, these things must be changed; and the change will be very great. Nevertheless, that would seem to be the true drift, the real goal, of the radical movement which has been making such headway of late.

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