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Next stop—Morning glory. The peach crop is safe again. New yank out your old straw. Did you get censured all right? Springtime looks better out of cold storage. Save up your frosty reminiscences for next season. Wonder if Taggart likes the tag they put on him? The next frost will probably catch the pumpkin. The high cost of living made Hammerstein come down. Be sure not to say anything when you try to look wise. Well, it was baseball weather yesterday, all right enough. How would Beusse do for a name for a new summer drink? Never discount a dreamer until he begins to have nightmares. Don't worry about the comet—how is your Irish potato crop? A reasonable degree of patience is better than a long rest spell. When Mark Twain passed out the country lost a good millionaire. You can blame the comet for anything you please—it will not talk back. Many of the southern Democratic majorities are afflicted with hookworm. A Charlotte minister is conducting a campaign for hatless women in church. Bet that fellow Bjernstjerne Bjernson didn't know how to spell his own name. Put the best foot foremost and then get the other one there as quick as you can. A man is a good one who always makes the turning point in his career to the right. If Bob Gray could entice Josephus Daniels into a controversy—well, it would be a peck. Any of you fellows know Kern, the man the Indiana Democrats have nominated for the Senate? Such business as Mayor Gaynor engaged in at that banquet only helps Hearst to sell his yellow rags. It will be a day of congratulation when this country affords no longer a fertile field for the muckrakers. Webster's Weekly is now published semi-weekly. If it should change to a daily, would it still be Webster's Weekly? No amount of bank talk from Hearst's agent Mayor Gaynor's sensational charges, will avail anything. If Hearst is clean, his recourse lies in a libel suit. The Columbia State and the Columbia Daily Record refer to each other as the "Columbia morning paper," and the "Columbia afternoon paper." At this rate they may soon be on speaking terms with each other. It is none of our fight, but we don't mind saying it would be the handsomest thing if Governor Kitchin would tender the place made vacant by Corporation Commissioner Aycock's death to Maj. Henry A. Leiden, of Chatham.

WHICH ARE YOU?

In every community matters are constantly coming up that are of great moment to the community as a whole, but do not directly affect the interest of any one individual except in so far as he is one of the community. It is useless to enumerate instances in which this is true. Everyone knows that they often happen and that they require a certain amount of work on the part of public spirited citizens who labor for no selfish regard but simply because they are public spirited citizens. On the other hand, any one who has taken a prominent part in such undertakings can bear witness to the fact that there are always to be found a certain number of prominent citizens who should be public spirited citizens, but who if they are such have a queer way of showing it. They would undoubtedly say that they are and would at once take offense if the fact were denied. But when it comes to getting out and working for the public good they always wish the movement well, but are "too busy." They are too busy. Too busy, in deed and pray, Mr. Busy Man, who is that that made you too busy? Who gave you the preeminence as a lawyer or a physician or a merchant or a manufacturer, or whatever else you are, who gave you the success in your business or profession that has made you busy? Who has turned the clients or the patients or the customers your way in such unending streams that you are perpetually busy, so busy in fact that you have no time to devote to the general welfare of the community in which you live? Who was it that did all this for you? You will probably say that it was your superior ability or your close attention to business, and in a way you are correct, but in another way you are only partially correct. Without your ability or your attention to business you could not have accomplished what you have accomplished, but on the other hand, were you the most transcendent genius that ever lived or did you devote twenty hours in every twenty-four to your business or profession, still you would have amounted to nothing without the ordinary, commonplace, everyday man to act as the foundation for the magnificent superstructure that you have builded. Even from your own kind you have received but little help, they are looking for help, not giving it, they are striving as you are striving to build superstructures, not to rest content as mere foundations. The man that no one ever hears about, the man who is not a leading citizen, the man who has not a business or a profession that always keeps him busy—this is the kind of man who is the real cause of your success, or, to put it in the light most favorable to you, he is the man who has made your success possible, the man without whom your success would not have been possible. Then what do you mean by saying that you are "too busy" to get out and help this other man. You give of your money? Granted, but you owe him something else. You owe it to him to give your personal aid and comfort to anything that will benefit him because it benefits the community, and because he is ninety-five per cent. of the community. Too busy, indeed; you are the very man who should not be too busy, who should find time for anything looking to the public weal. You to whom the public has given five talents are under far greater obligations to make a just return than is your less prominent neighbor. Wipe out the community, and the man of humbler station would fare all, but he would not lose as you would lose, he is by no means so dependent upon others as you are. On the other hand, build up the community and he does not gain as you gain, for the cream is yours yours, perhaps, because of your ability or your attention to business, but also yours because of him—and it could not be, would not be yours without him, without his help, without his standing as the foundation upon which you build. Think it over, Mr. Prominent Citizen, who is too busy to help, too busy to stop unless you can do all the reaping. Think it over. If your community needs a better city government, are you too busy to go into politics to give it that better government? If your community needs a chamber of commerce or board of trade or other organization of like nature to help build up its material interests, are you too busy to do your share of the work? If your community is interested in any undertaking of a charitable nature, are you too busy to help the movement along? If you are too busy to do any of these things, then you are shirking your duty, and unworthy of your position as a prominent citizen. Thank heaven, not all of you kind and class need to be told their duty. Many of them are all that they should be as community helpers. But others of your class are not. Which are you? Taggart has been knocked out, and the job that remains for the Republicans is to knock out the man who knocked him out. If some means of eradicating the ice cream snakes could be discovered, perhaps the Sunday traffic would not be so hard to regulate.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

From the news columns of last Sunday's News and Observer we clip the following, which is given entire: Attorney General T. W. Bickett was yesterday asked by Sheriff Searle, of Wake county, for an opinion on whether or not a party who paid his poll tax this year on Monday May 2, would be entitled to vote in the next general election. Attorney General Bickett advised that the constitution provides that in order to be entitled to vote the citizen must pay his poll tax on or before the first day of May of the year in which he proposes to vote, and on the first day of May this year comes on Sunday and Section 2839 of the Revised provides that where the day is the last day for doing an act required or permitted by law to be done on Sunday the act may be done on the next succeeding secular or business day. This provision of the Revised was in force at the time the clause in the constitution referred to was adopted, and the attorney general held that the requirement in the constitution should be construed with reference to this section of the Revised. "There is no conflict," he said, "between the constitution and the Revised, but the two can be construed together, and effect be given to both. Furthermore every doubt is to be resolved in favor of the right to vote, and I am satisfied that the courts would hold that the man who pays his poll tax on Monday, May 2, would not be disfranchised." The attorney general added, however, which expressly stated was unofficial, that it would be wise for all good Democrats to pay up not later than Saturday, April 30, and let the Republicans take the chances. We take it that our contemporary has correctly quoted the attorney general. If it has we cannot say that we think this official-unofficial utterance reflects any credit upon the head of the state's legal department. We are not speaking of his opinion with regard to the payment of poll tax on May the second. That is a matter with regard to which we do not pretend to be able to decide. But if the attorney general was confident that it was the law, why does he add his "unofficial" rider or taker or whatever else one chooses to call it, to the effect that the Republicans only should "take the chances"? Has it come to pass that a man who accepts the opinion of the attorney general is "taking chances"? From this it would seem that the attorney general himself is not sure of the correctness of his official opinion, and wishes his political brethren to get under shelter before there is any danger of a storm. If the attorney general is not sure that his opinion correctly states the law he should have said so. On the other hand, if he is sure that he has correctly interpreted the law, it is in very bad taste to say the least for him in the same breath to suggest that the Democrats do not accept his ruling, which acceptance he himself compares to "taking chances." It is true that the office of attorney general is not on the same footing in all respects as that of a judge, but they are very closely akin when the attorney general delivers an official opinion with regard to the law for the guidance of a county officer. The interpretation of the law by him is not unlike a judicial act and when performing such duties all citizens of North Carolina should look alike to him, and just the minute that a Republican and a Democrat do not look alike just that minute is he unworthy of the position of trust he occupies. Our attorney general may say that he simply spoke in a spirit of levity. Even so, the levity was ill timed, and, moreover, we venture to say that if it was intended in that way there are a great number of men throughout the state who will not so understand it. When the Duke's complete their great plans of industrial development some people will forgive them for becoming millionaires. RADIANT REFLECTIONS. (By Henry Blount.) And now, the brilliant Lucy says that lying in ambush might be termed concealing the truth. The police, who hid their positions only two days, said they had a poor lease on authority. The foolish man who rashly attempted to kindle his fire the other morning with benzine has not been seen since. The brilliant Lucy says she never sees a dog gnawing and tearing a bone apart without thinking of Wellington tearing Bonaparte's army to pieces. It has been ascertained from sources that are perfectly reliable that young people who work in match factories do not get married any sooner than those engaged in other employments. The smile of a child in sleep is the reflected beam of a peaceful dream beautifully rippling upon that placid stream of joyous feelings that flows through the channels of innocence. When the facetious Lucy was asked the other night by her beau how she felt she said don't my looks remind you of a seal spoken of in the Bible. Sad to say she had been gallantly replied no, but you can't see her, for to me you are always that way. It is so true that often the beams of sorrow are growing under the very shadow of the sweetly blossoming flowers of happiness, and sorely have we included the fragrance of the one ere we are forced to feel the sharp point of the other. Yes, indeed, in the life shine and shadow, smiles and tears. R. A. P. Cooley, a brilliant lawyer of Nashville, and one of the most eloquent speakers that ever addressed a Nashville jury, was in town this week and letting our people know that he is a candidate for the office of solicitor—a position that he would fill most creditably and with honor. While in the growing town of Morven last week we heard from that wheel-

horse of Methodism, that steam engine of religious enthusiasm, the bold and aggressive and fearless John Barker, the Methodist preacher, one of the strongest, ablest and most forceful sermons that we have heard in some time. He is a fine preacher and is doing a splendid work there for the cause of the blessed Master. Our highly talented and most brilliant townsmen, O. P. Dickinson, will deliver the literary address at the closing exercises of the Stanhamsburg high school on May 5, and those who may be present on that occasion can felicitate themselves upon their good future in hearing one of the most charming speakers in the state. It was our great pleasure to meet in Wilson this week that able lawyer and polished speaker and accomplished gentleman, Richard Allsbrook, of Tarboro, who is a candidate for solicitor of this district. Mr. Allsbrook would make a capital solicitor, for he is deeply learned in the law, has a ripe experience at the bar, and is a speaker of force and power and genuine eloquence. When Judge Guion resigned and laid down his judicial robes without a wrinkle of dishonor upon them and without one stain of animadversion to soil their serene purity, the bench lost one of its most brilliant ornaments, and resplendent luminaries, for on all occasions, his eminent qualities shone out with the richest brilliancy and without a blur to mar the unsullied purity of their radiant beamings. In his retirement he will wear the richly merited plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Governor Kitchin displayed the ripest wisdom and the most discriminating judgment when he selected the Hon. David L. Ward to take up the robes so ably and so honorably worn by that eminent jurist—the model Judge Guion, for in real legal ability and profound knowledge and scholarly erudition and brilliant attainments, Judge Ward is the peer of any jurist on either the Supreme or Supreme court bench, and he goes upon the bench in the full zenith of his mental powers, and with the sunburst of his intellectual forces in their radiant effulgence, and he will soon prove by the openness of his wisdom, the soundness of his sense, the equity of his decisions, the brilliancy of his attainments—that he is the equal of the most eminent jurist that ever adorned the bench. We had the pleasure of shaking hands in Wadesboro last week with that brilliant and versatile gentleman, that eloquent preacher and exquisite writer, the Rev. T. W. Chambers, the popular pastor of the Baptist church, and unquestionably one of the most lovable characters we ever met. And we also had the pleasure of meeting the venerable and long-remembered Judge R. T. Bennett, that accepted monarch in the realm of eloquence and oratory, for he is a speaker of thrilling power and electrifying magnetism, and intoxicates all hearts with the witchery of his orate diction and masterly rhetoric. Full of years and with a life resplendent with brilliant deeds, he reminds us of a golden sunset bathing in the reflected effulgence of celestial splendors. And last but not least, we had the pleasure of meeting with the talented Rivers, the accomplished editor of the Ansonian, who wields a facile and most graceful pen. We recently spent a day and night at Whitsett Institute, one of the best equipped and finest institutions of learning in the state, and we never visit there without having a higher conception of the brilliant work these skilled masters in education are doing for the state and humanity. The astute and scholarly Dr. W. T. Whitsett and the deeply learned and thoroughly competent Professor Joyner and other efficient assistants are at the helm, and under the safe and unerring pilotage of such highly skilled mariners, the intellectual ocean, many countless mental eras are being safely guided on the dangerous and perilous shoals of rudimentary education out into that deep, open sea of culture and knowledge in whose rich bosom are glistening those rare pearls of thought that gleam so brilliantly in the crown of highest mental development. And we spent the night at "The Oaks," the elegant home of Dr. Whitsett, and which is so gracefully presided over by his exquisitely refined and highly cultured wife, the beautiful exponent of every charm and every grace that lends attractiveness to womanhood. And her lovely sister, Miss Belle Brower, who is as pure as a snowflake in heaven and as sweet as the odor of celestial flowers, gave an additional charm to that scene of enchantment. And the beautiful Miss Lily Miller, a lady of highest worth and most winsome graces, was another gem in that brilliant constellation. And while there we dreamed of the glories and the beauties of Paradise restored in all its pristine loveliness. We Are Constantly Receiving NEW FOOTWEAR All During the Season, Never Allowing Ourselves to Get "Out." This Time It's Walk-Over Oxfords and Pumps



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