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MAKING A MOUNTAIN OF A MOLE-HILL.

The matter of the recent election of Mrs. Minor Morris from the White House, where she went with the alleged intention of having a family quarrel before the President, was judged into the House by a Texas member Wednesday, and it is likely that more will be heard of the affair before it is closed.

The efforts of the administration to hush the matter up by giving out colored statements is almost as unworthy of it as the evident determination of the other side to make a mountain of a mole-hill. In this connection it is quite amusing to note the heat with which one of the officials denied that a negro messenger took hold of Mrs. Morris.

According to a correspondent of The New York Evening Post, the recent landslide at Haverstraw, N. Y., by which a dozen or more houses were thrown into a sixty-foot pit and nearly a score of lives lost, was the result of the greed of brick manufacturers who have been in conflict with the villagers for fifteen years.

The death of William Rainey Harper, president of Chicago University, is to be deplored. He was a renowned educator and business man and while he was supposed to foster a good many of the fool ideas that emanated from his institution, his death is a loss to the country.

It seems that it remained for Senators Simpson to bring forth a reply from the Republican side of the Senate in connection with criticism of the administration. The North Carolina member has a habit of locating the blame on Republicans' armor when he comes after them.

BIBBERY OF THE PRESS.

The assertion of Judge Andrew Hamilton in the statement which he recently sent to the insurance investigating committee in New York that he had paid out over \$200,000 to influence newspapers brings from The New York World the reply that there is nothing to prove it. "It lacks both detail and corroboration," says The World. "If this money had been expended its results must have been public in the vent expressions of the papers purchased. Their corruption could not be concealed if they gave any consideration for the money that Hamilton claimed to have paid them."

There are corrupt newspapers, but they are the few exceptions, and the number is growing less all the time, for the integrity of a newspaper is its greatest asset, and it is impossible for a venal newspaper to have permanent success. Murder will out. The newspaper which carries on trade in its editorial rooms will sooner or later be exposed, and when exposure comes, there will be no market for its opinion, for it will not be worth a cent. Indeed, its advocacy of any cause will do it more harm than good.

A corrupt newspaper means a corrupt editor, and it is agreeable to note that there are exceptions, and that their number is growing less. As our Richmond contemporary points out, they will sooner or later be exposed and then even those who had before been anxious to buy its opinion care nothing about it, for it has ceased to be worth anything at all. It is probably true that the newspapers which can be bribed outright with money are exceedingly rare, but, referring again to the assertion of The Times-Dispatch, there are other ways of unduly influencing a paper which really amount to the same thing.

The question of utilizing an ex-Governor was quickly settled in Virginia by the election of former Governor Montague to the chair of constitutional and international law in Richmond College. If the ex-Governor makes as good a professor as he did Chief Executive the college is to be congratulated on the selection.

The announcement of Mr. Williams that the Philippine tariff bill is a step toward free trade with the islands, he could not consistently attempt to defeat it is an agreeable one. It is high time we were done with the policy of opposing things because they are favored by those on the other side, because they do not go as far as we desire.

The strike sentiment seems to be spreading, 45 bales of a cotton mill at Lexington quitting work Wednesday on a demand for shorter hours or higher wages. Strikes among Southern mill operatives have up to this time been rare, but it is not unlikely that they will become more numerous if the mills continue to operate on full time. The efforts to organize these people into unions has, however, met with but little success.

It is necessary to deal in large figures to convey an adequate idea of how immense New York is. The tax commissioners of the city have given out a tabulation of the increase in assessments for this year and it shows an increase in personal property, other than stocks, bonds, money on hand, etc., of \$30,295,511. The real estate assessment shows a net increase of \$480,595,464. Andrew Carnegie heads the list with an assessment of \$5,000,000. John D. Rockefeller followed with \$2,500,000; Russell Sage, \$2,000,000; E. Mallin, \$1,500,000; and the late William Ziegler, widow of the late William Ziegler, the baking powder man, was assessed at \$1,000,000; William K. Vanderbilt built at \$1,000,000, and Alice G. Vanderbilt at the same amount, \$1,000,000. Such figures stupor one.

WEBBS OF IDLENESS.

Two strangers were halted on the sidewalk yesterday, looking at the Mecklenburg Declaration, and they were admiring the cleverness of the horner's nest and the warbling. "Let us alone," said one. "If that declaration was a fact, then this thing is a shame," said the other. "And if it wasn't a fact, it's a shame," added the first. "Yes," agreed the other. "It's a shame, any way you take it."

Little Miss Maggie Gonzales was out to see "The Runaways" the other night. She sat on her father's lap, and they had a good place, way up near the orchestra. She is not far from six years old. Her head of golden hair was parted on the left side and caught in a big red bow on the right. So far as she knew, there was nobody in the theatre except herself and the play-actors.

Secretary Taft had good reason to reply to the charges made by Poutney Bigelow against the canal commission, but his assertion that Bigelow was in Panama but 28 hours and secured his information from disgruntled men is calculated to make one tired. The President has made similar statements in refuting charges against the conduct of affairs in connection with the construction of the canal.

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson is again a candidate for Congress from the sixth Alabama district and is out in an open letter to the district Democratic executive committee asking for a "square deal." The result of the contest in which the hero of the Merrimack participated two years ago would seem to indicate that his most vital need is votes.

It will doubtless be a relief to the country at large to know that the quarrels that have for some time existed among the minor baseball leagues have been adjusted. The officials generally spend the winters in fusties of various kinds, while the players and the umpires do their stunts during the summer months. The American game is a great institution, any way you take it.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, has notified the striking house-smiths that violence toward non-union men must stop. It is strange that strikers are nearly always so warned, as if there were no laws to cover their offenses. It would be considered ridiculous to admonish thieves to stop stealing, yet such action is on a par with Mr. Jerome's warning to the unionists.

Dr. Albert Winslow, of Boston, the editor of The New England Journal of Education, is quoted as follows regarding the four really great men in the United States: "First of all, I place Booker T. Washington; second, I place Jacob R. Rix; third, I believe that I must put Theodore Roosevelt; fourth, I place Judge Ben Lindsay, of Denver, because of his great work in reforming the youth of this country."

Every man to his own notion, foolish though some of them may be. Governor Cummins, of Iowa, in his message to the Legislature, says the "long and short haul" clause should be abolished along with the issuance of free passes. "Long and short haul" how these words take us back to the time when the Hon. Marion Butler was busily engaged in denouncing "both the old parties" and crying calamity in a loud voice from every stump in North Carolina. By the by, it would be interesting to know what the former Populist thinks of railroad rate regulation since he has become an oil well magnate.

There seems to be a shortage of railway cars in all parts of the country, or at least the supply is not keeping pace with the demand of traffic. The Wall Street Summary prints a dispatch from Chicago to the effect that the roads centering there and in St. Louis "are crowded to the full limit of their respective capacities on every division, and the turn of the year, if anything, has brought more tonnage into sight." The dispatch goes on to say that "Southern railroads are suffering in equal measure with the Eastern and Western lines, and some of these roads could use twice the number of cars and engines they possess if they had them." The evidence is that despite their efforts to improve general conditions the railroads have been unable to keep pace with the demands of the country in recent years.

WAS TREATED KINDLY.

D. H. Butler, of Greensboro, says the Keeley Treatment is a God-send to the Drunkard—Believes it Will Cure the Disease No Matter of How Long Standing.

To Whom This May Concern: Believe me, I would not advise you wrongly. Now you may reasonably ask "What is the Keeley Treatment?" It is a God-send to you—it has been to me. Will it do all that is claimed for it? I most emphatically say yes. For almost two years it has been put to the test in my case; during which time I have not had the slightest desire to return to the use of alcoholic stimulants. There is no doubt in my mind but that the Keeley Treatment will cure the disease caused by alcohol, of no matter how long standing. I trusted my case entirely in the hands of the medical director. I took the treatment fairly, and as prescribed, and my reward is a complete cure, restoration to business, my family, and complete happiness. I am now governed by the same conditions which prevailed before taking the first drink. D. H. BUTLER, Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 24, 1904.

Bank contributes \$100. Southern States Trust Company Gives The Sum to the Farmers for the Benefit of the State Organization. The committee of the farmers which is engaged in gathering funds for the support of the State organization is meeting with much success. Quite a little sum has already been subscribed and there is the promise of much more. One of the notable donations of the past week is that of the Southern States Trust Company of \$100. This well known and popular financial institution recognizes the monetary value of the success of the farmers' association and is willing to contribute to the success of that undertaking which in time is destined to add much wealth to the South and to the Piedmont section of the State. It is hoped that the other banking institutions of the city will follow the lead of the Southern States Trust Company and at no very distant date, the necessary funds for the support of the State organization will have been raised.

A North Carolina Product. The Observer has received a handsome bouquet of "Enchantress" carnations, the product of the J. Van Lindsey Nursery Company, of Pomonas, N. C. These carnations are extremely large with large stems, some of which measure 22 inches in length. This is a North Carolina raised flower and one that any nursery ought to be proud of.

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CHARLOTTE BOY IN EUROPE.

His friends in Charlotte will be interested to learn that Mr. Brandt Asbury, a son of Mr. S. J. Asbury, of Charlotte, is living in London, Eng. Mr. Asbury has been connected with the American Tobacco Company for about five years, being stationed at Durham, New York and Havana, Cuba, during the time. A few weeks ago he was transferred to the European branch of the British-American Tobacco Company. He will be stationed in London several months and then will probably spend some time in Germany. Before his return to the States he will probably serve his concern in India.

How much we rely on other people's judgment was illustrated Wednesday at the big fire. It was well known that thousands of gallons of oil were stored somewhere in the burning building or in the streets and at first the thought that poured to the scene from every street car and milk-wagon and laundry ambulance and on foot, stood aloof, wondering under their breath to one another if the place was going to burst, the neighbors and others of the curious gradually began moving nearer. "They must know the thing is safe," argued the spectators farther back. So they moved up a peg. A freight train backed right through the burning flames, coupled on two oil cars, and drew them, their wood-work blazing to safety. That was very reassuring, and the mob crowded 50 paces forward. Then the firemen climbed upon the roof of an adjacent warehouse, its own eaves belching smoke, and thrust their hose right through the fiery windows. There was no call for them to take that risk in a well-lit hopeless fight unless they knew that no explosion was eminent. They moved forward with confidence. "If it does explode," said a waggish fellow, "I don't much mind being killed along with so many other folks. That is the mob spirit; what the French, so happy in their collage of phrases, call 'l'esprit du corps'."

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