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OSBORNE VS. JEROME, AGAIN. James W. Osborne, Esq., formerly of Charlotte, and recently defeated in the race for district attorney for New York county, by Mr. Jerome, continues to figure before the public by reason of his connection with important cases. Just now Messrs. Osborne and Jerome are arrayed on opposite sides of the notable case involving that notorious publication, Town Topics, which is apparently nothing less than a tool of blackmailers by which money is extorted from the rich upon threats to print unpleasant and even damaging things about them. Curious as it seems, that great and good man, Jerome, is placed in the position of defending this publication, while Osborne is prosecuting it and laying bare its infamous policy with all the energy that generally characterizes his movements. True, the district attorney cannot help himself, and would in all likelihood be glad to do otherwise—probably he would rather begin prosecution of the insurance grafters, about which he has talked much but accomplished apparently nothing.

A mile in 41 4-5 seconds was the record made by an automobile propelled by steam power at Ormond, Fla., Tuesday. This is but little less than two miles a minute and makes a railroad flyer seem slow in comparison. The "wets" are said to be leading an agitation for higher license or a dispensary in Salisbury. They must have an eye single to the financial end of the business, which would be improved by the adoption of either of the two plans. The finding that a supposed victim of hazing at a Mississippi college is still alive naturally put a stop to a grand jury investigation of his supposed death. Recent events have tended to make such stories appear reasonable even though the victims receive in fact no serious hurts.

WEEDS OF IDLENESS. One looking over the general run of literary "success" in the year 1905, as derived from The Bookman's monthly list of best sellers, and considering the oblivion of those which were the best sellers only two or three years ago, is inclined to spring again the old, old question, "What is fame?" The writer has in his bookcase a copy of Tribby, marked "A Souvenir." As such it is richly worth the price and the pains of preserving it: it is so amusing, so amusingly successful that only half a dozen years ago its author is reported to have been bored to death—literally—by the influx of revenue from it. Hardly is it remembered at all now. Leading author dry goods to which it gave rise, such as the exhibitions of women's feet and the award of prizes for the most happy or Tribbyesque, have had their day, from ocean to ocean, and the sea and swept our souls might have answered its own title: To dust. Of these several ex-lions, Winston Churchill, Gilbert Parker, Ian MacLaren, James Stanislawski, Stanislawski, Stanislawski, Major, The Bookman has to say: "A glance through the list of last year brings us to the conclusion that either the success of the literary activity of most of these men is past."

TWO N. C. POSTMASTERSHIP. Nominations for Greensboro and Goldsboro Offices Sent to the Senate. Washington, Jan. 24.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations of postmasters: Tennessee—Eli A. Warren, Bristol; Joseph W. Howard, Greenville. Virginia—T. B. Fintstein, East Radford. North Carolina—Louis N. Grant, Goldsboro; Cyrus F. Frazier, Greensboro. PLOMBAINE POISONING CASE RESULTS IN Demand for Meat Inspector. Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 24.—Since the wholesale poisoning from eating meat, at the home of Mrs. A. B. Melton, the matter of having a meat inspector for the city is being seriously discussed. This would throw a safeguard around the dealer and, at the same time, protect unsuspecting people from suffering and probable death, in case of plomaine poisoning. Clot on Brain Causes Horrible Death. Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 24.—Mr. Farlow, a young man living in the southern part of the city, died a horrible death yesterday. For several weeks the young man has been in a pitiable plight, suffering from a clot on the brain. At times it took the combined strength of two men to hold the unfortunate man in his bed. He was in one of his terrible agonies when death came as a gentle release.

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Every Day in the Year. THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1906.

JAMES J. HILL ON OUR FOREIGN TRADE. James J. Hill, the great railroad man, recently contributed to The New York Times an interesting article on our trade relations with the Orient. Mr. Hill takes the position that these, both present and prospective, are the reverse of encouraging. "This," he says, "is not because the trade is not to be had, enormous in the aggregate and immensely desirable, but because certain domestic policies to which the United States is at present committed forbid it to enter that field as a permanently successful competitor. I wish it understood distinctly that I am not arguing either for or against those policies, but considering solely how they affect our trade relations with the Orient, and how they must operate in the future. Mr. Hill continues: "First, the tariff. It is impossible to build up a large and lasting market for our manufactured products under a high protective tariff on imports. This is not so much because of its interference with the immutable rule that there can be no free interchange of products where those who wish to sell are not also willing to buy, but because the economic effect of the tariff is an accession of cost of production which disables competition. The tariff makes high prices at home. It keeps them if not as high abroad, at least higher than those of competing countries. No market can be held for manufactured products under such conditions."

The idea of digging the canal by contract seems to be gaining ground. The question would probably be as to whether a private concern big enough to undertake a task of such magnitude can be found. It would seem, however, that certain parts of the work might be profitably delegated to private contractors. The Memphis News-Scimitar speaks of Hon. Poulitney Bigelow as the man "who went to school with Emperor William and who was snubbed by the Emperor when he presumed on his college acquaintance." This is not creditable to the Hon. Mr. Bigelow, as The News-Scimitar meant it, but does tend to reflect on the German ruler. We are told in a Washington dispatch that a bill which is in the original Hepburn measure for the regulation of railroad rates has been passed by the House committee on Inter-State and foreign commerce. This is no indication of what shape the bill will be in when it gets through the House, to say nothing of the Senate.

ABOUT THE FIRST of last September the government ordered mail service on the trains running between Charlotte and Roanoke, Va. The Norfolk & Western Railroad had made provision for this by October 15th. The Southern asked for time, until the 1st of January, to make ready. This is the 25th of January and it is not ready yet. We wonder if there is any one who can tell why. A great many people are interested. Ex-Governor and Senator David B. Hill, of New York, appealing to the State Bar Association for a decision as to whether or not his connection with the Equitable Society was a proper one, says: "I honestly and fairly earned every dollar that was paid to me. I never received from the Equitable Society any moneys whatsoever for any political purposes." Mr. Hill was long in politics and many rough things have been said about him but we believe it has never been charged that he is not straight in money matters. It is a dull day indeed when New York newspaper reporters fail to produce a story about Mrs. Hetty Green or Russell Sage. Two of the same character have recently been printed about these notables. Mrs. Green tendered a bad half-dollar to a street car conductor, who returned it and he said she had no other money with her; she paid the fare herself. Mrs. Green later leaving a nickel at the company's office, old man Sage was represented as spending some minutes hunting for a cent which he dropped at a news stand and finally having to give up the quest. If that we read about these people is true, the curse of Mammon is indeed upon them.

CHARLES MAJOR RETURNS. This Bookman devotes two pages to pictures of the six authors of last year's best sellers, three of them women, Mrs. Humphry Ward, Alice Hegan Rice, and Katherine Tegen, and two men, George Barr McCutcheon and Robert Hichens. Mr. Dixon's picture occupies, virtually, a full page, the other two men being squeezed into the oblique corners. He is represented as seated, pad and pencil in hand, on his veranda at Dixondale. Don't you suppose this makes Charles Major and the other has-beens mad? "The sort of a crowd of notoriety is remembering happier things." Perhaps Charles Major returned from the "white light" to the dusk of his law office, looks from the "original half of Thomas Dixon" to his associate stenographer and mutters the lines of Beattie's Minstrel: "And yet the languor of inglorious days Not so really oppressive is to all: Him who never listened to the voice of praise The silence of neglect can ne'er appeal."

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THE RICHMOND NEWS LEADER says that "a Northern contemporary," in opposing the proposition recently put forward by a Southerner to erect a monument to Capt. Wirz, keeper of the Andersonville prison, "foams at the mouth, and among other venomous declarations it emits, is one that the monument would perpetuate memories of 'blondish cruelties of which the South ought to forever be ashamed.'" In reply the Richmond paper neatly turns the tables on the unnamed Journalist, thus: "Gentle friend, gently. It might also perpetuate memories of the policy of the United States government in refusing exchange with Andersonville prisoners and declining to allow passage through the lines of medical supplies to be used exclusively for the unfortunate under the administration of Union surgeons. Admittedly for the sake of argument, the worst that has been charged against Wirz and only admitting it that policy, as documentary evidence still in existence, proves, was chiefly responsible for the terrible sufferings the Andersonville prisoners had to endure."

THE FIGHT in the House over the statehood bill turns upon the report of the majority of the committee, which proposes the admission of Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one State and of Arizona and New Mexico as another; the minority report opposing statehood for Arizona and New Mexico. Some of them, singly or in bunches, sought to be admitted, and in this view the Democrats and insurgent Republicans are half right while the Republican majority, along with the President, is wholly wrong. If the admissions of such sage-brush districts as Montana, Colorado and Nevada to statehood are to be regarded as precedents, then there could be no excuse for denying separate statehood to each of the four Territories under consideration, but there come times when it is wisdom to kick precedent out of doors and as to this matter as all others it can be said that two wrongs do not make a right. J. G. TARWATER SUICIDES. In Fit of Temporary Insanity Warrenton Business Man Takes His Own Life. Special to The Observer. Warrenton, Jan. 24.—Mr. John G. Tarwater committed suicide here this morning by shooting himself through the head. He was one of Warrenton's most prominent business men. Overwork had resulted in greatly depressing him and this is thought to have been the cause of the attack of mental aberration, during which he committed the rash act. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Tarwater was one of the moving spirits in promoting the new enterprises which had resulted in largely increasing the business of the community. He will be greatly missed in the business and social life of the town. He was an excellent man and had many friends. His bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of all the people in the community. The secret of successfully riding the system of a cold is a thorough evacuation of the bowels. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar does this. Liquid Cold Cure, drives all cold out of the system. Best for Coughs, Croup, etc. Sold by King's Drug Co.

GOVERNMENT WILL REST IN SAMPLE CASE TO-DAY AND ALL EVIDENCES WILL BE IN BY SATURDAY NIGHT—NO SENATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Jan. 24.—One more day will complete the taking of testimony for the government in the case on trial in Federal Court, charging George W. Samuels with making false reports of destruction of distilleries while serving as a revenue officer. It is understood that the defense will introduce special witnesses in which case the taking of evidence will not be finished before Saturday evening. There were no sensational developments in today's proceedings. Eighteen of 20 government witnesses testified regarding the operation of the distillery of McIlwain and others in Wilkes county, before and after the reported raids of the revenue officers.

WANTED—Competent stenographer in wholesale house at Salisbury, N. C.; good salary; permanent position; references required. Address "C," care Observer Office. WANTED—Experienced competent double entry book-keeper in wholesale house at Salisbury, N. C.; permanent position; good opportunity for right man; references required. Address "C" care Observer Office. WANTED—Position as electrician or station tender; had five years experience at Westinghouse and other places. Address E. B. S., care Observer. WANTED—A book-keeper who is accurate; swift and willing to assist in general book-keeping; good job to right man; address in own handwriting, giving experience; references and salary requirements. The Ledger, Gaitney, S. C. WANTED—Board or rooms by young couple; no children. Answer "Office," care Observer. WANTED—At once, swift compositor; must understand setting ads, and making up. Catawba News, Newton, N. C. WANTED—A competent superintendent to take charge of a furniture factory manufacturing case goods. Address Oakland Mfg. Co., Winston-Salem, N. C. WANTED—Competent book-keeper; good job to the right man. Address "Job," care Observer. WANTED—A boy for drug store; not under 15 years of age; a good position for the right boy. Apply Observer Office. WANTED—Registered druggist; single; sober; reliable; good salary; 7 to 8 work very easy; ideal place for young man wanting experience; central location; population 10,000; address with references. "Blue Mass," care Observer. WANTED—A second-hand, 30 H. P. portable boiler on skids; give best price and description. Continental Chair Co., Mebane, N. C. WANTED—Board in private family by young man; best of references furnished confidentially at once to Observer. WANTED—Registered druggist; must be sober, experienced and not afraid of work; single man preferred; good position for right man. Address, "Triumph," care Observer.

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