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MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1907.

GRAPE FRUIT LUGGED IN.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot learns no grammar and forgets none. After receiving with a manifest sensation of dizziness the triumphantly correct decision of this oracle between "He's went and did it" and "He's been and gone and done it," The Virginian-Pilot, in silent rage, digs in the earth and brings up an old bone of contention. "Very well!" it next exclaims sulkily, "how is it that all you journalistic jay birds have been fluttering and squawking for weeks over The Landmark's grape fruit conundrums and never hit upon the simple fact that our city brother had trapped you all by the transparent trick of asking his question about grape fruit instead of about fruit? The prefix has nothing whatever to do with determining the plural form; whatever is the correct plural form of fruit is the correct plural form of grape fruit. But the entire bunch seized upon the handle and dashed off (the Times-Dispatch leading) into a morass of blunders. The Landmark is decidedly sly, and will be wanting to know next what in the plural of black sheep."

Passing over The Virginian-Pilot's peevish expressions as merely indicating a sense of defeat, The Observer calls the whole world to witness that it was never for a moment misled in this matter. From first to last it insisted that the plural of grape fruit is determined by that of fruit and it long held this position alone and against fearful odds. The Virginian-Pilot is simply engaged in the performance of fighting a red battle over again. As for the threat of our forceful though at present demoralized opponent to bring the formidable Landmark into the lists as ally, we fear nothing in the cause of sound grammar. Bring on!

We learn from The New York Herald that [illegible] H. Lewis, a wealthy citizen [illegible] appearance exploded [illegible] a very great deal to be [illegible] a contract [illegible] to pay $20,000 for an [illegible] the head [illegible] to be paid for a similar operation on the second [illegible] cops are [illegible] changed into the south lance of a [illegible] neck [illegible] tattooed [illegible] the forehead [illegible] the [illegible] change [illegible] of the [illegible] of this [illegible] danger to [illegible] could be [illegible] the [illegible] large [illegible] prepare [illegible]

The [illegible] from the General [illegible] this: "The [illegible] cities has appeared [illegible] forcefully. Dr. [illegible] that Louisville [illegible] tion has [illegible] 100,000, has [illegible] Pa., with 12[illegible] Mo., or Little Rock, Ark. [illegible] ville, Fla. Chattanooga, Tenn. Montgomery, Ala., and Meridian, Miss. [illegible] there are others, he says, [illegible] them." And yet he modestly hoped of any of these cities begging a share of the oily millions. Even the attempt said Atlanta, Ga., shows no disposition to lift up its voice and bellow for Charlotte, N. C., the unlikelihood is extreme.

Behold a result of recklessly misusing language. "Steal" has come to **be American for any congressional or legislative appropriation the propriety of which is open to question, and now when we see the word in the headlines over matter relating to the big Chicago sub-treasury theft instead of the day's proceedings in Congress both our linguistic and moral susceptibilities are confused.**

MR. SPOONER'S RETIREMENT.

By the retirement of Senator Spooner the Senate loses one of its brightest lights. Born in Indiana sixty-four years ago, his father's family moved to Wisconsin when he was sixteen years old. After graduating at the University of Wisconsin he went into the civil war as private and came out as major. Becoming a lawyer in 1867, he practiced with success until elected to the United States Senate in 1885. He was defeated by the Democrats with William F. Vilas in 1891, but was again elected in 1897 and 1903. He has thus served sixteen years in all and leaves two years of the term for which he was last elected unexpired. His letter of resignation to Governor Davidson states, as his only motive for retiring, a desire to better his financial condition by resuming his law practice. Doubtless he will become counsel for some one of those large corporations fr whose interests his enemies have long accused him of showing too much concern in the Senate. Whether the LaFollette faction in Wisconsin will succeed in naming his successor remains to be seen. Except Mr. Bailey, Mr. Spooner was easily the foremost of the Senate's lawyers. His greatest source of weakness lay in the fact that he never made an able argument on any subject without leaving the impression, even upon the man who only read the speech, that he could have spoken just as ably on the other side—he possessed no energy of conviction whatever and could not even assume the appearance of it. His loss to the Senate will be purely an intellectual loss. His party will miss him badly in debate and he leaves at least one friend behind. The chummy relations between Messrs. Spooner and Tillman—two of the most widely opposed types imaginable—have made an interesting study. Nothing amused the cool brain better than to goad the hot one into wildness during debate, and each liked the other better after every such encounter. Mr. Spooner's retirement leaves something of a gap in public life.

The Asheville Citizen fully agrees with The Observer that the Legislature should use its utmost endeavors to supply such remedy for the freight rate discrimination against North Carolina as lies in its power. "The Citizen," it says, "has advised the subservience of the anti-corporation spirit to common sense in dealing with railroad matters, but the flagrant discrimination which shippers of this State have had to contend with calls for drastic action, since the railroads themselves have closed their ears to all arguments for the reduction of freight rates." So say we all. There has been no public question within years upon which the press and the people have been so nearly unanimous.

"In the Dutch Reformed church in New York city," says The Associate Reformed Presbyterian, "it used to be the custom to put an hour glass by the side of the preacher. If his sermon was more than an hour long the clerk knocked three times on a table. We wonder if the raps were not intended to wake up the elders, official and unofficial, as well as to stop the preacher. Such a noise is sometimes needed." Needed even among the Seceders, it seems, though they seldom fail to have preachers who can preach and not merely make a noise like preaching. We trust that Elder Humphill of The Charleston News and Courier is not involved in this condemnation.

With all heartiness The Observer commends to the people of the State the Richardson trio of Charlotte, which is about entering upon a tour. It is composed of a delightful party of gentlemen, with Prof. Don A. Richardson at its head, and will not fail to entertain any audience which knows how to appreciate much.

Governor Glenn's message calling the attention of the Legislature to the fact that the season is nearing [illegible] and with a good deal yet to be done [illegible] for from untimely.

Demonstrates Mr. Webb's Ability

Wilmington Star

Says The Charlotte Observer of yesterday in an editorial paragraph:

"The Wilmington Record of February 28 [illegible] Mr. Webb's speech in the Senate on the 8th [illegible] school [illegible] very. In discussing the treaty [illegible] the Federal government [illegible] the adjustment [illegible] interference Mr. Webb took good [illegible] National ground against such a claim and maintained it strongly. The question whether San Francisco's treatment of the Japanese has been [illegible] to note just [illegible] of course another matter and is only incidental to Mr. Webb's argument.

Mr. Webb takes the ground [illegible] that will be endorsed throughout the South. He presented the matter in a strong light and the strength, coherence and consecutiveness of the Far West congressman's argument demonstrates Mr. Webb's ability, a quality in him that has been made [illegible] on several occasions."

Hogs' Strange Behavior.

Southern Christian Advocate

Here over near the good church Presidence are acting queerly here recently anyway. One of my grave, dignified stewards was telling me about it the other day.

"Brother M.," said he, "a strange thing is happening over in our community." "What in the world is it?" said I. "Well," replied my steward, "it's the hogs. They are acting as I never saw them before. They are actually rubbing their tails off." "You don't tell me—rubbing their tails off?"

Steward. "Yes, sir. It's a fact. It seems it is some sort of a disease that peculiarly affects that part of the hog's anatomy, and he goes to a pine tree and rubs until the tail is excommunicated. We have more bobtail hogs in my section than you can shake a stick at."

THE ONLY JOHN L.

He Has an Audience With Cardinal Gibbons and Entertains Him.

The Baltimore News.

"God bless you!" said Cardinal Gibbons.

"Same to you!" thundered John L. Sullivan, in a boiler factory voice that could be heard on the next floor of the cardinal's residence. And then the redoubtable pugilist, whose days have been unmbered, strode majestically past and out. He had spent more than half an hour telling Cardinal Gibbons about John L. Sullivan, and the cardinal was absorbingly interested. It was the first time the head of the Catholic Church in America and the erstwhile champion of the square circle had ever met, but John L. Sullivan promised Cardinal Gibbons that the next time he came this way he would call again.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock a carriage stopped in front of the cardinal's residence, on North Charles street, and from it alighted Mr. Sullivan and his manager, Mr. Frank Hall, accompanied by a local sporting editor. They were ushered into a waiting room by Harry Weaver, the little boy at the door, through whom no bribe can pass, and who guards with devoted zeal the portals of the clerical mansion.

Not a word spoke John the Immortal. He strode heavily onward, followed by his manager—timorously proud of his charge.

There was a breathless pause, waiting for the great man to speak, because everbody wanted to see what would happen. John L. Sullivan has a voice that has been geared up to 10-horse-power, and when he speaks the plaster cracks. The cardinal was engaged, but would be with the party presently.

A little later Cardinal Gibbons entered and asked smiling:

"Which is Mr. Sullivan?"

It was an obviously hard thing for the big man to realize, because none other of the party weighed more than 155 pounds, and John L. weighs nearly 200; but he was equal to the occasion and extended his hand.

"I'm glad to meet you," he said. "You're a gentleman I've heard a lot about."

Cardinal Gibbons conducted the party to the main reception room and seated them in a sem-circle about him.

"I'm glad to see you looking so well," said the cardinal. "I read in the papers the other day that you were ill."

"Never better in my life," said Mr. Sullivan, waving his arms and pushing his chest away out with a conscious knowledge of his physical power, while the cardinal smiled.

The cardinal asked him if he was born in Boston, and Mr. Sullivan said he was; and then Mr. Sullivan asked the cardinal if he was educated in Baltimore, and the cardinal said he wasn't, but that he was a native of this city and proud of it.

The redoubtable took up the conversational end of the meeting and told the cardinal some of his monologue stories. Among them, he told of three Irishmen at work on the ground, second and top stories of a building, hoisting material. The man on the ground, when the whistle blew, tied the rope around his wrist, and got out his lunch, his fellows aloft following suit. The top man, finishing lunch first, discovered a barrel of cement that belonged on the ground, and hitched it to the end of the tackle, with the result that it went down, and the ground floor Irishman went up, with his wrist still in the rope. When the cement hit the ground it broke away, and the Irishman came back to the ground at express speed. The man on the second floor went down, expecting to find him dead, but he was still living.

"Are yez hurt?" inquired the second-floor man.

"Only in my feelin's," said the other. "I passed yez twice, and ye didn't sphake."

"That's a very amusing story," said the cardinal, whereupon Mr. Sullivan told him another, about two Irishmen. One asked the other what of all things he would rather see.

"Well," said the second Irishman, "of all things in the world I'd rather see two men—John L. Sullivan and the Pope of Rome. But if I have to take my choice, I'd rather see John L. Sullivan, because they only make a Sullivan once in a while, and they make Popes all the time."

Cardinal Gibbons laughed moderately and retired, to return immediately with Father Gavan, of his household.

"This is Father Gavan, Mr. Sullivan," he said, "and don't get in his way, Father Gavan."

The redoubtable acknowledged the implied compliment with a superior wave of his mighty arms and a short nod of the head.

"What broad shoulders you have, Mr. Sullivan!" exclaimed the cardinal, in unconcealed admiration.

"Oh, yes, but not so much," said the ex-champion. "Feel this arm," and he sat still while the cardinal passed over and felt the right arm. "Soft, ain't it?" He closed his arm with a lock. "Well, feel it now." The cardinal took another feel and exclaimed:

"Why, it's as hard as a rock!"

Cardinal Gibbons linchingly denied a story concerning his education, which Mr. Sullivan had heard, and not that most of the stories in circulation about him were "apocryphal."

Mr. Sullivan put that word "apocryphal" in his vest pocket for future use.

Then he told another story about an archbishop who threatened to place a curse on all the four corners of a church being built in opposition to his wishes, to meet which conditions the priest in charge built the church round to skip the corners.

Provision vs. Temperance.

Baltimore Sun

Some nations use wine at every meal, yet many of them never get drunk. I have eaten many times at the table with an English couple who drank wine at their meals, yet they were temperate and refined people. I know an upright minister who has drunk lager beer for half a century, yet he thinks it no wrong as he is a German by birth. So in our views of intemperance, we must be temperate and allow others to differ from us. I know an extreme prohibitionist who is very intemperate in the use of tobacco and always has a quid of tobacco in his mouth when not eating.

There are many difficulties in enforcing prohibition. Blind tigers, drug stores and physicians sometimes almost annul prohibition, unless the people unite to enforce the laws. It is almost impossible to enforce it in a large city. In the country it can be enforced.

Pale girls have many ills,
For which they take some nasty pills;
If a healthy and happy girl you'd be,
Ring up for Rocky Mountain Tea.
H. H. Jordan & Co.

HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed by all drug stores. Price 50c.

NOT FOOLED BY SPECULATORS.

Farmers Not Swallowing All the Advice Handed Out, as Was Once the Case—A Word or Two From President Moore.

To the Editor of The Observer:

As usual, just about the time for pitching the cotton crop, the dear friends of the cotton planter bob up with advice on the cotton situation. Reading between the lines we generally find that these good friends advise the planting of a large crop, although their adroitly worded letters do not exactly say that is the proper thing to do.

Here we have a message from Mr. Theodore Price in which he says cotton will be so scare that actually the old and much abused New York stock of cotton will be in demand and even at much higher prices. Now we are glad to hear that Mr. Price is to find a use for that cotton other than to use it to depress the price of the farmers' cotton.

The object of my letter is to say that our farmers do not now swallow the sweet sounding stuff that speculators hand out as was once the case. Now the farmers have a medium of obtaining information through their officials and committees of the various farmers' organizations. These officials are capable of obtaining information as to the world's wants for cotton, the general trade conditions and the acreage requirements to fill these wants, therefore, the farmer now listens to his own source of information and is more and more governed by this, rather than by the misleading advice of the speculator.

The cotton planter is urged by his organization not to plant within 10 per cent. as much cotton as was planted in 1906. Even if this reduction is made, with the advanced work for the season, the intelligent intensive farming now practiced in North Carolina, our State will produce at least 750,000 bales, and if this be sold at $55, old Santy Claus will find the babies' stockings next Christmas.

C. C. MOORE.

You Are Under a Misapprehension.

Wilmington Messenger.

In an editorial reference to the present King of Great Britain The Charlotte Observer says:

The lines which the Earl of Rochester wrote upon the bedroom door of Charles II are only partly true of the over-merry Stuart monarch's collateral descendant:

"Here lies our sovereign lord the King
Whose words no man relies on;
He never says a foolish thing,
And never does a wise one."

The Observer should have gone further and quoted what King Charles wrote underneath the lines, which was to the effect that the reason he never said a foolish thing and never did a wise one was because his acts were those of his Ministers, but his words were his own, his reply furnishing evidence of the truth of the third line of the stanza which, we think, has been proposed by one of Charles' courtiers as a suitable inscription for the King's monument, the lines, however being not exactly as quoted by The Observer, but were:

"Here lies our sovereign lord and King,
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A Matter of Ages.

To the Editor of The Observer:

I write to correct an error made in your report of the dinner given at the Buford Hotel February 27th. Jno. O. Alexander, Esq., was 75 years old on the day of the dinner, February 27th; Shakespeare Harris, Esq., was 62 years old on the 24th of February, both of them agreeing give a dinner together and invite a few of their friends which they did, calling it the birthday dinner of both. Ten veterans and not "old folks" as quoted in the paper, and seven Daughters of the Confederacy were the invited guests. I think Mr. Alexander on that day at the dinner table, on being asked his age, stated he was 18 years and Mr. Harris 20 years old.

F. O. HAWLEY.

Results of Disfranchisement.

Salisbury Post.

We, over here in the eighth district, where Spencer Blackburn lived during the campaign, may take all too seriously the Legislature's disfranchisement of those who had the right to vote upon certain questions. It cost us one congressman and two years of Spence. We sincerely hope that other districts will have better luck.

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WANTED—2nd hand water wheel, good condition, 35 to 50 H. P., under 10-foot head. Give make and age. Double Shoal Cotton Mill, Double Shoals, N. C.

WANTED—Furniture salesmen, to carry good line of lounges on commission in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Royal Lounge Co., Cornelius, N. C.

WANTED—A competent lady stenographer. No other need apply. Good salary. Box 452, Greensboro, N. C.

WANTED—Man to run cross compound Corliss engine, 1,000-horse power, night time $12.00 for five nights. Only sober man wanted. New mill, fine location, in North Carolina. Address, with references, Z. Y. X.

WANTED—At once, a competent, experienced proofreader, on a leading Southern daily newspaper. Good position to the right man. Address, stating qualifications and salary expected, Proofreader, care The Observer, Charlotte, N. C.

WANTED—At once, copies of Charlotte Daily Observer July 11 and 24, 1906. Business office Charlotte Observer.

WANTED—Hickory, dogwood and persimmon. Charlotte Hardwood Specialty Co.

WANTED—By old reliable Chicago corporation two salesmen, well recommended. One collector must give $500 bond. Address Salesman, care Observer.

WANTED—By a Virginia clothing factory, a good machinist; one capable of handling latest special machinery. References required. Address O, care Observer.

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