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ALL HARD TIMES BEING MISNAMED PROSPERITY?

The Petersberg Index-Appeal recently asserted that high prices make hard times, and that the country is now actually in the midst of hard times, notwithstanding its enormous volume of manufacturing and mercantile business.

We wholly agree neither with our Petersberg contemporary nor with its attackers. As we see the situation, the majority of the public is enjoying very good times indeed, while a large and continually increasing minority is being pinched.

Mr. James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, goes so far as to call railroad building in the United States "a thing of the past." Railroads, he declares, cannot possibly cope with the growth of a traffic increasing "five times as fast as mileage; hence, they are up against a stone wall."

Nor are the direct effects of money scarcity by any means confined to the railroads. Every individual, firm, corporation or municipality having occasion to borrow money must reckon with the same situation; consequently, building, and all projects of expansion, show a slackening tendency.

However the Index-Appeal's contention may need to be modified, there is thus a large element of truth in it. And yet, provided the sobering tendency now observable will subside, as it doubtless will, to avert serious reaction, we are not at all averse to seeing present general conditions continue.

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The President has now made five long speeches without advancing a new idea or coining a new denunciatory expression. We trust that his Louisiana bear hunt will make him himself again.

MATTER OF TARIFF REFORM.

The Democratic party slept upon its rights while the Republican party stole its sound money principles; and unless it is watchful the greatest opportunity party in history will put itself in the lead for tariff reform. The Republican State convention of Massachusetts in session Saturday accompanied its declaration of belief in protection with a demand for a special session of Congress to determine upon amendments to the present tariff law or the enactment of a new measure to meet changed conditions.

CONFUSED POLITICS IN NEW YORK.

There is a strange situation in New York this fall. Democratic and Republican State committees have just agreed upon what purports to be a non-partisan ticket for two associate justiceships of the State Court of Appeals, and there even exists a possibility that Tammany and the Republicans may fuse in New York county or Assemblymen, aldermen and local judicial officers.

THREE VITAL SUBJECTS.

A correspondent of the Times-Dispatch, of Richmond, gives it a discourse on the subject of mad stones, of which it is said there are three in the country—one in Indiana, one in Virginia and "the third in the possession of the Pointer family of Person county, N. C."

Fairbrother's Everything remarks.

Fairbrother's Everything remarks with reason upon the hysteria over the Fairbanks cocktails that "the whole thing is idiotic. This nation annually consumes some several million cocktails; the revenues from rum are something astounding; there are rivers of whiskey running down the throats of people every day, and the records show that some of the wisest and best statesmen of our times and other times took their toddy and sipped their cocktails. The mere fact that Fairbanks unfortunately served cocktails and the people present drank them seems to be a national calamity."

The interesting Rowland case.

The interesting Rowland case, which occupied practically all of the time of Wake Superior Court last week, had a dramatic ending yesterday. Such incidents as marked the announcement of the acquittal of the defendants are rare in North Carolina and the subsequent events unparalleled.

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MR. R. B. DIEHL RESIGNS.

Business Manager of The Winston-Salem Journal Leaves—A Former Resident of the City. The following from yesterday's Industrial News will be read with interest by many Charlotte people. Mr. Diehl was business manager for The Observer Company prior to his going to Winston-Salem.

Fonville Case to be Tried This Week.

The Percy Fonville case will be called for trial in Greensboro at Federal Court, this week. It is marked down in the calendar for Tuesday but will hardly be called then. Two of the counsel for the defense are known to have considerable business to transact in Alabama and it is very likely that one of them will be delayed for a day or two.

Another Acquisition.

The Raleigh-Tarboro Star of last week said that our foreman, Mr. L. D. Miller, leaves The Sun office to accept a more lucrative place on The Daily Observer. After a service in this office of three years The Sun management regrets his departure and wishes him much success in his new home.

Belmont Methodist Meeting to Continue.

The meeting which has been in progress at the Belmont Methodist church for the past two weeks will be continued this week. The congregation protestant convention last night, and a general request from both Christians and unconverted persons for the meeting to continue. There will be afternoon and night service at the usual hours every day this week.

Mr. J. O. Walker's Condition.

The many friends of Mr. James O. Walker will be glad to hear that he was a little better yesterday. He was carried to the Presbyterian Hospital last Friday for extra medical treatment, his poisoned foot refusing to heal after the recent operation. It is hoped that he will soon be on the streets again.

PREACHER RUN OUT OF TOWN.

Arrived at Enley, S. C. Posting as a Baptist Minister Believed to Be a Bigamist and a Fraud. Enley, Special, 5th, to Greenville, S. C., News. Dr. K. V. Millard, who came here about ten days ago posing as a Baptist preacher, has been run out of town. A letter was received yesterday from the Dorchester county authorities telling of his record.

He came to Enley about ten days ago and sought the call of the Second Baptist church here. They were thinking of calling him, when this letter came to Rev. D. W. Hitt telling him that Millard was an impostor. He lectured last Sunday in the Methodist church on "Joshua in Egypt." He claimed to have been all over Egypt as well as Europe, but none of this is believed. He pointed in eloquent terms to the great curse Mohammedanism was to Egypt and the mad picture of wives deserted by their husbands and within a few days he was driven out of town for the same thing.

Two Democratic Conventions and Two Tickets in Massachusetts.

Springfield, Mass., Dispatch, 5th. Two turbulent Democratic State conventions in session here to-day at the same time and in the same hall, each nominating a set of candidates from Governor down, presented a situation unknown in Democratic politics in this State. It will require the decision of the Massachusetts ballot law commission and possibly the courts to determine the question of whether General Charles W. Bartlett of Newton, or Henry M. Whitney, of Boston, will head the ticket. The trouble arose over the question of credentials, the Whitney men claiming that the State committee refused to recognize delegates duly elected at the primaries.

HEART'S CONTENT.

Far over troubled seas, there is an Isle. Above whose valleys bluest skies are lent, Where balmy breezes blow and soft suns smile, Men call it Heart's Content. And every prow that rides the sea of life To the dear distant Isle is turned for aye; Through baffling calms and stormy waves, wave-lifted life, Holding its doubtful way. Comes back the same as barque meets the bay. And as they pass from each the challenge sent Off in the midnight ocean rose the waters dark. "We steer for Heart's Content." For many an Isle there is, so like, so like The mystic goal of all that travail sore, That oft the wave-worn keels on strange sands strike And find an alien shore. But over, on the anchor drops, and sails From every sea, the storm-strained yards are all unbest; From the tall masthead still the waterer hails "No, yonder Heart's Content." And so, once more the prow is seaward bent; Heart still hope on, though waves roll dark around; And on the stern man writes the name. And fare forth, outward bound. —Burton Grey.

REPORT OF PARDON BOARD.

FOUR PETITIONS PASSED ON. Two Men Serving Life Terms Recommended For Pardon—Petition of Mandamus Governor in New County Opposite Augusta Dismissed by Supreme Court—Decision of Considerable Importance in the Matter of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies For Denial in Frying Losers—Another Probate Judge Must Be Appointed For Chester County by Governor Ansel.

The report of the pardon board was filed in the Governor's office yesterday, but as the Governor will not return from Greenville until tomorrow afternoon, his action on the recommendations will likely not be made public until Tuesday, at least. The board considered at the meeting only four petitions, all life-term petitioners—Walter Allen, of Greenville, and George Haynes and Charles Zissette, of Bamberg, for murder, and William Lewis, of Chester, for criminal assault.

Pardons are recommended for Haynes and Lewis. It is recommended that the Zissette petition be not granted, as "the board finds in the application nothing which would warrant that the prayer of the petition be granted."

The Allen case is continued to the next meeting of the board in order to allow his attorneys to get a copy of the testimony before the board, as there seems "to be some circumstances which would warrant the favorable consideration of the board." Haynes has served 21 years and has had a long record in prison. His petition is signed by many good men and he has upon more than one occasion given notice of an attempted escape on the part of certain prisoners.

PETITION DISMISSED.

The Supreme Court has given its decision in the case of Luther W. Reese against Governor Ansel, involving an effort on the part of advocates of the proposed new county opposite Augusta to mandamus Governor Ansel to refer the papers in the case to the commission appointed by Governor Heyward on the ground that Governor Heyward in appointing the commission infrequently passed upon the question of sameness with Heyward county, and which Governor Ansel decided adversely to the interests of the new county. The court dismisses the petition, holding that the commission did not even implicitly pass upon the question of sameness; that this was a point for Governor Ansel to pass upon after the commission made its report if he saw fit. The court refuses to discuss the question as to whether it could mandamus the Governor in a case like this, falling to find any question of ministerial duty involved in the case.

Governor Ansel has never opposed the proceeding, saying he was glad to have the case put upon the questions involved for his future guidance in other new-county contests.

The decision is of great interest to those who have become involved or may hereafter become involved in the problems and perplexities and complexities of new-county contests. Another decision of much interest to a large number of communities, mostly rural, insuring in mutual fire insurance companies, most of which require the property-holder sustaining a loss to wait many months for an assessment to be made before the claim is paid. The law requires no report on the part of these sort of companies to the Comptroller General of the State, and in some cases a warning to the Legislature along this line. The case on which the court has passed is that of Bateson & Walsh, a Greenville firm, against the South Carolina Mutual Insurance company, the appeal being from the decision of the Circuit Court reversing the magistrate, who decided that the firm could not recover except by "proceeding in equity to compel an assessment." The Circuit court reversed this and rendered judgment against the defendant for the amount claimed. A number of Columbians are waiting for the Piedmont Mutual, of Spartanburg, to get a dyeing and cleaning concern which did a large business here up to the time it was burned out in March, in order to get their money for clothes burned up in the fire. The company refuses to pay till it makes an assessment.

Still another opinion of some general interest rendered by the court was that in the case of E. Watts against the members of the Richland county board of dispensary control. The court had already announced this decision in brief and yesterday gave the reasons. Watts sought to bring the county board from maintaining a bottling plant. The opinion says: "CAN BOTTLE THE DRINK. 'The power to purchase liquors in bulk and to retail liquors through the county dispensaries is undoubtedly given, and we think it is also given to the power to cause the liquors to be put into certain packages and sold necessarily involves the power to bottle the same through such agency as they may deem best, and that the establishment of a bottling plant of their own is not beyond the power granted in the act.' Governor Ansel has been asked to provide for another judge of probate for Chester county. Mr. Blake, recently elected to that position in place of Mr. Culy, deceased, having decided to move out of the State, a curious sort of fatality seems to follow this office. Governor Ansel being called upon recently to provide for vacancies occurring on account of deaths in Sumner, Newberry, Chester, Aiken and Abbeville.

PENALTIES REMITTED.

At a meeting just adjourned the State board of assessors decided to remit practically all of the penalties charged against about 25 corporations over the State which had failed to pay their license tax within the time prescribed by law. The law provided a penalty of \$500 for failure to pay on time and \$100 a day additional for operating without paying. In this way the penalty bill against each concern has run up to \$15,750, which was several times more than the assets of some of the concerns. The total penalties amounted to \$423,000, which was all remitted but \$1,311.66. The only concern assessed the full initial penalty of \$500 were the Saxe-Gotha Mining Company, of Columbia, and the Chattahoochee River Lumber Company, of Milledgeville, which had both been repeatedly warned to pay. The North Augusta Electric & Improvement Company was penalized \$150; the North Augusta Hotel Company at \$50 and the North Augusta Land Company at \$25.05.

A WELL-MANAGED INSTITUTE.

A Four-Weeks' Stay Greatly Improves Mr. Owens—Excellent Fare. I went to your Institute in September, 1905, and received four weeks' treatment, and I can honestly and truly state that the treatment in every respect far exceeded my expectation. The management of the institute was in the hands of kind, courteous gentlemen. All was quietness, peace and harmony. The fare was most excellent and, besides the great improvement in my health, I gained eighteen pounds in flesh while there. I have a nice, pleasant home and my county is in a nice section of the State; yet, I must confess that I like Greensboro better than any other place I have ever seen and the memories of such pleasant acquaintances as I made while there I treasure most highly.

My improvement was such that after my return home some of my friends did not know me. They said that my general appearance was that of a man ten years younger than when I left home. I most heartily and cheerfully recommend the Keeley Institute at Greensboro, N. C., to all who are in need of its benefits as I was. It is a blessing to mankind. Long may it live and prosper. With the greatest respect, I am, Yours very truly, L. OWENS.

Harbinger, N. C., Oct. 4, 1906.

TWELVE HUNDRED FACTORIES.

This Number Located Along the Line of the Southern Railway Last Year—How Done. Opportunities of To-Day.

"Twelve hundred factories located along our line last year! An Industrial Manager Richards, of the Southern Railroad, when he was in Chicago recently. 'This is the result of a dozen years of preliminary work on our part. When we started to convert people to the idea that the South was a good place for factory people in our Southern country, I believe we are the first railroad that ever undertook this industrial work upon so broad a scale.

"We backed up this work by what the advertising man would call the 'follow up system.' When we secured an inquiry as to a factory site or any other contemplated enterprise in our territory, we immediately began securing the information that the inquirer would desire. We were not content with generalities. We sent exact figures. We gathered these for them without revealing to even our own people the names of our inquirers. Probably not over two people outside of myself in the employ of our road would know that so and so was inquiring regarding a factory site or any area, or whether power or anything else. It frequently takes two years for us to get just the information that will enable the inquirer to find what he wants. We then introduce him to the right people who can complete the negotiations.

"One day the world knows that the South is a land of success. It knows there are conditions of climate and resources with which capital and labor can work out prosperity. 'I am glad your magazine is dedicated to bringing the facts regarding our opportunities before the attention of opportunity seekers. You an count upon our doing everything in our power to aid your efforts.'"

THE COTTON CROP.

The Times-Democrat says a Moderate Deterioration—Picking Has Made Good Headway—Complaint of Shedding and Premature Opening. New Orleans, La., Oct. 6.—The Times-Democrat will say to-morrow: The Times-Democrat reports the progress of its correspondents on the progress of the cotton crop during the month of September: The consensus of opinion is to the following effect: The accounts vary greatly, according to the section from which reports come, but, taking the belt as a whole, there has been a moderate deterioration. Picking has made good headway as a rule, but farmers are inclined to hold, wherever they have no pressing debts to pay. The next report, which will be the last, will be printed in the issue of Monday, December 2, when the usual quantitative estimate of yield will be given.

HIGH POINT GETS POWER.

Whitney People Will Include That City in Its List of Patrons. High Point, Oct. 6.—At a meeting of the Whitney people and the business men of High Point at the Manufacturers Club committee was appointed to ascertain the amount of power High Point would use. This committee consists of Messrs. E. A. Snow, W. T. Parker and J. H. Adams. The Whitney people want 5,000 horsepower used here, but of course will come anyway. The cost of the power will be as follows: For day power, \$20 per annum for each horsepower; for night power, \$16 per annum for each horsepower.

The coming of the Whitney power means a big thing for High Point in that it will cause a great many as well as larger enterprises to spring up, owing to the cheapness of the power and the cheapness of installing the same, doing away with the big expense of buying engines and boilers and employing firemen and engineers, as is the case with steam for motive power. These people will be given the encouragement due them for offering to place High Point on the line.

Have Had an Object-Lesson.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. Our courteous contemporary, The Greensboro Industrial News, does not understand why people in North Carolina—'ol' hiff act v'binadill lina, not altogether satisfied with conditions existing under Democratic rule, should hesitate to throw their votes and influence to the Republican party of that State, and so seek reform. To our view the explanation is very simple, and may be very briefly stated: the burnt child dreads the fire.

Massachusetts Republicans Renominate Present State Officers.

Boston Dispatch, 5th. At the Republican State convention to-day all State officers from Governor Curtis Guild down were renominated by acclamation. The platform declares "Belief in principles; protection for American industries and American labor" and at the same time commends for adoption by the national Republican convention a resolution calling Congress to meet in a special session to determine upon amendments to the present tariff law or the enactment of a new measure to meet changed conditions.

The Little-Long Co. BIG SALE of Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits HALF PRICE These Won't Last Long and You Should Come Early Cut Price Shoe Sale! Women's Fine Shoes Men's Shoe Sale Fur Hat Sale-- Men's and Boys' The Little-Long Co.