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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence Courier.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—There is considerable discussion here over the fact that the plutocratic press of the country is especially enamored of the remark made by Gov. Darwin, of Indiana, the other day, that "the man who violently assaults, by word or deed, the laws of the country such as ours commits a crime not only of infamy but of insanity."

The opinion exists here that the above comes with rather poor grace from Gov. Darwin, who has refused to honor the requisition of the state of Kentucky for one of the men accused of the murder of Gov. Gresham, when the law and the constitution require the perpetrators of such crimes to be delivered up to justice. Is he hardly a fit man to read lectures on what is right and wrong? It is admitted that to violently assault a law that is robbing the people of the United States, is the crime of the Dingley tariff law, is a crime to the trust magnates who profit by it. To denounce the law in several states that tax the small home and the little personal property of the poor man on its full value, and let the corporations and the millionaires off with only paying 20 or 30 per cent, is insanity according to Hanna and the republican leaders in Ohio. To all such the law of their own making is too sacred to be tampered with, and Gov. Darwin only echoes the cry of the trusts and corporations, who, in most cases, have paid for the legislators who they hold so sacred. The most of the laws passed recently have been passed by republicans and the show is beginning to pinch when the people are crying out against them, and hence the howl by the governor of Indiana, who stands for everything the trusts demand. If the people of Indiana like that sort of thing and that sort of governor, they may continue to worship their own fetish, and the thinking people of this country will draw their own conclusions concerning the mental condition of Indiana's population.

There is considerable adverse comment going on here about the attempt of prominent republican politicians to select the democratic nominee for the presidency next year. Not long ago the Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, United States Senator, came out in an interview and proclaimed that Senator Cullom was the ideal democrat to nominate for the presidency by the democrats. There is no objection or more ardent politician in the Congress of the United States than Mr. Cullom. He said in that interview that "I am convinced" that Gorman has the real welfare of the nation deeply at heart. I learned that at the time the Wilson tariff measure was up for passage. It was he who saved our amendments to that bill. The democrats who have been in this city in the past few days are commenting on this statement by the leading republican from the state of Illinois, and saying that it is pretty good democratic policy to do the things those kind of republicans repudiate and not do the things they advocate. When the democrats of the country have to take their nomination from among the men the republicans want to see nominated, then the democracy is in a pretty bad way for snuffing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pritchard, of Asheboro, have been visiting relatives and friends in town.

A. R. Morris bought the first bale of new cotton sold on this market last Wednesday week. The cotton was made by a colored man in the lower part of this county.

The Board of Education met in extra session Monday, and made several orders for repairing school houses. The school property at Pekin and also at Star will be turned into public school property.

Emmanuel Russell, father of our postmaster L. M. Russell, had two ribs broken last week. A horse which he was holding became frightened and threw him against a door post. He struck a bolt in the pain from which he received the painful injury. He is getting on very well at this writing.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness of Mr. H. M. Russell, a prominent citizen living near Troy, who is lying at the point of death at this writing. Wednesday morning, a foot was amputated last Friday, necessitated by a gangrene, trouble, but this failed to give relief, and there seems to be no hope of his recovery.

The class of 1906 of the University of North Carolina has conferred an honor upon Mr. Claude A. Cockran, who was local editor of the Examiner during the summer, by electing him president of the class. This is the highest honor a class can confer upon one of its members, and is evidence of Mr. Cockran's popularity with his classmates.

It is said to be a fact that the "sanctificationists" are to erect a tent in the edge of town for the purpose of conducting a series of meetings. This should not be allowed, as no good will result from it. A religion that preys upon the weak element of the human race, frequently sending some unfortunate subject to the lunatic asylum, is worse than no religion, and should not be encouraged. About one-tenth of the human family does the thinking not only for itself but for the remaining nine-tenths, and the thinkers who constitute this small fraction should be men and women who are capable of leading their fellow-creatures into a higher state of civilization, and not men and women whose influence would tend to establish a misleading and unreasonable creed. They will do well for her self and the country to keep these so-called holy people beyond her borders.

There is civilization, enlightenment and economy in good roads. Good roads lead to prompt and steady attendance upon church services, school room duties, neighborhood intercourse and social advancement. Bad roads lead to profanity, worry, trials and tribulations and the loss of teams, vehicles, patience, opportunities for good markets and lots of time.

## RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN N. C.

(By Clarence H. Poe, of Raleigh.)

Mr. Clarence H. Poe, of Raleigh, editor of The Progressive Farmer, has the following in the September Review of Reviews:

Just now, when the princely donations of Mr. Andrew Carnegie have given a new stimulus to library-building in American cities, it may be well to turn our eyes to the "other half"—the rural half—of our population, for although, until quite recently, no one thought of the public library as a possible rural institution, it has now made unexpected entry into this new field, and is destined to play an important part among the twentieth-century forces,—rural mail delivery, good roads, rural telephones, etc.—that make for the uplift of American country life.

The need of the rural library must be apparent to all who are familiar with country school methods. Reading is the magic key to all our storehouses of intellectual wealth; it is the basis of all education. As the Carlyle, "is a collection of books," and it is here, of all points in its curriculum, that the country school has failed most gravely, to use books. Do not understand me to charge that the rural school is literally and avowedly dilapidated to the first immortal three R's, for it is not. But only in the narrowest sense does it reach reading,—reading is the mere pronunciation of words and the observance of punctuation marks; the unlabeled, mechanical side of reading. The brighter side of reading the country pupil does not get; the city pupil does. Aided by the prescribed supplemental literature, and guided by the teacher, the child of the town learns to find joy in reading, learns not only how to read, but actually learns to read, to use books. If you know the country school as the writer does, you know the other side of this picture. You know children who live out a long school career without learning anything of literature beyond the momentous rehearsal of dry text-book matter. Cold, hard facts about the boundaries of foreign states, the dates of ancient battles, the rules of the Stock Exchange, are regarded as matters of importance, but the teacher does not see that it is better to foster a love of reading than to teach history or geography. Or if he sees the duty, and longs to direct the child to the beauties of literature, he is shackled by the lack of facilities for such work. Yea, after year, there is the same old drill in the same old readers, no classical studies, and there is no supplemental reading to give the spice of variety.

It is inevitable that children read in such schools come to regard reading not as a luxury, but as a necessity, and grow up potentially, if not in the strictest sense, illiterate. "I confess," says Thorstein, somewhere in his "Walden," "that I do not make any broad distinction between the illiterateness of my townsmen who cannot read at all and the illiterateness of him who has learned only to read what is for children and feeble intellects." How much narrower, then, should be the distinction between the "illiterateness of him who cannot read at all" and the illiterateness of him whose training has been such that he regards reading only as a task to be shunned! People everywhere are now beginning to see the mistake pointed out, ten years ago, by President Eliot in his essay, "Walden." We have heretofore put too much confidence in the mere acquisition of the arts of reading and writing. After these arts are acquired, there is much to be done to make them effective for the development of the child's intelligence. If his reasoning power is to be developed through reading, he must be guided to the right sort of reading. The school must teach not only how to read, but what to read, and it must develop a taste for wholesome reading.

It is to remedy just this defect that the rural school library has been introduced into twenty-nine American States. And though widely varying plans have been adopted, in no other State, I dare say, has more rapid progress been made or greater results accomplished in proportion to capital expended than in North Carolina. For this reason I may be pardoned for referring at some length to this North Carolina plan, which seems to be the one best adapted to States having a large rural population and a small revenue. The law as passed by the General Assembly of 1901 provides, in substance,—That wherever the friends or patrons of any rural public school contribute \$10 or more for starting a library in connection with the school, \$10 of the district school fund shall also be set apart for the same purpose, while another \$10 will be given from the State appropriation,—thus insuring at the outset at least \$30 for each school library; in many cases, of course, the patrons contribute more than the minimum sum, \$10, needed to secure the \$20 from their sources. The county board of education then names some competent person to manage the prospective library and buys the books for it, these to be chosen from a carefully well-selected list of standard works recently prepared by a committee of distinguished educators. The same committee, by the way, obtained competitive bids from prominent publishing houses,

## AS DYSPLEPTIC SAM SEES IT.

He Has Another Severe Attack of Virulent Philosophy.

Some persons are too truthful to really enjoy fishing. Most of us believe in eternal punishment—for our sins.

Just because a man suffers from boils is no indication that he is a lobster. Even the devil never puts off till tomorrow the things he can do today.

Some fellows are like a plugged nickel—you can't pass them without raising a row.

Many a bar-fac'd lie is old enough to have whiskers on it. Love is largely a question of capacity.

The actor prefers a short run to a long walk. True happiness consists of not wanting the things you can't get.

It is never a good plan to open a jack-pot with a cork-screw. He is a wise man who realizes the uncertainty of a sure thing.

Some persons are so busy saving the pennies that they let the dollars go by. When a married woman clothes with another man it's hard to tell just where the sympathy belongs.

When a man who boasts of keeping up the narrow path happens to stomp his toes he gets an awful bump. Put your trust in Providence, but loath for a job.

A woman always judges another woman by her clothes. A lady tailored woman is found guilty every time. Never gash over a man when he's tired or hungry.

A man who boasts of his morality needs watching. What sort of prices would matrimony inflict on a man who has a large family.

Love is often a door paying hot air investment. It does not take a 50-mile gale to blow in a 250 dollar.—Recent Stinson in the Morning Telegraph.

**The Possibilities of Peas.**  
As this is the season for peas and there are so many in this part of the country we publish the following receipt:

**SHRIMP PEAS.**  
Four pounds of common peas, peeled, halved and coarsely ground; one pound of granulated sugar, three ounces of whole ginger one pint of water. Simmer from two to three hours, or until the peas are quite tender. Boiled white hot.

**BUCKED PEAS.**  
Seven pounds of common peas, peeled, halved and coarsely ground; one pound of granulated sugar, one pint of vinegar, one dozen whole cloves and one stick of cinnamon. Make a syrup of the sugar, vinegar and a cup of water. When clear, put the fruit in it and boil until the peas are tender. Remove the peas and boil the syrup down until thick. Pour it over the fruit when cooled.

**PEAR MARMALADE.**  
Eight pounds of common peas, peeled, halved and coarsely ground; one pound of granulated sugar and four lemons and three oranges. Peel and core the peas. Cut them into small pieces. Add the rinds of the lemons and oranges peeled off. Remove the white inner skin and slice the lemons and oranges. Boil the fruit for two hours, then add the sugar, which has been previously heated. Boil for an hour or two longer, and then pour into jelly glasses. Cover when cold.

**BAKED PEAS.**  
Take some large peas, cut off the stems and remove the cores with an apple corer, but do not peel them. Place the peas in a baking-dish with sugar and three or four cloves or a little ginger. Cover the dish and bake until the peas are tender. Remove them, pour the syrup into a saucepan. Let it fifteen minutes, pour it over the peas and set them aside to cool.

**STEWED PEAS.**  
Peel, core and quarter one dozen common peas. Put them in a saucepan, cover well with water and boil gently half an hour, adding more water if needed. Then add one large cup of granulated sugar and a two-inch stick of cinnamon. Continue cooking until quite tender. When cold they are ready to serve.

**\$145 From Less Than One Acre.**  
Mr. J. F. Chidester, of Wallburg, Davidson County, sold \$80 worth of water melons from one-quarter of an acre this year. His entire crop from less than an acre brought him the sum of \$145.00.—Union Republican.

## MISS CAROLINE FULGHAM OF GOLDSBORO.

An Illustration of Books.

A new book is now on the market in which the illustrations are by a talented young woman of this State, whose work is very highly commended.

This is Miss Caddie Fulgham, of Goldsboro, connected with the graded schools of that city. She has illustrated "The Mosaic of Three", by Miss Florence Wadsworth, published by Wylie & Co., New York. Copies of the book have been ordered by Messrs. Alfred Williams & Company, and these will soon be on sale in Raleigh.

It is all wrong. The proposition of the Secretary of the Treasury to take large sums of money out of the treasury for deposit in the national banks is all wrong.

It is a step not only to enlarge the government in the banking business, but means permitting the national banks to run the government. The money does not belong to the banks but to the people.—Gov. Oates, of Alabama.

**Look Up, Not Down.**  
A boy was climbing a very high ladder to reach a scaffold upon which some men were working. When he had almost reached the top of the ladder, he turned and looked down. Seeing the great distance to the ground, he began to grow pale, and perhaps would have fallen, had not a man on the scaffold seen him and called to him in a friendly way, "Look up, Johnny, look up, and keep climbing." When we grow faint and dizzy, and are ready to fall back into old, sinful ways, let us take as our watchword, "Look up and keep on climbing."—Exchange.

**Lites the Watts Law.**  
The editor of the News, like almost all the rest of the good folks of Catawba did not think much of the bill passed by the late Legislature, commonly known as the "Watts Bill," but time proves many things, to be a wise measure. Four incidents prove this conclusively: The good order at the reunion in Newton where seven thousand people assembled; the good behavior at Rock Springs camp ground; the warty of the toughs at Balls Creek, and last but by no means least, no fights at McKenzies, the negro camp-meeting place. The Watts law is all right.—Catawba County News.

**Dynamic Fibrous Out Life.**  
Samuel P. Ferguson of the Ferguson Construction Company, of Pittsburg, Penn., and his secretary, Charles L. Martin, of Cincinnati, were driving along the road in a loggy, near Washington, Penna., Sept. 25th carrying \$3,000 in cash with which to pay off some of their employees on reconstruction work along the line of the Wabash Railroad, when suddenly an explosion of dynamite in the roadway literally tore the rig to pieces, lifting Ferguson outright and threw Martin a hundred feet, tearing his left arm almost from the socket. It has been learned that two men, supposed to be Poles, played the dynamite in the road for the purpose of killing Ferguson, and later arranged to explode it by means of an electric battery. The article containing the money is missing.

**Substitute for Sugar.**  
The Agricultural Department is beginning into the statement of General Richard Guenther that a new plant has been discovered in South America which promises to supplant the sugar cane and the sugar beet. Scientifically the plant is known as the Eupatorium rotundifolium and it contains a large amount of saccharine matter and a high percentage of natural sugar properties which are easy to extract.

According to Mr. Guenther, a lump the size of a pea will sufficiently sweeten a cup of coffee, as the product made from the plant is from twenty to thirty times sweeter than cane or beet sugar. It is said to be easily cultivated in countries having climatic conditions similar to those of the southern portion of the United States.—Washington telegram to the New York Times.

**Can the Lord Make Everything?**  
The head of the family, with his beloved sweetheart and his favorite magazine, had settled back in the rocker for a quiet, comfortable evening.

On the other side of an intervening table was the miniature counterpart of himself, the writhing of whose eight-year-old forehead indicated that he was mentally wrestling with some perplexing problem. After a while he looked towards his comfort-loving parent, and, with a hopeless infection, asked,—

"Pa?"  
"Yes, my son."  
"Can the Lord make everything?"  
"Yes, my boy."  
"Everything?"  
"There is nothing, my son, that He cannot do!"

"Papa, could He make a clock that would strike less than one?"  
"Now, Johnny, go right up stairs to your ma, and don't stop down here to annoy me when I'm reading."  
Johnny went and wondered still.—August Lippincott's.

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