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THE FICKLE POPULACE.

The World's Work, a high class publication with a representative clientele, has been feeling the pulse of its subscribers. It recently addressed letters to a thousand men residing in various parts of the country, asking what they thought about the future for Mr. Roosevelt. Most of them seemed to feel that the Colonel should be made President again, and a number of them actually wished the former President for working Mr. Taft off the country, then with having taken himself off to Africa.

But we do not know so much about all this. It is a commonplace of observation that the popular fancy is fickle. In some sections of the country, notably in the central West, Colonel Roosevelt has been as popular as President Taft has been unpopular. Nevertheless, one had just as well bear in mind that the good old summer time is to intervene before any balloting is done, and men may foregather and grow gregarious, a great deal when it is warm and the breezes balmy. The wish may be father to the thought, but already some of the Washington correspondents are telling how the popular view is in process of readjustment in some sections. A Sun man in Washington thus records what he asserts as a shifting of public sentiment.

The success which the Taft administration has attained in the last week or so in pushing important measures through congress and in bringing the solid Republican vote in behind them is being reflected in reports which are coming to Washington from all parts of the country of the growth of the President's popularity.

Congressmen from the west and middle west sections, that only a few weeks ago were bitter in their criticism of the Taft administration, have been receiving letters and telegrams which indicate that the passage of the railroad bill and other administration measures has done much to rehabilitate the President's standing. The growing impression that Col. Roosevelt is satisfied with the Taft administration and will come out strongly in support of it also is helping to clear the situation in the West, and President Taft's friends here are in better spirits now than they have been at any time this season. They believe that insurgency is on the wane and that when the present congress adjourns its work will have before the country an impressive list of bills passed. Mr. Taft's hard-fought victory will be generally recognized.

The president himself is greatly pleased with the way congress has responded to his requests and it is apparent that he is sharing the belief of his friends that there are brighter days ahead for his administration. The president already has got the railroad bill and the statehood bill through congress and it is practically certain that his postal savings bank bill and his conservation bill will be added to the list within a day or two.

These bills in themselves make a big showing, but the President does not intend to stop with them. He has strong hopes of getting a campaign publicity bill through before congress adjourns and also a bill creating an Appalachian forest reserve. He is however directing his efforts chiefly to the campaign publicity bill and to the few minor details that remain in regard to the conservation and postal savings bank bills. A campaign publicity bill has already passed the house and it is planned now to take it up in the senate as soon as the two remaining administration measures are considered by the senate. The President has on several occasions spoken in favor of this legislation.

Now we submit that the foregoing is interesting, several of the bills mentioned were enacted yesterday, albeit we are unable to see any reason for a change of sentiment. Republicans may not have been warranted in taking a critical view of the attitude of the President toward the tariff and the railroad bill and other measures, but, since they did vote their condemnation upon the President, we see no reason for a revision of their sentiments. Mr. Taft has not admitted that he felt himself in error in his praise of Mr. Aldrich and the Aldrich following, nor in standing by Ballinger; and as for the railroad bill, especially assigned as a reason for a revision of the popular view, it surely has not been forgotten that the lithe band of insurgent Senators, who are not even included in the White House calling list, are claiming credit for having forced the adoption of whatever meritorious provisions the measure contains. The periodical press has attributed to one of the Senate regulars the admission, or assertion, that the railroad bill, in its original form indicated a worse act of treachery to the American people than had been observed since the days of Benedict Arnold. And this rail-

road bill was in the beginning approved by the President, it is claimed. Now, as we have before remarked, the President may have unjustly been placed under an almost continuous fire for months. Be that as it may, since the public has taken an unfavorable view of the course pursued by the President we see no reason for the dear people to right about face, and raise a song of praise where a few weeks ago only murmurings of discontent were heard, returning thanks for something for which those Western malcontents had already thanked the insurgents.

Great men of all times, and representing all peoples, have had a realizing sense of the inconsistency of the popular fancy, and we suppose it was by most of these men discounted.

Is the President to become the beneficiary of one of these kaleidoscopic changes? If so, Democratic rejoicing over that devoutly hoped for landslide may be short lived.

ARMAMENT AND WAR.

The most strained relations of the present day exist between the two powers best prepared for war. It is a general rule that the man who is fully armed and prepared to defend himself is oftentimes called upon to do so. The old adage that the man who is looking for trouble is apt to find it is as applicable to nations as to individuals. It is probably only a question of time when England and Germany will either come to blows or agree to a cessation of naval construction, as an example which other nations will hasten to follow.

So said Supreme Court Justice Brown in an address before this year's graduating class of the Yale Law school. He had urged his hearers to do their part in strengthening the power of international courts as preventives of war. He attacked the theory that preparations for war are the best assurance of peace, and cited the case of England and Germany.

"There is an increasing dislike and dread of war," said Justice Brown, "which in the progress of ages may lead to its abolition. But I fear that centuries must elapse before this consummation is reached."

"Meanwhile our efforts to bring about this consummation should never be halted. Much has been done in that direction, but vastly more remains to be done. Armaments have not only not decreased, but never in the history of the world has there been such complete preparation and such readiness for war."

The belief that war is not yet to pass from the earth is held by many of the most thoughtful, although prodigious efforts are being made by the leaders of Christendom in the course of universal peace. Human nature changes but slowly; what was predicted of it a thousand years ago may in general be predicted of it a thousand years hence.

But what we call "human nature" is not all of war as a phenomenon of human life. Evolution is working in the manifestations of human nature. Christendom at least, we believe, will eventually abandon war, as utterly repugnant to its principles and ideals. We believe that Justice Brown reasons soundly that armament is quite likely to mean war, rather than peace.

THE HOOK WORM.

In his report to the Medical society at Wreckville Beach yesterday, Dr. J. A. Ferrell, assistant secretary of the hookworm commission for North Carolina, presented some confoundingly disquieting figures; to country-bred folks, especially. He opines that at least one-fourth of the State's rural population is affected with the disease. Of 600 college students examined one-third were found to be affected. Some 2000 white and 250 colored are reported to have been treated.

It is planned, he said, to divide the State into 18 districts and wage a vigorous campaign. The required number of field agents will cost the State \$20,000 annually and will soon see up North Carolina's portion of the Rockefeller fund, therefore Dr. Ferrell recommended that the legislature be requested to provide for maintenance of agents. He estimated that the disease is now costing North Carolina \$187,000 annually.

Now that Mr. Bryan has made little headway in his efforts to dictate party affairs in Ohio, and Governor Harmon has been proposed for the Presidency, the Democracy should find itself rehabilitated to a degree which will enable it to do some business in the future.

EDITOR GAZETTE-NEWS:

Please allow me to speak a word in behalf of the candidacy of Mr. D. G. Noland for Chairman of Board of county Commissioners. Mr. Noland possesses all the qualities and qualifications necessary to make an efficient officer. He is a patient and pains-taking man, alive to the needs and necessities of the people of Buncombe county. The democratic party can make no mistake in selecting him as the head of the ticket for the Board of Commissioners. The business record of Mr. Noland gives him a recommendation superior to anything that I can say in his behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
 T. D. CURTIS.

PRESS COMMENT.

VAIN REPETITIONS.
 Speaking of the multiplication of words and the use of "vain repetitions, as the heathen do," nowhere probably is more talk wasted than in a court house. In Irell court house

the other day an on-looker kept tab on a lawyer who was addressing a jury, and in a talk of about 45 minutes that lawyer said "Gentlemen of the jury" 121 times and "Gentlemen" 28 times in addition. That is to say, the attorney said "gentlemen" or "gentlemen of the jury" an average of about 1.3 times for each minute he talked. If he had come down to facts and left out unnecessary words he would probably have been down in ten minutes. But the lawyer knows that the average client expects a good deal of talk from his lawyer, otherwise he thinks he isn't getting his money's worth; and the average lawyer believes it takes much talk for the average jury—that they will be heard for their much speaking. And thus time is consumed. The Bar association might discuss limiting speeches with profit.—Statesville Landmark.

THE POOR SALARY.

The fact is well known that as soon as an educator in North Carolina makes an achievement that attracts the attention of the nation, a broader field and a larger salary go at once to claim him. The legislature of North Carolina has been told this with encouraging frequency by those who have made appeals for educational appropriations. The loss of Dr. Alderman or Dr. Whitehead and Dr. Smith and a long list of others—who have left the poverty stricken educational fields of North Carolina, being attracted to more lucrative positions, shows us at a glance just what the state has lost in the going away of some of its best men. The great educational forces that are vital to the life of our state have been leaving North Carolina for a dozen years and more. There is no reason why the salaries paid our educators should be so meager.—High Point Enterprise.

SILER CITY'S BID FOR THE MEDAL OF DACITY.

A citizen of this town was recently standing in front of the meat market inquiring of the fact that the bird season was over, as he had a sick daughter who craved a partridge. He was telling how very desirous he was of getting her a bird, when, as from the very heavens, a plump seasonable partridge dropped on the pavement at his feet, and the meat market, he it understood, is in the center of the business section of our progressive town! The gentleman standing with him were astonished at the remarkable and providential occurrence, and well they might be, for such a thing is well out of the ordinary. Upon investigating, it was found that the bird had been flushed on a vacant lot some distance away and in its rapid flight had come in contact with the brick building just above the heads of the gentlemen, instantaneous death resulting.—Siler City Gal.

A GOOD DEED.

In a modest newspaper paragraph we are told that Mrs. Peter A. Freerks of Salisbury has donated to Bishop Horner, for his missionary school, Valle Crucis, in the mountains of North Carolina, the machinery, tools and hardware from the shops of her late husband, Peter A. Freerks. And assisted by Mr. Freidel, a clever nephew of Mr. Freerks, who was visiting her, she shipped to the school this week 14 machines and 37 boxes of tools and supplies. That donation is not exploited as much as a Carnegie or a Rockefeller gift would have been, nor has it any such provisions that the school should designate an equal amount of tools. Valle Crucis is located in Watauga county, and it is known that this missionary school is doing a splendid work. It is very much to the credit of Mrs. Freerks' discernment that she singled out for this act of beneficence for that is what it was. It was a good deed that may shine dimly at first, but mightily in the end.—Charlotte Chronicle.

WAYNESVILLE CHAUTAUGA.

Waynesville is to be congratulated upon having been selected as the site of the great chautauqua which is to be established under the auspices of the laymen of the Southern Methodist church. The scope of the plan is in keeping with the aggressiveness and foresight of the denomination which conceived it and includes an initial expenditure of \$250,000. "It is the purpose of the management," declares the Durham Star, after an interview with Gen. J. S. Carr, a member of the committee which selected Waynesville, "to erect a first class hotel with all the modern improvements and with 200 rooms; an auditorium seating not less than 5000 people; to install an electric lighting plant to light the ballrooms, drives and lake; to build an electric railway of not less than eight miles in length, tendering all points of interest within grounds, and following the curvature of the magnificent lake which will be inside the grounds, covering three acres and which will be more than one mile long and half a mile wide, which will be furnished with motor boats and steam launches. A large and up-to-date steam laundry is also to be erected upon the grounds, a stadium to seat 1500 persons, splendid baseball grounds, lawn tennis courts and golf links. The entire premises of 1000 acres is to be most magnificently landscaped."

The Methodist laymen are to be congratulated also. A finer site than the western North Carolina mountains for such an enterprise as this could scarcely be found in the country, and Waynesville offers practically all the advantages of its section. Less than 50 miles away are the Baptists at

Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 118 A. F. & A. M. will meet in Special Communication on Friday the 24th inst., at 8 p. m., for annual installation of officers. All elected and appointed officers are requested to attend promptly. The officers and members of Esther Chapter No. 12 O. E. Star are cordially invited to be present.

By order of the W. M.
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Almost a Tragedy at Biltmore House—Mrs. Woods Bruised About Face and Neck.

Mrs. Bessie Woods, a servant at Biltmore House, narrowly escaped being crushed to death in a dumb waiter shaft yesterday afternoon. It is said that had it not been for the weakness of the motor which moves the dumb waiter there would have been no escape from death.

It seems that Mrs. Woods is of rather recent employe at Biltmore House and was unfamiliar with the eccentricities of motors and elevators. She was working near the shaft when, it is said, someone told her to "look out" and that she stuck her head in the shaft, at the same time accidentally pressing the push-button which sets the elevator in motion. Her head and neck were caught between the wall and the elevator and she was in a precarious predicament. Some of the workmen about the house rushed to her assistance and cutting the elevator loose, released her about the time she fainted.

Dr. S. Westray Battle was hurriedly summoned and the woman regained consciousness. She was reported as resting well today and will shortly be all right. Her face and neck were badly bruised.

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