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Friday, November 24, 1911.

THE PASSING OF BEATTIE.

There is, one inclines to suppose, a freshening of the moral atmosphere in Virginia today. Once again the courts of the Old Dominion have administered the law and given its demand of a life for a life, the shedding of the blood of him who shed blood; proceeding with ancient dignity and formality, unburied, and yet sternly hostile to any attempts to interpose obstacles. Once more a man has been executed, on circumstantial evidence, and there may have been nobody who knew, except Paul Beattie, whether H. C. Beattie, Jr., killed his wife, prior to his confession; if his attorneys and friends knew it, it seems strange that they put him on the witness stand, for lawyers say a guilty man's testimony is usually disastrous. It was not proved beyond doubt, but in the minds of the 12 citizens who condemned him there remained no reasonable doubt.

The convicted man had money, position, influential friends, but these could not avail even to delay, much less thwart the due course of law. And so the ordinary criticisms of the courts, are hushed.

In all this there is nothing new, for Virginia. It was what Beattie had every reason to expect; there have been in the past cases practically parallel. The Beattie crime and its punishment, however, can hardly fail to make a deep and lasting impression upon the public conscience—for the case has been followed by all newspaper readers throughout the country. There are Henry Beatties, here and there, and the contemplation of the terrible price that Beattie had to pay for his follies must needs cause some of them to pause and consider for a time, at least. There are Beatties, here and there; numbers of them, in some communities, few in others, and the fearful object lesson at least gives these fellows a chance to awaken. Most of the Beatties, and the Beulah Binford, are known to at least a part of the people of their communities, and in view of the Virginia tragedy the people are afforded a new realization of what potentialities of crime may lurk in these conditions.

HOSTILITY TOWARD RAILROADS SUBSIDING.

The subsidence of popular hostility toward railroads was remarked recently as evidence in the decrease in the number of State enactments for control of the common carriers. Figures were compiled showing that recent legislatures of practically all the States had devoted less attention to the subject than in former years.

This fact, which might mean everything or nothing, is probably due to two causes: The ingenuity of our sons is doubtless taxed to devise new railway legislation since almost every phase of the subject was covered in the flood of enactments a few years ago; and the carriers themselves seem more disposed to conduct their operations legitimately—on a live and let live basis. That the railways furnished ample cause for the wave of resentment which came near turning the trend of popular thought toward government ownership as the only solution is indisputable. But a distinct advance has been made in the position of railroad men. They now see that sharing their profits with the public is the surest way to permanent prosperity, that charging all the traffic will bear is not the surest way to develop business for their maintenance.

A surer indication than the cessation of legislative activity that the railroads are operating under more ethical standards than formerly is the decrease in the number of prosecutions for law violations. Numerous recent indictments for rebating, however, at points as far removed as New York and Charleston, W. Va., shows that illegal practices are not altogether abandoned.

THE RIGHT SORT OF A FARMER AND LEGISLATOR.

One North Carolina farmer is thus sketchedly presented by Clarence H. Poe, in an article in the World's Work:

"He took me to his home in an automobile (and he has a right to run one, for his net income in 1910 was \$10,000); and we got out and went into a hall lighted with electricity; when I went to my room I found the house was fitted with an up-to-date system of waterworks; and there was a typewriter on my friend's desk and a telephone at his side. And this man is a farmer and has made his money farming. His name is W. S. Cobb, county of Robeson, State of North Carolina; age 36. Eighteen years ago he was an ordinary looking 18-year-old southern farm boy, with 50 acres of land, two mules, one horse and some one-horse power plows, and just one thing else; plenty of pluck. Now he crops 300 acres of land, has twenty-seven horses and mules, besides a gasoline engine, a shredder, a hay press, a manure spreader, a grain drill, a corn binder, a wheat binder, harrows, litters, cultivators and the like; his neighbors call him Senator Cobb (for he is a member of the upper house of the general assembly), and he expects to sell \$80,000 worth of stuff this year."

A few more such men in the legislature would in short time work as great a transfer-motion in that body as this one wrought in his own condition.

ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST THINGS

Here is the Greater Western North Carolina association, fully organized, offered by able and progressive men, with an intelligent and intensely practical scheme, looking to the exploiting of the resources of the counties that have thus banded together to promote mutual interests. It will advertise the beauty of this section and its fine climate, and increase the number of visitors and permanent residents; it will advertise the richness of mountain and valley soil, and its wonderful possibilities for the orchardist; it will develop manufacturing along reasonable and feasible lines, promote trade, and serve the entire section, in a word, as the board of trade or chamber of commerce serves its town.

It will unite and harmonize the people of the counties, and prove that in many ways one can best forward his own interests by working for the interests of all.

The development of this plan into concrete form is one of the best things the year 1911 has brought.

The United States is a country that loses \$200,000,000 each year by fire, \$200,000,000 by the death of infants, \$100,000,000 by smoke, \$100,000,000 by consumption, and complains bitterly about the high cost of living.

There is always a good deal of building in Asheville, but a contractor says there has seldom been as much at this season as is in progress now. There is encouragement in this for everybody.

"The Girl from Rector's" has been renovated a great deal since it was first produced. We didn't see it then, but it must have been pretty rank.

The way those meat trust people are squirming it is a fair inference that they are afraid the courts may do something to them.

The births in France last year were 21,000 fewer than the deaths, even with Col. Roosevelt's lecture.

The Southern Railway undertakes to do its part—and a big part—in the Greater Western North Carolina work.

What Taft Thinks of North Carolina Republicans.

From Charlotte Observer, July 10th, 1906.

Speaking at Greensboro on July 9, 1906, Mr. Taft said: "I do not wish to seem ungracious, but I must be candid in my judgment, the republican party of North Carolina would be much stronger as a voting party if all the federal offices were filled by democrats."

"As long, however, as the republican party in the southern states shall represent little save a factional chase for federal offices in which business men and men of substance in the community have no desire to enter and in the result of which they have no interest, we may expect the present political conditions in the south to continue."

How do the 115,000 white men in our state who vote the republican ticket and pay their pro rata of its taxes like the above estimate of them and their standing?

WOODROW WILSON

BY SAVOYARD.

There is a song of Debora and of Barak in the household of the Philistine, whose daughters try to make merry over what the scullions and turnspits in the kitchen of the fattery call "the downfall of Woodrow Wilson." I do not read it that way; but even assuming that he has "touched earth," he is sure to prove an Antaeus to rise the stronger for it. This man stands above all other things for common honesty in political affairs. That is Woodrow Wilson.

If he was beaten the other day—and he was not—Jim Smith dealt the felon blow. Who is this Jim Smith? He is the man who got to the United States senate because he was rich in the world's goods. He aided Gorman in the nefarious work of making the Wilson tariff a protection measure. He sought to be senator again, last year, and Woodrow Wilson put his foot down and would not allow him to be senator. So say all democrats.

Woodrow Wilson, who has not

What's The Matter With Your Baby?

The young mother—and many an old one, too—is often puzzled to know the cause of her child's ill nature. The oddness of its crying does not necessarily indicate the seriousness of its trouble. It may have nothing more than a general dullness. It cannot, of course, describe its feelings, but as a preliminary measure you are safe in trying a mild laxative.

Nine times out of ten, you will find it is all the child needs, for its restlessness and peevishness are perhaps due to obstruction of the bowels, and once that has been removed the headache, the sluggishness and the many other evidences of constipation and indigestion will quickly disappear.

Don't give the little one salts, cathartic pills or nasty waters, for these will act as purgatives, and they are too strong for a child. In the families of

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apt money, set about revenge, the earnest of the passions and the best except avarice. He gathered the emblems of his machine and turned Essex county republican. That is all of it. The battle was between Wilson and Smith. Tactically Smith won it.

But there are a whole lot of folks who love Woodrow Wilson for the names he has made. In a contest between these two, before the entire electorate of this nation, Wilson will seat Smith as far as honesty will defeat knavery. This "triumph" of Smith only serves to call attention to the fact that respectability and disrepute had a clash in Jersey, and wrong triumphed. The people have a habit of correcting such things. They love him because Jim Smith hates him. And if we nominate him we will carry New York by 50,000.

As I look at it the election of November 7 points to Wilson and nobody else. Even the counting machine in Philadelphia got out of "whack" because the state of Ben Franklin and the Black is for Wilson. The machine in New York had a downfall and Tamany—which, I admit, is the onestest thing political in the empire state—will go to the national convention thoroughly discredited as was the case in 1892, after Grover Cleveland had met with a "downfall" just like this that has overtaken his friend Woodrow Wilson.

The defeat of Gorman in Maryland is a good omen. Maryland is a democratic state, but she revolted from the Gorman machine that made the democratic party a close corporation. Even the elder Gorman was made to know he was mortal in a political way, though he would have been immortal had he believed as does Isidore Rayner and lived to his belief as Rayner has and does. The defeat of Gorman in Maryland is a distinctive victory for Woodrow Wilson. It makes Blair Lee the head of the party in that state, and when it comes to political pedigree, where is there a more aristocratic one than this fellow in the democratic peerage? Had he got the nomination he honestly gained he would have carried Maryland by 20,000.

There is not going to be any more of the rule of the caucus in either party. The people are going to make the nomination as well as the presidents, governors, senators, congressmen and things. We have a thoroughly intelligent electorate. Under our constitution, that was made by men who did not believe in the people and government is not only not responsive to public opinion, but it is insufferably contemptuous of it.

Hence this demand for the initiative and the referendum. It is the wall of liberty and it will not be denied. It means that our governors shall do what they are ordered to do.

MR. ROCKEFELLER DENIES THE MERRITTS' CHARGES

Produces a Paper He Says the Merritts Signed Exonerating Him.

New York, Nov. 24.—John D. Rockefeller, in a statement given out here last night, replied to the charges made by the Merritt brothers before the Stanley steel investigating committee regarding the methods used by Mr. Rockefeller in securing control of the Mesaba ore mines and the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern railroad, pointing out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1895, in litigation over the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. He further-

more submits the text of a paper bearing the date of January 22, 1897, to which are attached the names of Alfred and Leonidas Merritt and "all the other members of the family," declaring themselves satisfied that neither Mr. Rockefeller nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepresentations in the matter in question.

Mr. Rockefeller says: "Referring to the testimony of the Merritt brothers before the Stanley committee in which they charged fraud and misrepresentation by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates in connection with the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines and that they were deprived of their interest in that company by means of a loan made them by Mr. Rockefeller of \$130,000 which he called during the panic of 1893, all of which statements were denied under oath in the United States court at the trial of the litigation in 1895, it would be absurd to try in the newspapers at this late date the issues in that case, but it is suggested that upon the settlement which was made at the close of that litigation, both Alfred and Leonidas Merritt, the two who testified before the Stanley committee together with all the other members of the family, gave Mr. Rockefeller the following paper:

"Certain matters of difference have existed between the undersigned and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, and a certain litigation has been pending between the undersigned Alfred Merritt and Mr. Rockefeller in which litigation it was claimed that certain misrepresentations were made by Mr. Rockefeller and those acting for him concerning certain properties sold by him to Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. It is hereby declared that from recent independent investigations made by us under our direction, we have become satisfied that no misrepresentation was made or fraud committed by Mr. Rockefeller or by his agents or attorneys for him, upon the sale by him of any property to us or any of us to Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines or upon the purchase by him from one or more of us of any stocks or interests in any mining or railway company or companies or upon the pledge by us or either of us to him of stocks and securities belonging to one or more of us; and we hereby withdraw all such charges and claims and exonerate Mr. Rockefeller and his agents and attorneys therefrom."

Here follow the names of the various members of the Merritt family who signed the paper.

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