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## 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 addemand of a life for a life, the shedblood; proceeding with ancient dignity and formality, unhurriedly, and yet sternly hostile to any attempts to inevidence, and there may have been Beattie, whether H. C. Beattie, jr., killed his wife, prior to his confession; if his attorneys and friends 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 BeatTHE RIGHT SORT OF A FARMER. AND LEGISLATOR. One North Carolina farmer is thus ketchils presented by Clarence H. Poe, in an article in the World's Work:

BY MAIL, IN ADVANCE: 5.00 hall lighted with electricity; when I went to my room I found the house Twelve Months ..... 4.00 writer on my friend's desk and a tele-phone sat beside it. And this man is FARMER REAL STREET REAL 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 age he was an ordinary looking 18-year old southern farm boy, with 80 acres of land, two mules, one horse and some one-horse power plows, and just one thing else; plenty of pluck. Now he crops 900 acres of land, has twenty-seven horses and mules, besides gasoline engine, a shredder, a hay press, a manure spreader, a grain drill a corn binder, a wheat binder, har cows, listers, cultivators and the like his neighbors call him 'Senator Cobb (for he is a member of the uppe house of the general assembly), and

> stuff this year." A few more such men in the legis ature would in short time work as great a transfer-motion in that body as this one wrought in his own con

dition.

ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST THINGS

Here is the Greater Western North Carolina association, fully organized. officered by able and progressive men with an intelligent and intensely prac tical scheme, looking to the exploiting of the resources of the counties that have thus banded together to promote mutual interests. It will adverministered the law and given it its time the heauty of this section and its fine climate, and increase the number ding of the blood of him who shed of visitors and permanent residents; it will advertise the richness of mountain and valley soil, and its won derful possibilities for the orchardist; terpose obstacles. Once more a man it will develop manufacturing along has been executed, on circumstantial reasonable and feasible lines, promote trade, and serve the entire section, in nobody who knew, except Paul a word, as the board of trade or the chamber of commerce serves its town It will unite and harmonize the people of the counties, and prove that in knew it, it seems strange that they many ways one can best forward his put him on the witness stand, for 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 oses \$200,000,000 each year by fire \$200,000,000 by the death of infants \$100,000,000 by smoke, \$100,000,000 bluo 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 equirming it is a fair inference that they are afraid the courts may do do something to them



The young mother—and many an old Mrs. ne, too—is often puzzled to know the Mrx. buse of her child's ill mature. The oudness of its crying does not necess arily indicate the seriousness of its found rouble. It may have nothing more the aster with fit than a headache or a feel-mida recommender. It cannot, of mida recommender. It cannot, of surse, describe its feelings, but as a recliminary measure you are safe in rying a mild laxative.

Nine times out of ten, you will find it s all the child needs, for its restlessness ind peevishness are perhaps due to ob-truction of the howels, and once that iss been Temedied the headache, the luggishness and the many other evi-lences of constipation and indigention will quickly disappear.

The battle was between Wilif it. on von it.

he expects to sell \$\$0,000 worth of But there are a whole lot of folks vho love Woodrow Wilson for the nemles he has made. In a contest etween these two, before the entire lectorate of this nation. Wilson will eat Smith as far as honesty will deeat knavery. This "triumph" of mith only serves to call attention to he fact that respectability and disepute had a clash in Jersey, and rong triumphed. The people have

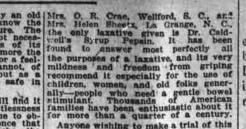
habit of correcting such things. They ove him because Jim Smith hates im. And if we nominate him we will of which statements were denied unarry New York by 50,000. As I look at it the election of No-

ember 7 points to Wilson and nobody Even the counting machine in ?hiladelphia got out of whack beause the state of Ben Franklin and fere Black is for Wilson. The mahine in New York had a downfall and Tamany-which, I admit, is the onestest thing political in the empire tate-will go to the national convenion thoroughly discredited as was the ase in 1892, after Grover Cleveland ad met with a "downfall" just like this that has overtaken his friend Woodrow Wilson.

The defeat of Gorman in Maryland s a good omen. Maryland is a demcratic state, but she revolted from the Gorman machine that made the emocratic party a close corporation. Even the elder Gorman was made to now he was mortal in a political way, though he would have been immortal and he believed as does Isidore Rayner and lived to his belief as Rayner ias and does. The defeat of Gorman n Maryland is a distinctive victory Woodrow Wilson. It makes Blair Lee the head of the party in that state, and when it comes to political edigree, where is there a more arislemocratic peerage? Had he got the

10.000. \* \* \* party. The people are going to make he nomination as well as the presidents, governors, senators, congress-men and things. We have a thoroughly intelligent electorate. Under our constitution, that was made by en who did not believe in the peo-

ple, our government is not only not esponsive to public opinion, but it is nsufferably contemptuous of it. Hence this demand for the initiaive and the referendum. It is the sail of liberty and it will not be denied. It means that our governors shall do what they are ordered to



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Ind peevianness are perhaps due to ob-itruction of the bowels, and once that as been remedied the headache, the lungelshness and the many other evi-lences of constipation and indigestion will quickly disappear. Don't give the little one salts, cathar-tie pills or nasty waters, for these will act as purgatives, and they are too strong for a child. In the families of

ept money, set about revenge, the more submits the text of a paper oarsest of the passions and the bas- bearing the date of January 22, 1897. st except avarice. He gathered the to which are attached the names of st except avalue. The same and turned Affred and Leonidas Merritt and "all assex county republican. That is all the other members of the family," desatisfied claring themselves that and Smith. Tactically Smith neither Mr. Rockefelled nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepre

entations 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 Irons mines and that they were leprived of their interest in that company by means of a loan made them by Mr. Rockefeller of \$420,000 which ne called during the panic of 1893, all

ler oath in the United States court at the trial of the litigation in 1895, it would be absurd to try in the news papers at this late date the issues in hat case, but it is suggested that upon the settlement which was made at the lose of that litigation, both Alfred and Leonidas Merritt, the two who testified before the Sanley committee ogether with all the other members of the family, gave Mr. Rockefeller he following paper

" 'Certain matters of difference have xisted between the undersigned and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, and a certain litigation has been pending between he undersigned Alfred Merritt and Mr. Rockefeller in which litigation l was claimed that certain misrepresenations were made by Mr. Rockefeller and those acting for him concerning ertain properties sold by him to Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. It s hereby declared that from recent ndependent investigations made by us inder our direction, we have become satisfied that no misrepresentation was made or fraud committed by Mr. Rockefeller or by his agents or attorneve, 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 ocratic one than this fellow in the from one or more of us of any stocks or interests in any mining or railway omination he honestly gained he ompany or companies or upon the have carried Maryland by

pledge by us or either of us to him of tocks and securities belonging to one \* \* \* There is not going to be any more of the rule of the caucus in either exonerate Mr. Rock feller and his igents and attorneys therefrom."

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

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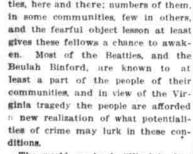
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### HOSTILITY TOWARD RAILROADS SUBSIDING.

The subsidence of popular hostility toward railroads was remarked re cent-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 solons is doubtless taxed to devise new rallway 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 charing their profits with the public is the surest way to permanent pros-

York and Charleston, W. Va., shows that illegal practices are not alto

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

The Southern Railway undertaker o 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 16th 1906.

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

the federal offices were filled by demorats.

"As long, however, as the republian party in the southern states shall epresent 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?

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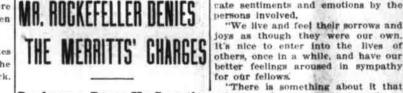
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WOODROW WILSON

# BY SAVOYARD.

There is a song of Debora and of Barak in the household of the Philis tine, whose daughters try to make merry over what the scullions and turnspits in the kitchen of the fatfryers call "the downfall of Woodrow Wilson." I do not read it that way but even assuming that he has "touch ed earth," he is sure to prove an An taous to rise the stronger for it. This man stands above all other things for

The surent way to permanent pros-perily, that charging all the traffic will bear is not the surent way to develop business for their maintenance. A surer indication than the cesma-tion of legislative activity that the railroads are operating under more otheoical standards than formerly is the Gerreass in the number of prose-trutions for haw violations. Numerous recent indictments for rebains, how-over, at points as far removed as New York and Charleston, W. Va., shown



Produces a Paper He Says the appeals to the best that is in us." Merritts Signed Exoner-

ating Him.

New York, Nov. 24 .- John D. Rockcfeller, in a statement given out here last night, replied to the charges Hot Blast and Open Franklins made by the Merritt brothers before the Stanley steel investigating committee regarding the methods used by

Mr. Rockefeller in securing control of the Messaba ore mines and the Duluth, Messaba & 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- 14 S, Main.

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