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DR. WILEY QUILTS THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The wrong man left the department of agriculture yesterday, speaking after a human and fallible manner. Secretary Wilson is old. He has rendered the country high and valuable services. His declining days should be highly honored by his fellow men. But in the maze of fierce controversy about his department his merit is forgotten. His mistakes and the failures of his policy are magnified. Every day he hangs on makes his position less tenable. The infirmities of age seem apparent in his exercise of judgment. It is clear that a hopeless condition of friction exists.

The conscienceless vultures that prey upon the American people, foisting poisons and impurities as wholesome food and drink and medicine, being driven to bay, are desperately trying to save what they can of their ancient privacies of exploiting human health for gain. Wiley, not Wilson, is the man the situation seems to require.

However, while divested of official power and authority, Dr. Wiley is still the best equipped man for public service in his field, and lets it be known that he is still in the fight. Twenty-nine years, Secretary Wilson says, Dr. Wiley has been in the department. That is a long time. Yet he is comparatively young, and in full vigor. He probably knows as much as one man can know about the food dopers and the quacks; the extent of the harm they have done, the magnitude of the lies by which they live, and the extent and nature of their power and influence. He has wrought mightily in the cause of simple honesty. He has performed wonders in an educational way, arousing the interest of public and public journals; for this people is notoriously indifferent and ignorant about what it eats and drinks.

THE UNDERWOOD CANDIDACY.

An entire section of today's Gazette-News is devoted to the Presidential candidacy of Hon. Oscar W. Underwood. There is a good deal more Underwood talk just now amongst readers of The Gazette-News than there has been at any previous time, and therefore many will be glad of this opportunity to study a pretty full description of the brilliant Democratic floor leader, written from a friendly viewpoint. His convictions on the most discussed political topics are exactly and succinctly stated.

It is perhaps needless to say that this matter is furnished and its publication paid for by the friends and admirers of the statesman who are working to present his candidacy in the most favorable light to their fellow Democrats throughout the United States. It is a matter which, however, we are glad to have the opportunity of presenting. It is all well prepared, it touches things that are vital, as concerning the whole body politic.

You might be for, or against, this or that candidate for the high office without being able to give a very clear and comprehensive summary of the reasons for your position. If you will peruse carefully this Underwood section of The Gazette-News you will know exactly to what extent you agree with him or differ from him in large matters of public policy.

Although Amundsen has been a famous man ever since he discovered the Northwest Passage, his name is still pronounced wrong as often as right, the Springfield Republican observes. The correct pronunciation is with a strong stress on the first syllable, which is made rather long—'Ah-moon-dsen.' The 'oo' is not quite so close and positive as in moon, and the 's' is somewhat softened. The last two syllables, being cluttered up with consonants, take each about the same time as the long 'ah,' so that the rhythm is much like that of 'Edmondson,' or 'excellent' emphatically spoken. It is a resonant, spilt-name, worthy of a modern Viking, says the Republican. Inasmuch

as about nine persons out of ten mispronounce the name of the only living ex-President, the discoverer of the south pole may expect to be generally called out of his name for many years to come.

Within a few days publication of another serial story will begin. It has been decided to make a permanent feature of serial fiction, but on such days as there is an unusual pressure of news and advertising matter an installment of the story may be deferred. The next story has been chosen for a number of characteristics. It is cleverly written. It is clean. It is crowded with action and the movement is dramatic. If you enjoy that sort of reading 'The Pool of Flame,' by Louis Joseph Vance, will afford you a great deal of pleasure; so do not overlook the opening chapter.

'It is announced that efforts are now making to bring the North Carolina Press association to Asheville for its next meeting. That's certainly a move in the right direction, provided it be borne in mind that Waynesville will claim the honor of entertaining the press gang in 1912. Then there will be volumes to write,' says the Waynesville Courier. A majority of the boys would probably be glad to go to Waynesville this year, or anywhere else in the mountains that is accessible, and where they can find comfort, including plenty of fried chicken and biscuits.

If the Greater Western North Carolina association needs a rallying cry, what is the matter with 'fried chicken, biscuits and uncanned tomatoes?'

In the morning—St. Patrick's day.

Money to be made here in real estate if one has a little capital to begin with, but of unskilled laborers there are too many, over 500 unemployed in the city, many lured thither, doubtless, by the halcyon climate and the reports of projected harbor improvement and work at the exposition grounds.

It has been interesting to read in The Gazette-News of the really good things Asheville has been having at the Auditorium—quite metropolitan; also, the accounts of the Civic Betterment league are eagerly read. Progress is marching with you; from a comparative viewpoint, I have more faith in the future of the greater south than of the great southwest!

MARY C. ROBINSON.
 San Diego, Cal.

How Tyrus Cobb Visits Murphy.

Ty Cobb, the famous center fielder of the Detroit, Mich., baseball team, was here Monday on his way to visit his uncle, Taylor Cobb, at Ivy Log, Ga. Ty Cobb is perhaps better known than any young man in the United States. Years ago, when but a kid, he played short for Murphy in several games and was a wonder even then—Murphy Scott.

Mild and Balm.

People in the arctic city of Asheville who struggled with bursting water pipes through January and February and burned coal enough to make a payment on a home lot in San Diego, may be interested to know that our winter has been mild and balm; the old residents say it has been one of unprecedented cold! The greater part of the time a small fire is comfortable in the early mornings and evenings; we have burned a quart of wood in a gas heater in the living room, and the windows have never been closed, night or day, in the sleeping rooms. We have had six cloudy days during the last six months and about as many rains. The experienced say it occasionally rains at night with such gentle courtesy that even light sleepers are not aroused. Every one is clamoring for rain, and how one shall soon have what the old black preacher called 'a gully washer and a trash mover.'

A little more about the climate; it is not in the least enervating and there is no malaria. Everyone seems astoundingly healthy; the children and women are especially stalwart and rosy. The equable temperature seems ideal for the weaker sex, but apparently lacks the strenuousness to develop the best physical condition in what Walter Pritchard Eaton in the last 'Everybody's' called, 'the brute male.' So far ambition and energy are not dead in the Asheville colony, but older residents declare they find it almost impossible to work. They are greatly inclined, for the most part, to take housekeeping, culture and society with a languid indifference. I speak of the women; the men seem to have an open eye for business, and there is evidently plenty doing. I recently had an interesting conversation with one of San Diego's leading physicians; people sometimes need a doctor and do die here, of old age. This doctor has a theory that he says has never been exploited. It is his purpose to demonstrate and develop his idea and write a thesis upon the subject to win some more letters to write after his M. D. from a college in the mid-west. He believes the vast kelp beds that lie off our immediate coast exude or disseminate bromide and iodine, properties obtained from kelp. This, he thinks, makes the very air we are privileged to breathe, both sedative and nutritive. Everybody sleeps here—even the most confirmed insomniacs who come with little hope of seeing favor from Morphine—kelp bromide! Then almost everyone increases rapidly in weight. The really fat men and women in Asheville could be counted on one's fingers—the thin ones in San Diego. But what is the great advantage? Nine hours slumber here, while it may add to one's avoirdupois, does not give one as much mental and physical snap and agility as five in your city.

I hope I have not given away prematurely the great physician's kelp-bromide-iodine theory; if there is anything in it, it certainly should be used to advertise San Diego as a sanitarium for nervous patients and those that Kipling writes of in 'The City of Dreadful Night.'

Who go back with Policeman Day, Back from the city of Sleep.

We have, all winter, enjoyed an abundance of fresh vegetables and the delicious California fruits, brought to our doors by our Chinaman, How Lo. That is his name, not the price, though all the things he carries—the results of scientific irrigation—are much cheaper than in Asheville. In contrast to our market gardener, the laundryman is Sing Hi—and that is name and price, both. The products of the dairy and the chicken ranch also sing high: eggs, butter, milk and chicken, fried and fricasseed, are for the multi-millionaire in their luxurious suburban homes at Coronado and Point Loma; Lyman Gage, John Vance Cheney and their associates.

Mr. Lassiter and family of Asheville, who arrived in San Diego a few weeks ago, have gone back to Los Angeles, being utterly unable to find a roof to cover their heads, other than the hotels. That tells the tale of San Diego as a tourist city. There will be plenty of apartments and bungalows in the spring and summer when the easterners turn backwaaard in their flight. This situation is in spite of an amazing amount of building going on constantly. There is

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