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WHAT BLEASE STANDS FOR.

A contribution to the discussion of the various aspects of Governor Blease's course performance at Richmond so observant and so thoughtful has been by an Atlanta minister, Rev. John M. White, that we think they are well worth considering. In a recent issue of the Atlanta Constitution he declares that Governor Blease's outbreak at Richmond was "one of the most fortunate incidents that could have occurred" and then he proceeds at length to maintain his position.

Dr. White insists that Blease should be taken very seriously because he represents "a great, big, powerful something in the south." Dr. White admits that Blease does not represent the best manhood of the south but contends that he does speak "in right close relations to the present passions of a vast number of southern people." Blease is made to say by Dr. White, "I am the people thundering who are talking in whispers on the night corners, in the mill yards and at the cross-roads. I am southern illiteracy embodied." To quote Dr. White further, Blease "exhibits the mob honestly, admirably, ugly, without the inconsistency of an apology—he is frankly one of the boys at the frolic of brutality. He wants to be what he is and wants everybody to be like him."

Bleas is regarded by the minister as a "blessing to the south" because the governor, by virtue of his official position and the other circumstances which attracted especial attention to his words gave warning of a "great danger which is to be relieved only by exposure to the gaze of the world." Dr. White already has perceived that "many men of nonchalant attitude toward the lawlessness of mobs are not so nonchalant now."

With some of the writer's statements and inferences we agree and against others we protest. Bleas unquestionably does not stand alone in defending and upholding and even exulting in mob violence; there are numbers like him in the south, as elsewhere. But they are not so numerous as Dr. White supposes and far removed from stations such as Governor Bleas occupies. Nor are we persuaded that among southern politicians of importance there are "aristocrat and scholars muddying their patent leathers and slouching their hats" to get votes with this form of demagoguery in which Governor Bleas takes great stock. Public men in the south generally have condemned not only the taste but the views of Governor Bleas; and we know of no newspaper of importance which has not expressed disapprobation and condemnation. Bleas's bold declarations will arouse those who, while deploring, are prone to extenuate instances of the application of lynch law; will make the agencies of government more energetic in performing their duties. But he is hopeful indeed who believes they will shame the element for which Bleas speaks into a more reverent regard for the law. Rather will they take comfort in his defense.

THE "NEW THERAPY."

The attention of the medical profession is being more generally directed toward the "new therapy" of Dr. Schafer of California. During the past two years a number of prominent physicians have used his "Phylacogens" in the treatment of the most dreaded diseases, and the results are declared to have been little short of miraculous. Pneumonia and rheumatism have succumbed to the treatment; as has tuberculosis, and asthma and hay fever, the hitherto incurable. Phylacogens are what might be called mixed infective vaccines; and Dr. Schafer has proceeded on the theory that the bacteria of the disease itself seldom result fatally but weaken the system so that other bacteria become encouraged and act as allies in helping the primary bacteria to kill. When the Phylacogens check the invasions of the allies the body is better able to resist the chief invading bacteria; there are also specific phylacogens to combat the chief invading bacteria.

Physicians as individuals are a conservative people, notwithstanding the wonderful advances made in medicine and they are slow to accept theories. Dr. Schafer's treatment will be accepted the more readily because physicians have been looking for just what he is promulgating. There is really nothing more wonderful about it than the smallpox virus, the diphtheria antitoxin and "606." The latter was accepted most eagerly, probably because of necessity.

Here are some of the claims made for Phylacogens: That they will cure almost any case of pneumonia—cases were cured after both lungs were consolidated; an asthma case of 18 years standing was cured in 16 days; all cases of hay fever reported on were cured; of 40 cases of tuberculosis "considered hopeless" four died; acute rheumatism was cured in 96 cases out of 100; the cure of erysipelas cases has been consistent; rheumatism of 10 years standing was cured.

PARDONING BY THE WHOLESALE

Governor Donaghey of Arkansas must be added to the list of State executives who have abused their pardoning power. When at a stroke recently he abolished three convict camps by setting free every man in them—360 in number—he put in practice some of the ideas which Governor Bleas has been advocating.

It is not that we have any criticism to offer of the motives which impelled Governor Donaghey to this action. It was not unexpected in fact. The governor has been very much dissatisfied with penal conditions in his State and has been devoting his energies to their betterment with slight success. The convict lease system prevails in Arkansas, and his efforts to abolish it have been all in vain. At the Richmond conference of governors he intimated that he might take summary action and he has been as good as his word.

The function of the pardoning power, however, is not to promote an executive's policies, however worthy. It is to correct possible errors and injustices in the law courts. This loosening of convicts en bloc, without reference to the merits of their cases, merely because the governor is dissatisfied with the conditions under which they are serving their sentences is unjustifiable. It is of questionable value to the cause of prison reform, capable of mischievous effect on the criminal element and sets a bad precedent.

The surprise of the Bryan lecture audience yesterday was the small attendance of women. There were hardly more than 50 in the house. The Asheville ladies certainly overlooked a good thing.

We do not know a better place for President Wilson to teach Secretary of State Bryan the pleasant game of golf than the links of the Asheville Country club.

The Bryan lecture seems to have surpassed general expectation, as high as that was.

Those of delicate perception in things political feel that several things are settled.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Boys and Girls From Various Institutions Are Leaving for Their Homes.

The exodus of the school boys and girls from the city to their homes for the holidays began yesterday when a special car carried a number of Asheville school boys to Cincinnati, where many of them live and whence the others will scatter to their homes. Most of the other schools in this section close today and tomorrow and nearly all of the pupils will be given as much as two weeks for holiday enjoyment. The Asheville school will not open until January 2.

The Bingham school adjourns today and work will begin again January 9. Three special sleepers will carry the boys from the eastern part of the state to Raleigh and those from the west to Memphis and southern boys to New Orleans.

The normal and Collegiate institute closes for the holidays tomorrow and will convene again the Tuesday after New Year. Many of the girls live in the city and western North Carolina and most of them will go to their homes.

The Asheville School for Girls also closes tomorrow and begins after the holidays, January 2. Most of the girls live here.

The city schools close tomorrow and begin on January 2. Weaverville college suspends for the holidays tomorrow but several of the boys left on the early car this morning for their homes. Most of the others will leave tomorrow. Some few will remain at Weaverville. These boys, for the most part, come from the Piedmont.

PARDON TALK'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO DYING MOONSHINER

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft today pardoned Henry Nelson, of Owensboro, Ky., recently sentenced to the penitentiary for moonshine distilling in the mountains of Kentucky. The reason for the pardon was that Nelson is expected to live but a short time and he wanted to spend his last Christmas on earth at home.

ASHEVILLE HEARS A GREAT ORATOR

Magnificent Reception Given W. J. Bryan at the Auditorium Yesterday.

HE LIKES ASHEVILLE AND HOPES TO RETURN

His Lecture "The Making of a Man," Is "Prince of Peace" Made over—
 Fine Sermon

The Bryan party were half an hour behind their schedule yesterday afternoon when they reached the Auditorium, where an audience of about 900 people had assembled. The storm of cheers that broke forth when he finally came out on the stage testified the affection and admiration of Asheville people for the great commoner. Dr. L. B. McBrayer briefly introduced Governor-elect Locke Craig as the man who was to present "the greatest living American," and the latter happily presented Mr. Bryan as the greatest man in the world. North Carolina, he said, discovered Bryan, being the first state to declare him for president, "and has been for him ever since," said he, which statement was heartily applauded. He said that Bryan is a great orator, but behind the orator there is the man whose sterling worth is universal in its appeal. "If it is not proper for him to be president, then his is the power to name presidents," he said. Another ovation was given Mr. Bryan when he arose to speak. After the address an informal reception was held on the stage, and hundreds pressed forward to shake hands with Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan bore with equanimity the superlative honors which had been accorded him, saying that men in public life were over-praised by their friends because over-condemned by their enemies, and that he should carefully treasure up what Mr. Craig had said about him, so that when some republican said something especially mean about him he could remember it and feel that he was still ahead on the average. He had enjoyed his five hours in Asheville greatly, he had not really known Asheville before; he would now look forward to the time when he might come and enjoy it with the other half of his family.

Mr. Bryan's lecture, "The Making of a Man," is really a sermon; it is his "Prince of Peace," in evolution. It is the fruitage of his years of experience and reflection on the deeper things of the life of our common humanity. One feels that it embodies all his essential conclusions on the duty of the individual to himself and his fellows. It is a finely reasoned argument against the assistance of reason as the final guide of human conduct; it controverts the atheist, argues the divinity of Christ and the primal importance of religion. His language possesses the simplicity of grandeur. Whatever of fiery dramatics, dizzying flights of fancy there may have been in the "cross of gold" speech or the speech at the climax of the Baltimore convention, there is none in this lecture. It is simply a man with a fine mind and a good voice calmly expounding philosophy, in admirably chosen words. But the ornaments of oratory, even of eloquence, that are admired by so many famous speakers, are used but sparingly; the art is concealed in mastery manner. The keynote is simplicity, and this is followed even in the humorous touches that are employed here and there. The jest that evoked the most merriment was a light touch associating the ideas of young chicken and the Methodist preacher. That lecture has been built for a very catholic range of hearers.

Radical? Rantor? Surely here is only a most judicious, even-tempered, mild-mannered, pleasant-spoken Presbyterian elder, qualified any day to take orders.

But he held that audience tense, rapt; they would have been there yet if he had kept on.

There Are Exceptions.
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