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Newspaper Subscription Law.

A summary of the decision of the United States courts touching newspaper subscriptions:
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The shoe factory is coming and so is Hillsboro. Watch the old town.

A cotton factory and a shoe factory at one time—why it makes us dizzy.

That the Gilliam editorial family is too hard on editor Webster goes without saying.

Put your Trust in God and avoid all other trust as you would the Prince of Darkness.

They endorse Cleveland for a third term but ignore the second term which is endorsed by nobody.

The democratic party just now is like boarding house hash: some of the ingredients are first-class, but you can't tell what is in it.

The "poor white trash" and negroes are not in it in South Carolina. To be candid, they are not in it anywhere to any alarming extent.

Wait for Thanksgiving, but do not wait for your thanksgiving turkey. This is one of the times when God helps those who help themselves through their family grocer.

The Progressive Farmer gives some good advice when it urges the alliance men to rush in their stock for the shoe factory. It will be located at Hillsboro and will be a hummer.

If you owe the RECORDER anything come in and pay it or make some amicable adjustment. If you can't come write to us and explain yourself. After this week all unpaid bills will be placed in the hands of a collection agency which will resort to legal measures.

Now that the shoe factory is an assured fact, Hillsboro people are beginning to realize that there is something in sight for the old town if the citizens will only do their part. The coming of the shoe factory is only the beginning of a genuine boom which will strike here about next spring—when the cotton factory gets here. The man who is wise will see a point and be ready when it comes.

The Knoxville Tribune, speaking of a former Durhamite, says: Mr. Junius Parker, of the Knoxville bar, has recently contributed an able paper to the Albany Law Journal on the subject, "Liability for Loss of Fire." There are numerous citations and the article shows that he made much research to cover the subject. As Mr. Parker is a single man he doubtless does not know that at this time of year the greater question is the liability for not making a fire these frosty mornings. It is on this momentous question that the world—or the male married part of it, yearns for information.

WHO PAYS THE TAX?

The farmers, like workmen of cities, are in a state of mental ferment. Old notions are tumbling under the assaults of men who have been thinking. The big questions of production and distribution are under investigation. There is a searching of the hidden mysteries of taxation. Men are asking each other what effect this tax has, and that tax, and the other. Is a taxation a blessing? Does it hinder production? Does it hinder distribution? Has it a tendency to promote monopoly? Is it the bulwark of trusts? Does it foster corruption? Who pays it? Who gets the benefit? Who is injured? Is it just? Is it equitable? Can it be shifted? Who and what are the individuals most anxious to keep it up and increase it?

The country school house in every state is ringing with these questions. The country newspaper is repeating them with every conceivable vibration. The corner grocery is the daily resort of men filled with the spirit of inquiry and controversy. The great awakening is at hand—Exchange.

And yet the farmers do not act. When the assessor comes on his yearly round and the honest farmer tells about his real estate, his household goods, and puts his old styled piano or his organ or his watch on the list at what he thinks it might be worth, he wonders how he will pay the tax. When he says that his cow 'Rose' or 'Boss,' or whatever else her name may be, is worth \$40 he believes it. His household furniture, though purchased fifty years ago, is listed at all it would bring under the hammer and more. He does not that the 'city chaps' have forgotten all the different things they own. He is ignorant that their household furniture is scanty on that day; he does not know that the banker and merchant convert their surplus into imaginary greenbacks through their eastern banker. In short, he does not know or care how easy it is to swear to this statement and yet avoid collection day, like his neighbor in the city, so he pays the bill. He knows that monopoly is the curse of the country. He is aware that the taxes are high and that the tariff is unjust. He knows this better than the politician, because he pays the bill.

But what does he do to remedy the evil—the evil that will finally engulf him in ruin and despair? It is true that the country school house is ringing with the proposition. But who makes it? The shyster lawyer generally. The smooth young rascal who loans money and insures houses under the sign of a lawyer's office and who rides on a railroad pass. He is there telling of the wrongs of corporations, of politicians—but he is there for his own glory—for his own promotion. The country press is also on the alert. The country newspaper rings with invectives against terrible curses. Soon it is silenced. Paper bills are to pay. They always come due. The politician comes with a few dollars. It is tempting. The editor takes the money, smokes a proffered cigar—he has unconsciously gone wrong. Some do not, but most of them do.

And the result? A corrupt and venal crowd of political desperadoes come to the capital to make laws—each one having assured his constituents that he would give them relief. The result is that the tax is piled up higher each year. The crowd of bummers disperse and go home and apply for some higher position of trust and honor under a new administration.

"The great awakening may be at hand," but truly it is to accomplish no good. The down-trodden and oppressed tax-payer knows that he is in the soup—he knows that he is being fleeced, but he aids and abets the robbery against himself by sending cheap ink to the legislature. Let the farmer awaken to his duty and responsibility and then there will be some wholesome legislation. And wholesome legislation will relieve him.

WHO PLANS THEM?

A private letter from a Western correspondent contains the following, which we take the liberty of publishing: "I wanted you to see the St. Louis Republic of about a month or so ago. In announcing the tobacco fight in St. Louis, it went on to say that the war was on, and wound up in this fashion. I quote from the paper:

Meanwhile, the American Tobacco Company is fitting the show windows of the local cigar shops with bloomer girls, sou-brettes, and other abbreviated-skirted representations of females made with cardboard faces and excelsior-stuffed bodies, much to the delight of the "sporty" boys and to the horror of old Deacon Cranberry.

I have regretted so often that you did not see that and print it. I regretted, too, that you did not have a big paper—one that all could see and read, and then I wanted you to ask in your own style and way, why it was that cigarettes were so closely allied to lust; why it was that the product of nature in manufactured tobacco must need pictures of low-necked dresses containing voluptuous women—vile and loathsome creations, to sell them? I would want you to ask if it was to debauch blooming manhood, and are the petals of what should be the fairest and rarest rose—pure, unpoluted manhood to be eaten and destroyed by the blighting drought. Were I doing it, I would particularly ask if George Watts—when teaching his Sunday school class, took his patterns for pictures from the innocent girls and, added to them from his own pure and chaste imagination, that which catches the "sporty" class of St. Louis, if George Watts, a managing director of the American Tobacco Co., plans or endorses or sanctions the use of these pictures.

Colonels Webster, of the Weekly, and Gilliam of the Reidsville Review, are still after each other with all the uncompromising bitterness which characterized their former controversies. Webster says that the Methodist church of North Carolina is not giving the same hearty support to Trinity College since it went into partnership with the cigarette trust, and Gilliam appears horrified and claims that Webster is reflecting on the pure minded and zealous ministers of the denomination in question by his assertion. It seems to us just the contrary—that Webster is exalting the Methodist ministry in saying that they do not wish to encourage or countenance the cigarette traffic by accepting the money thus obtained to support their educational institutions. As Webster is, according to the Review, one of the "pillars" of the Methodist church, he is probably on the inside and knows what he is talking about. From the way the Christian Advocate is talking, and from recent remarks of such men as Dr. Tuttle and others, it looks very much that way. Come, now, brother Gilliam, you must admit that there is such a thing as giving the devil his due. By this we do not mean, however, that Colonel Webster comes under that head—not by any means.

The Charlotte News says: The Atlanta Journal, Hoke Smith's paper, makes what we consider a very humiliating confession. Ament the elections and Republican victories its says: "Judging from the unanimity with which they arose and smote the opponents of the president last Tuesday, the people are still with Cleveland and against the bosses." The "unanimity" above must refer to the success of the republican party, and the "opponents of the President to the remainder of the democratic party. Taken literally, then, the above paragraph means that the people showed that they were still with the President by voting the republican ticket. That is not a flattering endorsement of a democratic president.

Let all aspiring and perspiring authors take heed and profit from the unhappy ending of Amelia Rives' "Quick or the Dead," said a long haired literary freak the other day. She created her hero and toyed with him but a brief while and then Barbara grew tired and Mr. Chanler—the real, living ideal was thrown overboard and Amelia went home to live. When a young woman pants like the gifted Virginia author and throws ink like she did, it is a brave man who could see himself in or between the lines—but Chanler thought he did. He was mistaken and so was she. When the world applauds such erotic rot as was contained between the covers of that book, it is only encouraging some poor, deluded fool to walk to the guillotine. Amelia will know better next time, and it is to be hoped that the sacrifice of Mr. Chanler will not have been in vain.

But then the long haired gentleman who thus discoursed upon the subject failed to enlighten the world as to what sort of an affair the "incompatibility" was that secured the divorce. One or the other evidently recovered their mental balance. Was it the woman or the man?

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