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White's record and his name does not fit.

The ladies' hats are all dreams—and so are night mares.

Good roads also help in the "back-to-the-farm" movement.

Charlotte should remember in time of peace to prepare for war.

These "rule or ruin" politicians should have "the gift the gods can give us."

And it may be that Togo won't want to go home when the time comes.

Some warm friend of Mr. Underwood may have put the Nebraskan up to it.

There are "crooks" in every walk in life, politics only has more than its share.

If an aviator fails to break a record he still has a chance to break his neck.

Congress is mixing wool and cotton just like the manufacturers of all-wool cloth.

The end of the world is predicted for 1912, but that is after our senatorial primary.

Wiley P. Black has the right surname, but it takes more than that to keep him out of trouble.

"White hopes" are not of quite so much importance since Jack Johnson has adopted England.

If reports are true there is liable to be an explosion "from the inside" in Maine on September 11th.

There are any number of people who are willing to relieve John D. of the wealth he finds so burdensome.

It seems well nigh impossible to "keep the record straight" in the matter of the last legislature and the trusts.

The British "suffer yets" have been very quiet of late; waiting for John Bull's other troubles to be settled, perhaps.

There are some people wicked enough to think that Mr. Bryan has read—or talked—himself out of the democratic party.

If the republicans were conducting these congressional investigations, wouldn't they be a boost to the whitewash market?

An Ohio man is said to have killed himself rather than take a bath. He should have lived in Charlotte during the water famine.

While the Southern wreck was not as disastrous as the one on the seaboard it will probably cost the former company more.

White's statement that he believes all the democratic votes for Lorimer were bought is about the easiest part of his testimony to believe.

It will take the counting of the votes to convince us that Durham county is going back on its reputation on the farm-life school proposition.

The rain "pitter, patter" would have sounded much better on a Sunday morning, but we were all glad to hear it any time—morning, noon or night.

The Greensboro News remarks that the Greenville Piedmont is fond of discussing North Carolina affairs. Can you blame a South Carolina paper for that?

The governor of Oklahoma says he will enforce the liquor laws of his state if it takes an hundred thousand men to do it. He will need every citizen of the state to carry out his promise.

Any person who is opposed to the establishment of a farm-life school in Durham county who will read the article in Saturday's Sun with an unprejudiced mind will surely see the proposition in a different light.

**AN INJUSTICE TO DURHAM**

There has been sent broadcast over the state a statement prepared by the commissioner of labor and printing giving the statistics of manufacturing in North Carolina that does Durham a grave injustice. The census returns of the United States government show that Durham leads all other cities in the state in amount of capital invested in manufacturing by several million dollars, and in value of products more than this amount. The statement of the commissioner, which has been hailed with loud trumpet blasts, gives some other cities credit for being in the lead in manufacturing. For some reason, Durham is not mentioned—simply ignored altogether. Only the closest scrutiny reveals the fact that the statement is based on "the census returns of 1903, based upon the calculations of 1904." As if anyone cared what conditions were in 1904. This statement to the ordinary reader represents the present day conditions. That such a misleading and inaccurate statement should be sent out by the commissioner, when accurate and recent statistics on the subject are available is not in keeping with the manner in which this important branch of the state government has been conducted heretofore.

**THE BEGINNING OF THE END.**

The one great accomplishment of American statesmanship of this decade; the one great feat of the present national administration that will stand out in bold type on the pages of history in connection with the name of William H. Taft is the consummation of the peace agreements between France and England. Of all the blessings pronounced upon the sons of men by the humble Nazarene in the sermon on the mount, the greatest blessing is that pronounced upon the peacemakers. "For they shall be called the children of God." President Taft and Secretary Knox are peacemakers in a world-wide, epoch-making way. They have earned the gratitude of the future generations yet unborn, who will open their eyes in a world freed from the hell-born demon of war. The signing of the treaties means the definite beginning of the end of slaughter of man by fellow man.

The treaties signed provide that all disputes arising between either of these nations and the United States, even in cases where the national honor is involved, shall be submitted to arbitration. Had some one dared predict a decade ago that the world-wide peace propaganda would have achieved such tangible results within so short a time, the prediction would have brought only cynical sneers. The signing of the treaties is an event so far reaching in its effects, such an immense and unexpected step forward that the prosaic public of today scarcely realizes what a turning point in all history it is witnessing. The establishment of reciprocal relations with Canada as an accomplishment of President Taft sinks into insignificance beside the establishment of peace relations with two of the most powerful nations of the world.

There has been considerable murmuring here and there against the provision which includes so-called "insults to national honor" in the treaty. Among those to protest against this provision has been the fire eating contributing editor of the Outlook. Looked at from a common sense view point there are no "insults to national honor," no more than there are "affairs of honor" between individuals. There was a time when, even in North Carolina, trifling insults to personal honor were matters for deadly pistol duels. We do not have duels now because we realize that duels are foolish relics of barbarism. Men have as great a sense of honor now as they ever had and men insult each other's honor just as much now as they ever did; but we manage to rock along very well without duels as a publicly sanctioned institution. In the good old days, a light slap in the face was a deadly insult because custom made it so. After awhile we saw the foolishness and savagery of such a custom, and affairs of honor were sent to the scrap heap. Exactly the same change will finally come over the custom of nations in their relations to each other. The reason that insults to national pride were formerly so frequent was that insults of national honor served rulers as excuses to go on raids of conquest and personal glory. With our dawning civilization, the common people are beginning to realize the emptiness of so-called insults that led nations into bloody conflict. Catholicize this realization and war will be no more.

Before the peace treaties are finally ratified by the senate, they will have done to them what has been done to few treaties before this time—they will be published, in order

that the people may know what agreements are being entered into. This is well. It is the mass of the people who determine whether war shall or shall not cease to exist, and a peace treaty that did not have behind it the sentiment of the majority of the people of the whole nation would not be worth the paper upon which it is written.

**MAY HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS ATTEND HIM**

Thomas Edison has gone on a vacation. For years this matchless genius of the twentieth century, this human dynamo and storage battery combined has been working sixteen, twenty-four hours every day. Hour after hour he has spent in grinding toil, scarcely sleeping, never resting, plying into the unexplored vistas of nature until it seemed as if he had wrested from nature her one great secret of life itself and eternal vitality—one after another there have come from his laboratory, situated in the obscure village of Orange, New Jersey, wonderful inventions that have blessed humanity and raised the human species to the level of the gods of ancient times. Unmindful of the honors heaped upon him and of the wealth that he has gained, Mr. Edison has stuck to his crucibles and test tubes clothed in overalls, for the sheer love of work.

And at last, after his hair has been grayed and his form stooped by a life time of toil in the service of humanity he has decided to take a vacation. He sailed this week on the Mauretania for Europe for his first vacation in twenty-two years. The blessings and the good wishes of the people of the whole nation go with him.

**MR. BRYAN AS POLITICAL FACTOR.**

The rebuke given to William Jennings Bryan on the floor of the house Wednesday foretells the end of what promised to be a great political career. Arriving upon the political shore upon a wave of free silver that seemed to sweep the entire democratic party, Mr. Bryan was looked upon as the greatest aspirant for the presidential chair that had endeavored to lead democracy along the road to the white house. His defeat did not seem to impede the progress of the Peerless One as a leader. His title was undisputed until the third defeat, after which Mr. Bryan began to attack strong advocates of democracy upon the basis that many refused to believe as he did and were not afraid to say so.

Recently the pet hobby of Mr. Bryan has been attacked by Leader Underwood, and the stinging rebuke that this true advocate of democracy gave to the once famous Bryan was almost a knock-out blow. Furthermore Mr. Underwood received the undivided approval of his colleagues in his answer to the unjust criticisms. Even the staunchest friends of Mr. Bryan are surprised that he should make an assertion that Leader Underwood was opposing Champ Clark, and that the financial interests of the able Alabamian were such that he would not ask for a new schedule on iron and steel.

This attack upon democracy means the end of the political prestige of Mr. Bryan, and like many others he will be remembered in future years as one who labored for his own advancement at the expense of the party, who for years kept him aloft.

**Pointed Paragraphs**

It's a poor stationary engine that won't run.  
If you sit in a draft, the doctor may cash it.  
Only an unusually pretty girl can afford to be stupid.  
A man may be on the square and still move in the best circles.  
A woman with a drug store complexion isn't always true to her colors.  
At the age of three score and ten many a man reminds us of an experiment that failed.

**Read and Run.**

Smith keeps a savage dog on his premises, and near his kennel a board is displayed with the warning in large letters, "Beware of the Dog."  
"I suppose," said Jones, pointing to the warning, "you have pointed that sign in large letters, so that he who buns may read?"  
"No," said Smith, "but that he who reads may run."—Boston Courier.

**More Worry.**

"I didn't know you admired that official."  
"I don't," replied the political manager.  
"Then why do you insist on crediting him with a presidential boom?"  
"Merely to make his life harder by giving him something more to worry about."—Exchange.

**Wife Got Tip Top Advice.**

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes D. Frankel, of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica salve on it.' She did so, and it cured the boil in a short time." "Quickest healer of burns, scalds, cuts, corns, bruises, sprains, swellings. Best pile cure on earth. Try it. Only 25c at R. Blackhall & Son.

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