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UNJUST CRITICISMS.

J. R. YOUNG A VERY COURAGEOUS PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

Many Harsh and Undeserved Criticisms Have Been Made Against Him When He Was Only Doing His Sworn Duty.

The trial of M. T. Norris, a prominent merchant of Raleigh, charged with having burned his own house to get the insurance on it, is of more than local interest. The result was in accordance with the earnest wish of Mr. Norris' many friends, and vindicates that gentleman from the odium of a horrible charge. It is not of that of which this paper wishes to speak, however.

Judging from the reports we have seen in the papers, the friends and partisans of Mr. Norris have been both intemperate and unjust in their criticism of Mr. Young, the Insurance Commissioner, at whose instance the prosecution was undertaken. The fact that a jury has acquitted Mr. Norris does not at all justify their criticism, or change the character of Mr. Young's official duty.

The Statute, Sec. 4819 of Revisal 1905, is mandatory upon the Insurance Commissioner, and it specifically enjoins upon him the duty of causing to be prosecuted every person charged with the crime of arson against whom there is sufficient evidence, in his opinion, to justify an investigation. Without respect to the outcome of the trial, no one who kept up with the evidence will attempt to deny that it gravely implicated Mr. Norris, and it seems to this paper that, for his own sake, Mr. Norris would have desired a trial with its resulting acquittal and vindication. However that may be, there was left open for Mr. Young but one course, and that was the one which he pursued.

Considering the business and social standing of Mr. Norris, and the fact that he is Mr. Young's neighbor, it was no doubt a very disagreeable duty that the Commissioner had to perform. He could have avoided much of the harsh criticism and maladversion. It is greatly to his credit that he has not hesitated to perform this unenviable duty bravely, and with the same fortitude and impartiality that has characterized his entire official career. Not to have prosecuted the case would have been official cowardice, and of that J. R. Young is not guilty.

Let this criticism of public officials who have to do their duty, cease. It hurts the public morals.

REAL TRUST BUSTING.

After thinking over the Republican attempts at trust-busting, mostly stage plays, can you point to one that has reduced the price of its products in consequence of Republican activity? Results are what the tariff-taxed public are looking for, and the record shows that the cost of living is now 48 per cent higher than it was before the present Republican tariff law was enacted. The fact is that not only must the laws against trusts be enforced, but their monopolistic and special advantages must be destroyed. It is absurd that such a trust as the United States Steel corporation, that controls nine-tenths of the steel products of country, and that has been proved to be selling its pro-

ducts cheaper abroad than here, should be continued in its monopoly by the tariff law. That gigantic corporation, by far greater than any of its sister trusts, cannot take refuge as an "infant industry" that needs protecting. It may not be policy to take the chances of disturbing the steel business by at once abolishing all its protection, but cutting off one half of its tariff protection will be one of the first propositions of a Democratic House of Representatives. That would be a start at real trust-busting.

THE "DOTAGE" MICROBE.

The Only True Remedy For Strepness.

Oregon has been the storm center of land frauds. One of her Republican Senators and both of her Republican representatives in Congress, besides a United States Surveyor-general and many other federal officials, have been implicated and have either met their just deserts or are in a fair way to do so. Now comes the only member of Congress from that State that the law has not entangled—Senator Fulton, who declares that Secretary Hitchcock, who to his credit has relentlessly prosecuted the land thieves, "is in his dotage." If Secretary Wilson had shown the same efficient "dotage" there would have been no beef, cotton and seed scandals. If Secretary Taft had exhibited a similar brand of "dotage", there would have been no Panama Scandal and matters in the Philippines and Porto Rico would be in better condition instead of being a disgrace to American management. If Secretary Root had shown the same patriotic "dotage" the Santo Domingo and Venezuela scandals would never have occurred. If Secretary Moody had exhibited the intense "dotage" that his elder associate has exhibited, there would be a large bunch of Trust magnates in jail and the trust question would not loom up so alarmingly to the American people.

The President is to be congratulated on having one member of his cabinet in his "dotage" for that seems to be the only way to efficiently follow up fraud without fear or favor and doggedly determine to enforce the law. The strenuousness of the President has had no effect upon Secretary Hitchcock, he has gone along without blow of trumpet, or partisan speech making, on his plain old "dotage" plan and it is a pity that the other members of the Cabinet have not been inoculated with the same disease, instead of the microbes of strenuousness that has evidently had a disastrous effect on their efficiency.

JUSTICE BREWER'S OPINION.

According to Justice Brewer, Washington is the great lobby camp of the world. More legislation has been thrust upon Congress than it can attend to, and the consequence is that the Government has become a general dispensary. "The Federal Government is inefficient," he says, "but there are things greater than mere efficiency, namely, the protection of the individual and the upbuilding of his sense of individual responsibility." These greater things are lacking under our present system. "It is not how much the individual will willingly give to the country, but how much the nation could take from him."

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE.

AN AWFUL WRECK NEAR HAMLET SUNDAY NIGHT.

Twenty-Three Killed and Many More Injured—Failure of an Operator to Give Orders Was the Cause of the Wreck.

One of the worst and most destructive Railroad wrecks that has occurred in this State in years took place on the Seaboard near Hamlet Sunday night about 8 o'clock, when passenger train No 44, collided with a freight train. Both engines came together with a crash. F. B. Lewis engineer on 44, and his fireman, were killed instantly, also the baggage master, Henry Byrd.

There were quite a large number of negroes in the "jim crow" car of the passenger train, and they fared badly, as this car and the baggage car were splintered. About 18 were killed outright, and several have since died from injuries. The number of injured was more than the number killed. The dead and injured were cared for by the railroad authorities.

The cause of the wreck, which has been investigated by the Corporation Commission, was said to be the failure of the operator at Rockingham to hold the passenger train at that point for freight to pass it, orders having been sent to that effect. A description of the affair by newspaper correspondents who were soon on the scene, was terrible.

The number killed was twenty-three, only two of whom were white, the others all being colored. The engineer of the freight train saved himself by jumping.

A REPUBLICAN PREDICTION.

That crude and trust controlled Republican purveyor of news the New York Sun in a late issue says: "The Sun craves permission to present its humble service to the supreme powers at Oyster Bay, to Messrs. Platt and Depew, to the new and austere hierarchy of Odell and Associates, to one Frank Wayland Higgins, the putative Governor of the State of New York, and to all the suborned and self-respecting Republicans to whose confidence it can appeal, and with all deference and respects submits:

"The next Governor of the State of New York will be a Democrat.

"The next Governor of the State of New York will be the next President of the United States."

Yet after all the Sun may be mistaken and the next governor of New York may not be the next president of the United States. But its prediction shows the Democratic trend of public opinion and that even Republicans see the probable downfall of the party of trusts, protection, graft and scandals.

THE BANKS GAIN MILLIONS.

Press reports from New York report that the Secretary of the Treasury when in that city a few days ago authorized the statement that he would promptly deposit money in the banks, if money rates hardened, and that he would immediately return to the banks in the shape of public deposits the money received from the sale of Panama Canal bonds. So the banks under arrangement are to have their cake and eat it too. They buy the canal bonds and draw the interest and our kind and devoted friend of the corporations, the Secretary of the Treasury, will hand them back the money, "if rates harden" and who can doubt the rates will not "harden" under such an incentive. If the rates

"harden" to 8 per cent, the banks would be able to loan the \$30,000,000 at the rate of \$2,400,000 a year and at the same time be drawing the regular interest of 2 per cent on the bonds or \$600,000.

The question naturally arises, why did the Administration sell Panama bonds when the money was not needed in the Treasury? Respectfully referred to the President and his Secretary of the Treasury.

A Mail Order Failure.

Capital, \$5,000,000. Money in bank, less than \$100.

The Cash Buyers' Union First National Co-operative Society, of Chicago, is again in trouble—this time in the hands of a receiver.

Local merchants have often figured out certain doom of mail-order houses yet witnessed the growth and expansion of those destroyers of local trade. But once in a while the crash does come, and the farmers who have sent their money are caught—as are manufacturers who supply the goods.

This is not the first of the great Chicago mail-order houses to go under—for the sake of the "farmers" it is to be hoped that others will not follow. And yet some farmers do not deserve sympathy. They do love to get ahead of their neighbor who is in trade. And, some, like the eel love to be skinned.—The Sewing Machine Times.

This shows what will become of mail order houses claiming to sell high grade goods for less than the cost of manufacturing. If you continue to trade at home, you will soon find that very few of the catalogue houses will be in business in a short time.

GRIFFIN TOWN ITEMS.

John Harper who has been visiting his family here will return to his turpentine distilling business in Florida.

As it is tobacco curing season chickens should roost high, or they may find themselves in the furnaces. A hint to the wise, &c.

The delegates who attended the Judicial convention at Rocky Mount are highly pleased with the re-nomination of Daniels for Solicitor.

A. T. Griffin went out to get some corn for dinner a few days ago, and discovered that he had full-developed ears of corn 16 inches in length.

It is said that there are seven widows in two square miles of this place, and the "courting fellows" who have an eye for business are "springing up."

We would be delighted to have the Editor visit us, as soon as our program "laid by," as we want to show him how we farm in this section, and also let him judge for himself the size that water melons grow here.

Our "town" is full of well-diggers, and they are very kind and accommodating. A few days ago they went from house to house among their neighbors and cleaned out wells free of charge. Such kindness is always appreciated.

Prompt Settlement.

LOUISBURG, N. C., July 24, 1906.
MR. T. W. WATSON,
Sec'y Carolina Live Stock Mutual Ins. Co., Louisburg N. C.

DEAR SIR:—I thank you for check for \$200.00 in settlement for policy on one of my mules. I had insurance in your Company on three mules; one of these died last evening and I was informed of it this morning. Within an hour of making formal proof to the Company your check in full settlement was received by me. Your prompt action in this matter ought to commend the Carolina Live Stock Association of Louisburg to the favorable attention of stock owners. Again thanking you, I am,

Very respectfully,
J. B. WILDER.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM WELL EXPLAINED.

Horny-Handed Sons of Toll Discuss Important Subjects—The Discussions Were Very Beneficial to the Farmers.

In accordance with the notice heretofore given in the TIMES, a Farmers Institute was held in the Court House in Louisburg on Wednesday. It was conducted by Professors Sherman and Roberts of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and Prof. Conner, of the Florida Experiment Station.

Introductory remarks were made by Prof. Sherman, after which the preparation and cultivation of crops was discussed by Prof. Conner.

Care and feeding of farm-work stock was very interestingly discussed by Prof. Roberts, and Prof. Sherman gave a very instructive talk upon fruits, vegetables and insects and pests. The lecture in the afternoon upon fertilizers and how to use them by Prof. Conner was listened to with much interest by the farmers, after which the Question Box was opened when the discussions became general.

The attendance while not as large as it should have been, probably on account of the busy season with the farmers, quite a number of the county's most prominent and successful tillers of the soil were present, and judging from their talk after adjournment, they were highly pleased with the day's work.

These Institutes, if taken advantage of by the farmers for whose benefit they are held, will prove very beneficial.

U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet in the Masonic Hall Wednesday afternoon August first.

MRS. F. S. SPRETTILL, Pres.
MRS. R. H. DAVIS, Sec'y.

New Tobacco Firm.

As will be seen by their advertisement in this issue, Messrs. J. Edgar Harris and Geo. W. Ford have formed a co-partnership and will run the Ford warehouse this season. Mr. Harris has been connected with the tobacco business in the county for several years, and with his experience and energy together with that of his partner, Mr. Ford, this firm will no doubt do a large share of the tobacco business the coming season. They will have their opening sale on August 17th. Mr. R. O. Bissett who has been connected with the tobacco market for several years, will be with the firm, and you can rest assured the "figures will all be correct."

To Locate in Monroe.

Dr. E. S. Green, dentist, who made a short visit to Monroe last week, informs us that he has decided to locate in that flourishing town. He will go to Baltimore in a few days to purchase his office supplies, and hopes to have it open for business in a very short time. Dr. Green is well equipped for his profession, being a graduate of Wake Forest College, and having taken a full course in dentistry in the University of Maryland.

It was the wish of his many friends that the doctor would locate in Louisburg, but as he has decided to do otherwise they will all join the editor of the TIMES in wishing him abundant success. We commend him to the good people of his adopted home, and assure them they will find Dr. Green a young gentleman worthy of their confidence and patronage.

A CARD.

I wish to thank those friends who rendered so many kindnesses to me and mine in our recent bereavement.
E. B. SMITH.

STALLINGS ITEMS.

Miss Lillie Glasgow is visiting relatives near Tarboro.

Miss Mary Wester, who has been very sick, is convalescing.

Since it has been raining the young folks have been having an enjoyable time.

The rain! The rain! Some of us people have it every day, while others do not get any. It rains in spots, some farmers have not had but three days ploughing in two weeks while others can plough every day.

A few days ago Miss Myrtle Stallings entertained her Sunday School class from 4:30 to 7 o'clock. Her class consists of 24 little boys and girls. Owing to a bad day all were not present, but those who did venture out enjoyed the hour very much in playing games and the like. Refreshments were served. The children went away more devoted to their teacher than ever for the good time she had given them.

Among the visitors here are Miss Susie Finch, of Littleton, is visiting Miss Lilla Jones. Miss Mary Glasgow, of Littleton, is visiting Miss Wirta Glasgow. Miss Ola Perry, of Mapleville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Earle. Miss Ava Aycock has returned to her home in Louisburg after a few days visit with her friend Miss Ola Perry, to Mrs. Earle. Miss Lillie Hayes has returned home after a visit to Miss Annie Stone.

Misses Bettie Stallings and Mamie Evans gave an ice cream supper on the evening of July 18th at the home of Mr. Walter Evans. In spite of the inclement weather a merry company soon assembled. As they came they were met at the hall door by Miss Mamie Evans. Miss Bettie Stallings escorted the guests to the cloak room and from there to the parlor door where they were received by Miss Mattie Evans. After a time spent in pleasant talk and games the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests filed in and enjoyed a beautiful supply of delicious cream and cakes. As the hands of the clock were nearing the hour of twelve the happy company took their departure, all voting it a most pleasant occasion.

Falling to see anything in your paper about our joint church reunion and masonic picnic at Cedar Rock on Saturday, July 14th, will say something about it. After one of Bro. G. M. Duke's splendid sermons to a large audience the church roll was called then came the public installation of the masonic officers. They were presented by W. M. Boone, of Louisburg, with Rev. G. M. Duke as installing officer, as follows: T. S. Collier, W. M.; R. B. Gilliam, Sr. W.; J. B. Glasgow, Jr. W.; W. I. Stallings, Sec.; J. S. Batebeator, Treas.; J. F. Fulghum, Tyler; M. D. Smith, Sr. D.; W. B. Moore, Jr. D.; John Brown and H. J. Harper, Stewards. A sumptuous dinner was then spread over the grove, of which all partook with much enjoyment. In the afternoon the masons had a meeting in the lodge room, after which, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Joe Gordon made a short and interesting talk in the church. The day was much enjoyed by all, especially by the young people. Friends met, some perhaps, who had not met for years. Such a meeting does one good and the writer hopes we can have such a one every year.

P. R. S.
July 23rd, 1906.

Tax ice trust has put up the price of ice "to save the babies". This is a new form of "benevolent assimilation"; but it is very effective. And then it operates at home, and helps the coffin trust and the grave-diggers. No use of going abroad any more in order to "revere", or "simulate" weak and helpless human beings. It pays just as well, and is much cheaper, to butcher and pack them in their cradles right in our own cities.