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Somebody brave and strong
With a helping hand and a generous heart,
With a gift of deed or song.
Do you doubtfully question, "Who?"
'Tis you, my friend, 'tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody,
The sad world, bleak and cold,
Where wan-faced children are crying
For hope in the eyes of the old.
Do you wonderingly question, "Who?"
'Tis you, my friend, 'tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody,
And has been, years on years,
Somebody to soften its sorrow,
Somebody to heed its fears,
Then doubting question no longer, "Who?"
For, Oh, my friend, 'tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody,
A deed of love to do,
Then up and hasten, everybody,
For everybody is you!
For everybody is you, my friend,
For everybody is you?

—Ida Idding Gale.

LEARN TO DO SOMETHING WELL.

David Starr Jordan, President of the Leland Stanford, Jr, University, in the National Advocate.

One of the most disquieting features of the social conditions of our times is a rush of the young men to the cities. Resulting from this is the weakness and insensibility of the farming population as compared with the same class half a century ago Steadiness of national character goes with firmness of foothold on the soil. We may well look with alarm on a condition in which men of wealth and power shall be gathered in the cities, while the farms are left to the weak and inefficient or to the peasants of other nations

As matters are, the cities are great destroyers of human life. We have not learned properly to govern them effectively, and every city is full of human failures, results of misdirected effort. A tour of the principal streets, halls and meeting places on Sunday evening in any great city will show how terribly true this is Certainly one fourth of the population of such a city as San Francisco for example has no real business there. These people are doing nothing effective for themselves or helpful to others, and the condition of the other three fourths and most likely their condition, would be distinctly improved if these misfit persons would go back to the farms

No one can succeed in city or country unless he is able or willing to do some one thing well and to stick to it Because the life of the country is simpler more honest, it is easier for a man of moderate ability to fit into it. I call it more honest, because the farm life deals with nature at first hand, while the city life deals with the shifting relations of men.

"The farmer trades with nature through no middle-man. Nature is as honest as eternity, and she never fails to meet the just dues of those who have claims upon her."

In the city, opportunity to gratify ambition are more numerous and greater than in the county. But opportunity comes only to the man who makes use of it. For a man who can do important things and can do them well, the city will always furnish something worthy to do. Hence the success of thousands of men who have gone to the cities with their world goods on their backs and no capital but their brains.

But the great majority of those who leave the farmer are not of this type. They have not learned to do anything well, least of all anything the people of the cities wants. Hence the failure of those who go to the cities without capital of any kind, or with capital of other kind than brains.

The great obstacle in the way of the effective workingman is not organized capital; it is inefficiency. It is the great crowd of those who can do nothing well, and whose presence causes a general scramble whenever there is any work to be done. Capitalists could and would double the wages of labor if they were assured of intelligent, effective and loyal men Brains and heart are the servants that a man can afford to pay for If you cannot furnish one or the other of these, there is no help for you. You cannot live by the work of your hands. Least of all can you do this is a city, where competition is severe, and where three men are struggling for the chance to do the work of one.

There is no doubt that the congestion of the cities is in part the effect of unwise legislation. We have used every effort to be something more than a nation of farmers, and in this effort we have almost ruined our farms. But legislative is not the main cause of the congestion of cities The other causes are bringing about the same result in all civilized nations. Even Rome has a "real estate boom," an unfortunate condition which arises as the people crowd into the capital. It is not clear what the end will be or how the evil will find its remedy. But we may say to every farmer's son: You have your own life to make If the country you are sure of your ground You will get what you deserve, while your future will not be ruinous. Do not go to the city—the country needs you. If you go with nothing to give that the city cares for, you will find yourself cast aside Brains the city wants and will pay for and devour Loyalty of service will be recognized and valued in this world or any other. Hand work pure and simple, without skill or pride in it, commands no price in the market. There is no chance about this. The results are sure as fate. If you do poor things poorly, you will always be poor. What you can do, a bucket of coal and a bucket of water, guided by a thimbleful of brains, will do more effectively. When the time shall come that each workman can use his power to the best advantage, we shall have an end to the labor problem. The final answer to the labor problem is that each shall solve it for himself.

When you have solved the labor problem for yourself and are ready with the answer, then you can go to the city, and wherever you go you will find the success you deserve. If all men waited as you should wait before rushing to the cities, we should have no labor problem, no problem of municipal government; and nothing to fear from the desertion of the farms or from the congestion of the towns Learn to do something well. It will make a man of you, and wherever he goes a man will find that he is needed.

Womans Exposition of the Carolinas.

Special Correspondence.

CHARLOTTE, N C., June 1.—The opening of the Women's Exposition has marked an epoch in the history of the Carolinas One person of ability has said that the achievement of the women has been remarkable. It is at least an assured fact, that Mecklenburg's women have given to the Carolinas the best fair or exposition ever held in the Piedmont section and have gathered together rare gems of art, in the fine art department In fact the exhibits of every character far exceed anything ever shown in our smaller expositions. Some have remarked that greater satisfaction is found in visiting the affair than in the larger expositions, where so much is shown that only a small part of it can be enjoyed, while in Charlotte the women have gathered all in so compact a shape that nothing is missed.

The S A. L. has granted a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on the line from May 28th to June 10th. The limit of the tickets will be five days, giving every one ample opportunity to see the Exposition and Charlotte.

June 1st, 3rd and 8th the S A. L. will sell tickets from all points within a radius of 200 miles at about one cent per mile for every mile traveled. The fare from the following points will give some idea of the cheapness of this rate:

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Raleigh,	3.70
Wilmington,	3.90
Wadesboro,	1.30
Chester,	1.50
Shelby,	1.30
Rutherfordton,	1.90

Saturday June 5th, will be celebrated as Charlotte Daily News Day, when the evening News will give away special souvenirs to all who attend, and will themselves arrange an attractive special programme

The 7th of June will be Raleigh Day, and a special train will be run from Raleigh to the Exposition over the S. A. L The rate will be extremely low, $2.00 for the round trip, including admission to the building. The train will leave the Union Depot at 7 a. m Monday, June 7th reaching Charlotte at 12 30 noon. This will give the entire afternoon at the Exposition, where meals can be procured

On the 9th, Columbia Day, a special train will be run from Columbia by the Hospital Association of that place. Other special days are to be announced. Carolinians cannot afford to miss seeing the Women's Exposition which closes June 11th.

Washington Letter

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 31, 1897.

A real investigation of the sugar scandal—one that would go to the bottom of things and not get frightened off when on the track of information that would incriminate Senators—would be a good and desirable thing to have, but another fizzle like the last one would be worse than useless, because it would do more harm than good. The people recognize a job of whitewashing as quickly when it is done by Senators as by humbler wielders of the brush. Senator Jones, of Nevada, who was inferentially charged by Senator Aldrich with having given out the sugar schedule before the tariff bill was reported to the Senate, is Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. to which Senator Tillman's resolution for a sugar investigation by a committee of five Senators was referred, and he says the committee will report the resolution favorably. That makes it reasonably certain that the resolution will be adopted, because a number of Senators who would like to vote against it will not dare to do so. It will all depend upon the formation of the investigating committee whether it will mean business or a farce. Senator Tillman will be Chairman of the Committee. If he be given four colleagues as fearless as himself, the guilty Senators, if there be any such, will be brought to book, and the sugar trust, the head of which got cleared on that other indictment will also be shown up; but if he be given colleagues who are afraid of their shadows, nothing will come of the investigation.

The Republican Steering Committee in the Senate is slowly but surely undoing the work of the sub committee that prepared the amendment to the Dingley tariff bill, and by the time the bill gets through the Senate, the rate of duties imposed therein will average almost or quite as high as the Dingley bill. The tax on tea and the increased tax on beer are doomed, and we are likely to have an internal revenue tax on bank checks, mortgages, etc., in their places, unless the Republicans get frightened out of the idea by protests.

Speaker Reed's readiness to reverse rulings made by him as Speaker and opinions given by him as authority on parliamentary law would be amusing, if the matter was not of too serious a nature to be so regarded. Whatever standing as an authority on parliamentary rules and practice Mr. Reed had previous to the present session of Congress, has been lost by his decisions, which have made it plain that he recognizes nothing higher than his own will in making decisions. Heretofore many people who disagreed with Mr. Reed's parliamentary rulings in many particulars have been willing to give him credit for conscientious belief in them himself, but they are not now. After all, Mr. Reed is not solely to blame. A few of the Republican members of the House could at any time rebuke the method pursued by Mr. Reed, by voting with the Democrats, but they have not done and are not likely to do so, On the contrary, if Mr Reed should rule that Mr. Chaplain's prayer was out of order and a Democrat appeal from the ruling, the Republicans would almost to a man vote to sustain the Speaker. With the Republicans in the House, it is not a question of what is right to do, but of what Reed wants them to do. Senator Morgan was doubtless out of order when he made that stirring attack upon Speaker Reed and the House on the floor of the Senate, but the attack was certainly deserved and Senator Morgan's assertion that the present methods of the House are not constitutional is receiving close attention, and may result in a change.

The selection of Whitelaw Reid and his brother in-law, Ogden Mills, to be respectively Special Ambassador and Secretary to the Ambassador to represent the United States at the Queen's jubilee ceremonies in London, is another indication of Mr. McKinley's disposition to cater to the wealthy. Whitelaw Reid, thanks to his father in-law's money and some lever very clearly explained business manipulations, acquired a controlling interest in the paper established by Horace Greely, and later by political trickery got Levi P. Morton turned down by the Republican National Convention and himself substituted for Benjamin Harrison's running mate in his last campaign. These may be reasons why he should be especially honored, but why Mr. Mills, who has never been anything but an idle society man, should be honored is inexplainable on any other ground than that of money-worship on the part of Mr. McKinley.

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Tillman After the Sugar Stock Senators.

Washington Dispatch, May 28.

After a long period of silence, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, startled the Senate to-day by a speech no less dramatic in its delivery than sensational in its allegations. He preceeded it by presenting a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five Senators to investigate charges of speculation by Senators while the tariff bill was before the finance committee. In advocating the resolution he threw aside the usual conventionalities of the Senate, and with a plainness of speech seldom heard about the halls of Congress, called on his associates to investigate the published charges of senatorial speculation, and if found true, purge the Senate of those who debauched it. The Senator had published articles read from the desk stating that Senators had recently made large sums of money in speculating in sugar stock, and in one instance the name of a Senator was mentioned. Mr. Tillman spoke for nearly an hour, every line of his speech being punctuated with intense invective.

Attention Veterans!

All Confederate Veterans expecting to go to the Reunion at Nashville, Tenn., are requested to report their intention to John M. Houck adjutant of the John T Jones Camp, so that arrangements can be made for their accommodation to Nashville. Faithfully yours.

Adj. John M. Houck.

The leaders of the Democratic party in Washington State declare their intention to rescind the fusion of the last campaign, recognize the Democrats and conduct future campaigns upon the Chicago platform. A general meeting of Democratic committeemen has been called to this end to meet at Spokane June 14.

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ONE WOMAN IN A THOUSAND.

Washington Special to New York World.

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The commissioner thought another promotion was being requested and got ready to gently refuse it, when his petitioner continued: "I want to ask you if you will let this other woman have my promotion and the increased salary until she is in better circumstances Then we may change again."

The request was granted.

An exchange says a genius of an investigative mind turned up a beehive to learn what its occupants were doing. He found out. He says they were making chain lightning and had two tons on hand, which exploded before he could get the hive down. Guess he will quit prying in where he is not wanted.

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In a Chicago court last week Judge Hutchison refused to permit a series of shadowgraphs made by the Roent-gen-ray process to be used as evidence in a damage suit on trial in his court Carl Lempke sued the Gloss Printing Company for $10,000 damages for injuries he received while an employe of the company. His leg was crushed above the ankle by a piece of machinery falling on it. His attorneys produced in court X-ray pictures of the injured limb, showing how the bones had been broken. Judge Hutchison held that the pictures were not admissable.

Our Homes.

A more pleasant thing can not be found than a happy and contented home, and everything which tends to make such homes should be encouraged and fostered. A home can not be entirely satisfactory where the little ones are complaining and peevish, as they are sure to be when they are troubled with worms. Mrs. Winslow's Vermifuge is probably the best medicine knewn for the expulsion of worms, and on this account is a wonderful help toward making homes happy.

It is understood in Washington that the Sultan of Turkey objects to receiving James B Angell as minister of the United States in Constantinople. The objections of the Sultan are based upon Minister Angell's "membership in a Christian order whose animosities against the Mohamedan religion are extreme." Angell is from Michigan and was appointed minister to Tarkey some time ago.

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It has been discovered that a female patient in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore has leprosy. She has been isolated and will be cared for by the hospinal authorities until the health authorities can make arrangements for her elsewhere. The woman is a native of Baltimore and it is thought contracted the terrible malady a number of years ago while in the West Indies.

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