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IMMIGRANTS FOR THE SOUTH.

The Right of the South to Insist Upon Having None Save the Best.

Robert De C. Ward in the Tradesman, July 15th, 1905.

That thousands of our immigrants are not healthy and fit is proved beyond question. That many are not honest and industrious is shown by the fact there are now 44,985 aliens supported or confined in the charitable or penal institutions of our country, of whom 20,485 are insane and 9,825 are criminals.

It is evident that much of our present immigration is as unfit on the farm as in the city; that it is of low vitality, poor physique, very ignorant, often diseased, mentally deficient and of criminal tendencies; by reason of its much lower standard of living entering into unhealthy competition with American labor.

The people of the south are now in a position to exercise a determining influence upon the character of the future American race. The railroads are ready to distribute over the Southern States many unhealthy, shiftless and unfit aliens from northern city slums, and are planning to carry on this distribution on a vastly larger scale, by taking the newly-arrived immigrants directly from the steamships. If such a wholesale and indiscriminate distribution is allowed to go on without a check on the part of the south, our railroads, and the trans-Atlantic steamship lines and European governments will have good reasons to congratulate themselves. But the people of the south must realize that such a distribution of undesirable aliens will not give them the labor they need; will injure the quality of the American race of the future; will spread more widely the evils which result from exposing our own people to competition with the lower classes of aliens. Hence, the south must become a strong supporter of any reasonable measure of further selection of immigration, for it cannot fail to see that the continued influx of hundreds of thousands of unhealthy, shiftless and unfit immigrants is a burden upon and a detriment to the whole country.

Obviously, intelligently directed distribution of desirable immigrants is most essential, but the immigrants must be sent where they will find work which they are physically and mentally fitted to perform. This country needs and wants none but honest, industrious, intelligent, healthy and fit immigrants. Any reasonable legislation which shall improve the quality, physical as well as mental, of our immigration, and reduce the quantity to the point of proper assimilation, should be supported. Our immigration should be amended, and there should be addition to the excluded classes.

THE HEAD-TAX SHOULD BE RAISED.

A head-tax of 50 cents on each immigrant was imposed by act of congress in 1882. It was later raised to \$1, and the act of March 8, 1906, increased it to \$2. This money is paid by the steamship companies, and is simply added to the price of the passage ticket. The immigrant himself knows nothing of the payment. The head-tax is paid into the United States treasury, forming what is known as the "immigrant fund," and is spent in maintaining the immigration service. This head-tax should be increased to \$25. The chief reason for advocating such an increase is that we have no other means of keeping the steerage passage rate to the United States at a figure which

MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

A Few Short Items of Events Occurring Over the Line.

Mocksville Courier, April 12th.

Little Lucy Bryant, of Coolee-mee, a bright and popular second grade pupil in school, died last Thursday.

The commencement of Coolee-mee Graded School will take place May the 19th and 20th. This commencement bids fair to be the best one in the history of the school.

Thos. A. Brunt, one of Farmington's largest farmers, has been adjudged insane and application has been made to the proper authorities to have him placed in the Hospital at Morganton.

Rev. Vincent Walker, of Center, celebrated his 90th birthday Thursday, April 5th, with a dinner, words fail to describe and a family reunion, there being only four of his children absent. It was an enjoyable occasion for each and every one of the fifty or more who were present. Rev. Walker is, we believe, the only man in the county having sons living who fought under the Stars and Bars.

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brings it somewhere near the rate to South America and other countries to which immigrants are likely to go. When a steamship war is on, the steerage rates may drop to \$10, or even less, as they did in the summer of 1904, and as they seem likely to do again. Such a reduction immediately brings a large influx of desperately poor and generally undesirable aliens, as was the case last year. An increase head-tax means a larger "immigration fund," and that means more effective administration of existing laws and better care of the immigrants. It is objected to an increase head-tax that the honesty and character of an immigrant do not depend upon his ability to pay a certain sum of money and that undesirable persons, criminals for example, might easily pay the tax. In answer to this objection it need only be pointed out that the higher head-tax is not to be substituted for the other restrictive clauses of existing law; it is to be added to them. Criminals are already excluded by law. They would be excluded—if detected—even if they could pay the larger head-tax. It is not proposed as a revenue measure. It is intended as a means—the only means within our reach—of keeping the steerage passage above the level of pauper rates. The United States should not be chosen by an immigrant, as it now often is, because it is the cheapest country to go to. It should be selected because it is the best, and the best is worth paying for. A head-tax of \$25 was not desirable years ago. It becomes more and more necessary as the increasing facilities of land and water transportation make it easier and cheaper to come here. Furthermore, it is absurd to say that the added head-tax would act as a permanent and insuperable barrier to many desirable aliens, for any hard working and ambitious man or woman who wanted to come here could earn the extra money. It would doubtless deter many of the shiftless and incompetent, and it would prevent such shipments of paupers and criminals as are now known to have been made, with the connivance, if not at the direct expense of the authorities abroad.

(To be Continued.)

THE REIGN OF PUBLIC OPINION.

Men Who Fear Nothing Else Cower Before the Judgment of Public Opinion.

Biblical Recorder.

One of the most impressive things is the responsiveness of all men to Public Opinion. Men of the greatest powers cower before the judgment of their fellows. Even likewise nations. For Public Opinion forced Japan and Russia to make peace. That was the point of the diplomacy indulged in by the plenipotentiaries, and Russia succeeded in putting Japan in the position of continuing the war for mere money. Japan could not stand that because it would forfeit her cherished claims among the civilized nations. The princes of American commerce and the bosses of American politics have lately gone down in a heap before Public Opinion. Mr. Rockefeller never spoke a word in defence of himself until it appears that the American people were about to repudiate his benevolence on account of their suspicion that he had made it unfairly. We believe he will yet come into court and give testimony rather than endure the present Judgment of the People—Judgment not unlike that which killed John A. McCall. Senator Depew, rich and proud, has been plunged into melancholia by Public Opinion.

Men can endure their own self-reproaches, men can defy God; but men cannot endure the Judgment of the Public.

The organ of Public Opinion is the newspaper and the editor. If we do not look well to our papers, if we do not repudiate the evil-minded men that would conduct newspapers, if we do not watch our newspapers with most jealous eyes, we shall not only have papers issued in behalf of special interests, but papers issued in behalf of personal hate. Newspapers are as human as the men that make them.

Piano Strength.

The back and plates in the Weaver piano are built along the lines of the old high grade artistic instruments, many of which were improved in tone with use for a number of years, and held their own for several generations. The manufacturers of the Weaver piano have no sympathy with the modern idea of reducing the weight of the piano, to save the freight and a few dollars in the cost of manufacturing, at the expense of the staying qualities of the piano. The combined pressure of all the strings in a piano when properly tuned up amount to about twenty tons. Weakness in construction disappoints many a customer who purchases a piano with many of the features of a strictly high grade instrument, but which soon becomes weak and metallic in tone and does not have the rigidity to keep in tune and to keep the entire structure in proper position, so as to allow the action to work freely and properly throughout the life of the piano. Purchasers of the Weaver pianos do not have this risk. All improvements of value that have been developed by modern methods have been adapted for the Weaver piano, and old time strength and durability are studiously maintained. Ask for catalogue.

WEAVER ORGAN & PIANO CO.,
Manufacturers, York, Pa.

Picnic at Barrier Springs.

Miss Lucy Barrier gave a picnic Easter Monday at Barrier Springs, near Gold Knob. There were several present besides those living in the vicinity; among them were: Miss Maggie Phillips, from Concord; Miss Martha Palmer, from Palmersville; Miss Foust, Crescent; Misses Dora and Mollie Wilhelm, from Providence; Messrs. Shaver and Park, from Crescent; S. T. Trexler, from Salisbury; H. C. Park, Mt. Pleasant; E. A. Goodman and Rufus Trexler, of the Goodman and Aray Developing Co. Everyone had a good time.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Work Has Begun on the Southbound. Smithet Spain Dead.

Lexington Dispatch, April 11th.

Messrs. L. B. Edwards and R. Maxwell, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, have been employed as civil engineers for the new electric railway between Thomasville and Greensboro. They have already begun the survey and will continue it till completed.

Two sons of Ned Rachael, of Bain, are dead with consumption. One of the deceased was 80 years of age and the other 24. Seven of this family have died with the same disease. The names of the two who are the last to die are Numa and Rome.

Next Tuesday evening, April 17th, at 8 o'clock, M. V. Richards, of Washington, land and industrial agent for the Southern Railway, will address the citizens of Lexington on industrial subjects. Mr. Richards comes here by invitation of the Lexington Board of Trade.

An unusual happening was a fish sale at the depot Sunday morning, when shad sold for a shilling a piece and croakers at five cents each. There was a consignment of two boxes for Joe Hammer, but they arrived too late to be handled Saturday night and the express agent disposed of them.

Although in several of the surrounding counties politics has already reached the boiling point so far everything is quiet in Davidson, and no arrangements have as yet been made. The only political news we have heard as regards candidates is that G. Foster Hankins will be in the race for the nomination for representative. Mr. Hankins has served one term in the house and has made a good record.

Monday a force of hands began work on the Southbound Railway and we are now promised that the construction of the road will be pushed with all possible speed. The contract for the first section of the road was awarded on Monday to Pruden and Bennett, contractors, of Atlanta, who at once placed a force on the line and work began. As fast as the right of way can be secured the road will be built towards Lexington.

Monday morning at 4:35 o'clock the first section of fast freight No. 72, north bound, was wrecked a little more than a mile north of town. Thirteen cars were derailed, eleven of which were thrown down a 25 foot embankment and wrecked, in some instances beyond repair. Two cars, although off the rails, remained on the track. The engine, with twelve cars, remained on the rails, as did the caboose and four cars. None of the train crew were injured.

Smithet Spain, an aged citizen of Linwood, died at his home last Wednesday and was buried at Jersey church on Thursday. Mr. Spain was a native of England and came to this country 32 years ago. He first made his home in Richmond, Va., and then came to this county. He was in his 82nd year. One child survives him, Mrs. Matilda Smith, of Linwood, and Mrs. Spain is also living. Mr. Spain's death is due in part to old age, but a short time ago he fell down the stairs at his home and this hastened the end. Mr. Spain was a man of considerable wealth and leaves a large estate.—[Mr. Spain lived in Salisbury for a time several years ago and will be remembered by a number of our people.—Ed.]

The Sunday quiet in Lexington

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

An Independent Telephone Company Organized and the Bell Opposed.

Statesville Landmark, April 12th.

Mrs. Annie Upright, wife of Mr. Samuel Upright, died at her home in Amity section yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

A degree team from the local lodge of Odd Fellows will go to Taylorsville the latter part of the week to establish a lodge of the order there.

Work was commenced yesterday afternoon on the brick foundations which will support the canon to be placed on either side of the Confederate monument.

A crane measuring six feet long from tip to tip was exhibited on the street here Saturday and excited a good deal of curiosity. The bird was killed on Fifth creek by a negro, who shot merely to frighten, but accidentally killed it.

Franklin M. Miller died Monday of this week at his home in Shiloh township, after an illness of three months. He was 77 years, 7 months and 7 days old.

The directors of the Statesville Flour Mills have decided to increase the capacity of their mill 66 2/3 per cent, giving the mill a capacity of 400 barrels daily. The additional machinery has been ordered and will be ready to be placed by the middle of May.

The Wallace-Hemphill Co., which established a wholesale clothing house business in Statesville six months ago, has met with fine success. The business has grown to such an extent that more space is necessary and for some time the company has been seeking larger quarters.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Eugene Morrison, was unanimously adopted:

"The citizens of Statesville in mass meeting assembled do
Resolve, That we are unalterably opposed to the Bell Telephone Company owning the only telephone system in Statesville and Irredell county; that we are unalterably opposed to any compromise by which they may obtain control of the only system here, and that Messrs. H. P. Grier and R. V. Brawley be and are hereby authorized to apply for a franchise and charter, and that an independent telephone system be put in as soon as it is possible to do so.

A Young Mother at 70.

"My Mother has suddenly been made young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Danforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets Stomach, Liver and Kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures Malaria, Biliousness and Weaknesses. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50. Guaranteed by all drug stores.

was rudely disturbed on Sunday afternoon by a row among the negroes in the negro quarters, in which Odell Lowe, a son of Lindsay Lowe, shot Alex Hargrave. The ball from a 32 calibre pistol passed through the fleshy part of the arm, through the negro's coat and underclothes, stopping when it struck the skin, dropping out afterwards on the court house steps when he came to swear out the warrant. Lowe was bound over undr \$200 bond, which he gave.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

A Rowan Man Burned Out, A Negro Accidentally Shot.

Stanly Enterprise, April 11th.

J. P. Harper, of Salisbury, team contractor, has returned to Whitney after several days absence in St. Louis where he has been to purchase stock. Mr. Harper brought back with him some excellent mules and a number of Kentucky bred horses.

Mrs. Nannie Harper, mother of J. P. Harper and Mrs. J. W. Davis, after spending some time at Whitney, has returned to her home in Kentucky.

The house known as the Chas. Palmer house near Ebenezer church was burned last Wednesday. Mr. Reinhart, of Rockwell, was living there. Nearly everything was burned. Some of the children leaped from windows upstairs. The origin of the fire is unknown. Another house will be erected soon.

Brantley, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reeves was kicked by a horse Saturday noon just as he went to unhitch. He was plowing near Ebenezer church. The horse kicked him below the heart and on the hand. He was carried home and all was done that was possible, but Sunday evening about 10 o'clock the last ray of hope ceased—the golden chord of life was a kind, loving obedient child. He will be greatly missed in the home and among friends.

Alex. Standback, col., was accidentally shot at Whitney near No. 8 shovel Saturday, April 7th, by one Mack McCrary, col., who was firing his Iver Johnson pistol at Supt. Kenny. Standback, with several negroes, was attempting to escape from the voluninous firing of the two men when he was overtaken by a pistol ball fired by Morary, entering underneath his right ear finding lodgment somewhere near the left ear. Standback was sent to the Good Samaritan hospital at Charlotte. McCrary took to the woods after going to Hall & Co.'s Store and purchasing a number of cartridges to refill his Iver Johnson, but was overtaken in less than two hours time below Lowders' Ferry two miles from here. He was confined in the county jail pending the result of Standback's wounds.

S. M. Kirk desires us to say that the Falls on Easter Monday will be arrayed in all of its old-time glory, and that a picnic eclipsing all former records is expected.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church of New London will give on Easter Monday night an oyster and fish supper, for the benefit of the parsonage. Our correspondent requested this announcement last week but belated mails failed to place the notice before us in time.

The Albemarle Gazette has passed into a state of innocuous desuetude and a new paper is appointed to phoenix like, spring from its ashes. Editor S. A. Underwood and the old regime, for some cause, have been retired and Z. B. Sanders, the quondam editor, again assumes the tripod to be the talisman of restoration. This is very good evidence that the campaign is now on.

A Badly Burned Girl

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekumsha, Mich. says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at all drug stores.