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WHY WOMEN'S GOODS ARE HIGHER.

Washington Dispatch to the Women; Men Must Not Read!

Written expressly for this newspaper. By Marion E. Leland. Washington, July 25.—Madam, have you been to the dry goods store lately, the dry goods store in your own town?

Have you noticed that you must pay from 10 to 12 cents these days for the standard muslin that retailed for 8 and 9 cents not so long ago?

And do you know that gingham that sold last year for 7 1/2 cents a yard now cost 8 1/2?

Those questions are addressed to the womenfolk. In fact, this article is dedicated to the women of Salisbury. This is because the editor has asked for a political letter from Washington for the sole interest of his women readers.

Yes, the request was somewhat unusual. The newspaper correspondents who sit in the Press Galleries in the United States Capitol seldom if ever prepare an article for the enlightenment of the women of the land. But why not? Is it not true that they do more buying than the men? And that increased prices pinches the women even more than the men?

Now if you have noted that muslins and gingham and such are higher do you know the reason? Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island and Senator Flint of California stated on the floor of the Senate that the retailers were to blame for the upward tendency of prices. These senators were simply trying to pass the responsibility from their shoulders, where it belongs, to the shoulders of the corner store, where it does not belong. Your local retailer is as blameless for increasing prices as you are.

Then who is to blame? I can give you the answer. The colored gentleman in the woodpile is the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The members of Congress who voted for this measure will be explaining to your husbands before long that they voted for protection. But what they really voted for was extortion.

STOCKING COSTS MORE NOW. Gingham and lace are not the only things that cost more because of the passage of the "extortion" bill. Take stockings for instance:

A year ago a popular seller was a German knit cotton stocking with a seamless foot and Louis Hermerdorf dyes. This stocking cost the merchant \$2.25 a dozen pair and sold for 25 cents a pair.

Last year a certain American stocking, not so well dyed, nor so well made, cost the merchant \$1.75 a dozen pair.

To-day the American stocking costs the merchant \$2.25 a dozen and sells for 25 cents. Do you see the point? The tariff has raised the price of its German rival 10 cents a pair, and it is no longer on sale. The greedy American gets a monopoly on stockings. Then he immediately raises his price to the retailer. And you are now paying the same price for an inferior article that you used to pay for a good article.

Higher prices and cheaper qualities! That is the short definition of Aldrichism.

FIGURES TELL THE STORY. Here is a table supplied by a leading wholesale dry goods establishment which tells its own story:

	Cost prior to Payne same Article.	Cost of articles to-day.
Men's, women's and children's hosiery	Per doz. \$1.67	Per doz. \$1.83
	1.84	2.05
	2.21	2.48
	2.59	2.86
Men's cotton and Jersey Gloves	.72	1.17
	1.26	1.65
	1.62	1.96

WOMEN'S CLOTHES COST MORE. Women's clothes cost more this year than they did last as a re-

PEARSON FLAYS TAFT.

Cannot Endorse, Defend, Justify, Extenuate or Understand Acts of President Taft.

Asheville, July 25.—Republicans in Asheville and Buncombe county were given a severe jolt this evening when Richmond Pearson, former United States minister to Persia and Greece, caused to be published a communication in which he not only declined to accept the Republican nomination for State senator after being endorsed by the precinct meetings Saturday night, but took occasion to put the gaff in President Taft in no uncertain manner. Pearson's communication, which was addressed to The Gazette-News, follows:

"I am surprised to learn that the Republican primaries, held in this county on the 28th instant, declared for me with practical unanimity for the State senate.

"My surprise is all the greater in view of the fact that on the 16th instant J. J. Britt, the present State senator; T. F. Rowland, the county chairman, and T. J. Harkins, chairman of the city executive committee, called in a body and asked if I would accept the nomination for the State senate, and I told these gentlemen emphatically and unequivocally that I would not accept the nomination, for reasons which I stated to them frankly, but which I am now constrained to state publicly to the Republicans who have honored me by this renewed expression of confidence, for which I am unaffectedly and cordially grateful.

"I cannot run or stand or sit for the office in question, for the plain reason that I cannot endorse or defend or justify or explain or extenuate or understand the persistent and obstinate insults which the actual President and head of the party has heaped upon the twelve hundred thousand white Republicans of the Southern states who honored him by their confidence and their suffrages at the last election.

"This naked and undeniable fact would make my position as a candidate not simply untenable but impossible. So that my self-respect, as well as my obligations to the party, force me to stand aside until a different posture of affairs shall be presented.

"The rumblings in the sixth district of Missouri and the catclysms in the fourteenth Massachusetts and in the thirty-second New York districts seem to have had no effect upon Mr. Taft, and he will probably continue in his fatuous course until the elections next November reveal the fact that he has lost friends in our party, and gained neither votes nor thanks from the other.

"RICHMOND PEARSON." suit of the Payne-Aldrich bill. A woman's ready-made suit costs \$5 more than it did, for a pattern of the same quality. The woman who bought a pattern and made her own spring suit had to pay \$1 a yard for common blue serge that she bought last year at 75 cents, or for broadcloth \$1 50 a yard for what was formerly \$1 25.

PRICES IN GENERAL SOAR.

Nor are these things an exception. Take woolen blankets, take woollens of any kind, take men's, ladies' and children's gloves—but why more examples? If you have been shopping you know the story better than the writer.

But on one thing, at least, the Washington correspondent, if he knows his business, can put you straight. Your local retailers, American women, are not the responsible parties. It is true that the slow to higher prices leads into the local retailers, but it is also true that it runs right on through and out of his back door.

REPUBLICANS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

The really responsible parties are the members of Congress who voted for the Payne-Aldrich bill. And you might, by the way, inquire around and find out just how your member voted.

If he voted "aye," nail him. And nail him hard! For he is the villain in the piece.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Items of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Sent in by Our Friends.

FAITH.

July 23.—The services at the Baptist church here have closed. Twenty-one have been baptized during this meeting.

The painter, Mr. Ayers, is painting George Peeler's residence.

The well drillers are still going down through our solid granite. They pass through dirt, then soft rock, then quicksand, then light gray granite, etc.

Miss Elthie Fesperman, daughter of Monroe Fesperman, and Eviett Shive drove to the Organ Church parsonage and were married Sunday night, July 17th, by Rev. H. A. Trexler. Mr. Shive is a granite cutter and they will locate in Faith. We wish them a long and happy life.

W. A. Blount, T. G. Blount, J. W. Oden, Joshua Tayloe, D. T. Tayloe are the names being cut on five big granite sills, large raised letters, for entrance stones to cemetery lots at Washington, N. C.

VENUS.

GOLD HILL, ROUTE 1.

July 18.—The health of this community is very good at this writing.

Farmers are very busy now with their crops.

John L. Morgan has gone near Norwood where he will teach school this summer.

There were several from old Morgan to stand the examination the 14th and 15th. Among them were Misses Lillie, Minnie and Amanda Morgan. We were glad to have Paul Goodman with us on that occasion. He took the state examination.

Zeb Morgan visited at Samuel Bame's Sunday.

Amanda Morgan spent Saturday night in Cabarrus at J. M. Dry's. She reports a nice time. She also attended the funeral services of Mrs. Lewis Earnhardt, held at St. Stephen's Church, Saturday evening.

There was preaching at St. Matthew's church Sunday which was attended by a large crowd of people. Rev. Spracher preached an excellent sermon.

C. W. Wyatt spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks. He met with quite an accident last week. He and a young lady of Cabarrus county, started for Greensboro. He got off the train in Salisbury to take a look at the town. When the train started he being some distance away, ran to catch the train, but all in vain. He spent the day in Salisbury while the lady who he accompanied went to Greensboro.

With best wishes to THE WATCHMAN. ADNAM.

ROCKWELL.

July 23.—J. W. Peeler is very sick at this writing.

J. D. Shoe has been attending the Lutheran Synod that met at Spencer this week.

B. A. Fesperman has been on the sick list for a few days.

Miss Mittie Shoe visited at Spencer a few days recently.

Rev. C. A. Brown will preach a special sermon to the Junior Order of Crescent on the fifth Sunday night in July. All Juniors and the public are cordially invited to be present. The services will be held in the Reformed church at Crescent.

Miss Pearl and Lillie Goodman went to Salisbury Saturday.

G. H. Sifford went to Salisbury Saturday. Summerell Heilig has been

Did Colonel Mosby Know Too Much?

Although Col. John S. Mosby of Virginia became a Republican soon after the war closed, his motives have never been questioned and his high personal and social standing never affected. He was of immense benefit to Virginia as Virginians because of his intimate relations with General Grant. He has had several important positions under the government and met every requirement with ability and fidelity. His duties at one time brought him to Montgomery, and all our people hold him in most affectionate regard. He has recently been deprived of the position he held, we believe in the Department of Justice, and while age is sensibly given as the cause, there is very general belief that his fearless exposure of men caught in criminal acts had most to do with the desire to get rid of him. He knew too much for the personal comfort of some people high up in financial and other circles. We trust his lines for the future may fall in pleasant places—Montgomery Advertiser.

doing some work for the Gold Hill Telephone Company.

Thomas Cozart, who has been working on the southbound Railway, was at home last Sunday.

There will be missionary service held in St. James' Lutheran church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Addresses will be made by Rev. Reuben Goodman, of Spencer, and also by P. D. Brown. The public is cordially invited.

Misses Dovie Beaver and Irene Miller attended conference at Spencer last Saturday.

The writer had the pleasure of hearing a good missionary exercise at St. Peter's Lutheran church last Saturday. P. D. Bowers made a fine address on missionary work. Prof. Rothrock was present and presented the Bible which was given to the one that brought in the largest sum of money to the missionary society. George Park received the Bible.

Mrs. J. B. McCombs, of Granite Quarry, visited relatives at Rockwell last Sunday. UNCLE BILL.

LOWERSTONE.

July 25.—The health of this community is very good at this writing. There is no sickness to report.

Chester Cruse little son of Robert Cruse, had the misfortune to break his left arm between the wrist and elbow.

John Miller, of Mr. Pleasant, visited his father, B. A. Miller, near Lowerstone, Sunday night.

There was an ice cream party at J. M. Riehardt's Saturday night. A large crowd was present.

Dora Bost had the misfortune of running a thorn in her foot.

George Robert L. Beaver has been in Salisbury a few days visiting his sister.

We understand Robert Cruse has rented the Old Barnhardt place near Lowerstone.

Mrs. J. A. M. Brown visited at L. V. Brown's Sunday.

A subscription school was started at Lowerstone last Monday with Berry Wagoner as teacher. JOE.

Napoleon's Gift

was of the unconquerable, never-say-die kind, the kind that you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Suppose troches, cough syrups, cod liver oil or doctores have all failed, don't lose heart or hope. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Satisfaction is guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages, la grippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free at All Druggists.

COLQUITT-NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR.

Proposition to Submit Prohibition Amendment to a Popular Vote Carries.

Dallas, Tex., 24 July.—Oscar B. Colquitt, an anti-prohibitionist, was yesterday nominated for Governor by a plurality which will probably reach 60,000. One and William Poindexter, the prohibitionist candidate, have only about a thousand votes' difference between them. These are now in favor of Poindexter, but may change as some heavy Johnson counties are yet to come.

Former Attorney General Davidson is about 20,000 votes behind Poindexter and Johnson. The proposition to submit to popular vote a prohibitionist amendment to the constitution has carried by probably 20,000. This presents the situation of an anti-prohibition Democrat being nominated with a party demanding the submission of a prohibitionist amendment confronting him. This was caused by the prohibitionist split on candidates.

For Congress in the third district James Young of Kaufman county was nominated. In this district a vacancy was created by the appointment of Congressman Russell to the Federal bench by President Taft. R. M. Lively was elected to fill the unexpired term and James Young for the full term.

In the fourth district C. B. Randall, the incumbent was re-nominated by a large majority. Congressman Jack Beall in the fifth district also received a heavy majority over Jones, his opponent.

In the seventh district returns indicate that Congressman A. W. Gregg was successful. In the twelfth district returns are incomplete, but Oscar Calaway has a slight lead over the incumbent, Oscar Gillespie.

In the thirteenth district Congressman John H. Stephens was re-nominated by an overwhelming majority.

Two In One.

Dr. Bell's Anti-Pain is both an internal and external remedy. It is an antiseptic remedy and destroys disease germs. Sold everywhere on a positive guarantee.

An Explosion Kills Eleven.

Washington, July 21.—Eleven men were killed, two fatally hurt and four others, including a lieutenant, less seriously injured today by a premature explosion during the firing of a 12-inch gun at Fort Monroe, Va., in target practice. This is the worst disaster that has ever attended army target practice in the United States. The men were blown to death instantly and their bodies badly mangled. Lieutenant Van Dusen, who was directing the firing squad of student officers in the battle practice, suffered a broken leg, while a man standing near him was instantly killed.

A Pain Remedy.

Both internal and external is needed daily by almost every family. Keep a bottle of Dr. Bell's Anti-Pain. Good for all kinds of bowel, troubles. Externally for cuts, burns, sprains and all pains. Strongly antiseptic. Sold everywhere.

The Oil Mill Getting Under Way.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Arey Oil and Fertilizer Co., capital stock \$50,000, was held last Thursday night and the following directors were elected: J. A. Sossaman, D. L. Arey, D. Oestreicher, J. A. Caldwell, A. M. Rice, R. Linn Bernhardt and W. B. Strachan. The directors elected the following officers: D. L. Arey, president; J. A. Sossaman, vice-president and manager; W. B. Strachan, secretary and treasurer. The buildings are being built and the mill is expected to be in full operation this fall. The mill will be splendidly equipped and will have a crushing capacity of about 80 tons of seed per day.

PARTY POLITICS.

A Suggestion as to How to Defeat Unrighteous Nominations.

MR. WATCHMAN: I saw in your columns of recent date a very interesting article in reference to good men for offices and some sarcastic remarks about some of the candidates on the present ticket. I think your points were well taken and deserve careful consideration.

There is no doubt but what there is a lion in the way, and men should be careful as to how they tamper with him. But how to remedy the great evil is the question.

Different parties may be a great benefit to our country, provided they do not go beyond what is right; but parties and party relations should not lead us to do ourselves an injury. Some men have a peculiar tact in the way of working in the primaries to get their man nominated; and then will expect every man of the party to vote for him. This would be real nice provided every man thus nominated were of the right character; but, when this is not the case, I feel myself at liberty to vote for the man best qualified to fill the place and to advocate my wishes; and I feel at liberty to do so without changing my political or party relations. This thing of voting for an agent of the evil one just because he has been nominated by my party is a curse to our country. The only way to keep bad men from our legislative halls is to vote against them in the primaries, and, if we fail there, vote for the best man at the polls, no matter to what political party he belongs.

If, for instance, there is a candidate on my party ticket that has two faces, is as big a hypocrite as Ananias and Sapphira, and his opponent in the other party is a good man, advocating such things as I know are for the best interests of my country; then I am not only at liberty to vote for the other man, it is my duty to do so. If I do not vote at all I am giving the evil man one-half of my vote.

But the bosses say I must vote the party ticket or I will injure the party. O, Democracy! Democracy! what a sacred name, it will never do to injure that name. Democracy may be all right, but there are some men in both parties that are rotten to the core, and when such a man comes out for office, I would show my rottenness by voting for him. Why not give him the black eye by our votes for it will be a warning and a benefit to our party. It will tell the party to put out better men next time.

If we did not have two or more parties to criticize each other, we could never tell the amount of evil done, so to keep down the evil man and the corruption in our party let us vote for the other man. There is no doubt in the world but what some of us are too much tied down to our party. The party ties were thrown away in the Prohibition campaign and we won the greatest victory ever gained in North Carolina. We are facing a similar element in the coming election, and why not take a similar stand for God and right? There seems to be something behind the curtain along this line on the ticket already out, though it may be denied to the bitter end, it thus becomes sober men to vote soberly, righteously and Godly in Christ Jesus.

I do not know what the other ticket will be when it comes out, but if they will put out good sober men in opposition to friends of saloons on this ticket, I shall vote for the sober man, party or no party. Since we have had Prohibition our county and state have been much benefited in spite of our enemies who have tried to do us all the harm they could with their blind tigers and near-beer stands. Now at the coming legislature we should have men there who will use their influence to shut up those devil dens and snake harbors, but some are trying to

DISEASE KILLS MORE THAN WAR.

Relative Effect and Cost of War and Disease. Some Very Interesting Figures.

The ratio of mortality in war for two hundred years, has been 4 from disease to 1 from bullets. In the Boer war the ratio was 7 to 1. In the Spanish-American war, owing to lack of sanitary authority, this ratio reached its maximum—14 to 1. In the Russo-Japanese war, where the laws of sanitation were enforced with rigid military discipline, the ratio of centuries was reversed, and the mortality was 1 from disease and 4 from bullets.

More lives are lost each year in the United States from preventable disease than have been lost in all our wars combined—Indian, Revolutionary, War of 1812, Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American. In the Spanish-American war about five soldiers died from typhoid fever to every one killed by shot and shell. The United States mustered a hundred thousand soldiers to rid Cuba of the Spaniard, and sent three men to Cuba to rid the island of yellow fever, the plague of the tropics. The Spaniard was driven out and yellow fever was conquered. The city of Havana, from 1850 to 1900 suffered an annual average loss of 750 lives from this disease. In addition, there was an annual average sickness from this disease of 2,250 others. The financial loss through the destruction of productive energy from death and sickness, from diminished trade as a result of a fearful epidemic, and from expensive and unnecessary quarantine, amounted to an annual average loss of over \$200,000. Since the discovery of the easy method of controlling the disease—that is, since 1900—there has been an annual average of only four deaths from yellow fever in Havana. Most of these cases contracted the disease elsewhere and developed the fever after visiting Havana. Commerce is now no longer afraid to enter this harbor, even when a case or two of Yellow Jack (there are never more) exists. No more expensive and unnecessary quarantine burdens the taxpayers. And, as in Havana, so in Rio de Janeiro, the Canal Zone, and elsewhere, Major General Leonard Wood has said that the discovery of the method of controlling this disease saves the commercial interests of our country each year more than the entire cost of the Spanish-American war.

Disease is far more costly than war, and the results of disease prevention more humane and more valuable to the race. And yet, of the total annual expenses of our National Government for 1909, \$800,000,000, \$500,000,000 or 70 per cent went for pensions and the army and the navy, or for wars past and wars anticipated; only 8 per cent was spent directly and indirectly for health, and only 1 per cent was spent directly for health. Our own State Government is spending two dollars for military equipment to one for public health, not too much for our three regiments, but too little for our people's lives. More of this next week in a picture from life, "The Little Mother and the Big Fat Hog."

elect men to let the asp out of his hole and the coatrice out of his den. To prevent this evil there should be a concentration against it.

For my life I cannot see how an honest Christian man can vote for a candidate who is trying to overthrow the glorious victory won by the blood fought battle on Prohibition. But those snakes in the grass who have been on that side all the time are coming to the front again and they are rallying and they must be met. Let us meet them in the name of our God and right.

I know the election is some distance off, but a note of this should be taken and the soldiers of the cross all lined up by the time of election. X. X. X.