### The Curse of Politics.

"But money has decided the issue many a time between the two parties. Except 1864 everye presidential election since the big war of 1861-65 and that was a coincidence, as in 1868, 1872 and 1892 and perhaps others. In 1876 the democrats had the greater boodle fund, and Tilden was really elected. In 1880 Garfield was elected by money. Blaine had the bigger campaign fund and he was defeated. In 1888 the election was bought outright for the "Party of Great Moral Ideas," with money raised by the religiously pious Wannamaker and handled by the politically impious Quay. In 1892 Cleveland had the larger fund, but it only served to swell the majority that would have come without it. In 1896, 1900, 1904 and 1908 the democrats scarce had money nough to open headquarters and pay postage, while the r-publicans were embarrassed by the opulence in which they reveled.

We are told that for a double decade of the first half of the eighteenth century Sir Robert Waipole gave England the best administration she could stand and it was government by bribery, not because the grim old statesman wanted to be corrupt but because he had to be corrupt, or resign. We have not been quite that bad off but we have have had too much bribery and he people intend to be rid of it, if one may interpret surface indications."—Savoyard.

# AMBITION·TALKS

BY HARLAN READ

### Look for More Work and More Pay Will Follow.

A man becomes of value to a business the minute he begins looking for work instead of looking for pay.

And, in the usual case, when one becomes of value to a business, he is more certain of his salary than the owner is of an annual surplus.

The man who is cheerfully and constantly seeking the burden of additional work is second only in importance to the man who is looking for a higher and more important kind of work, and fitting his mind or hand for it. In good times he will receive better pay than the rest. In hard times, when the whirring of machinery is stopped and panic stalks abroad, he is certain of employment when other men are idle. He is the king of laborers, and 10 to 1 he is a student of his business as well, because mental ambition and physical energy are close of kin.

Labor conquers all things, because it makes a man of service to his fellows and binds him to their purses and their souls as mortar binds brick and stone. It lifts him to a place of power, for men, like bees and laboring ants, have no use for the useless, and no man can long retain the esteem and regard of his fellows who does not render to mankind some helpful service of brain or brawn.

Hard work is a certificate entitling the nobleman of commerce to a list of friends, and in the society of the decent no man is despised whose hands wear the callous of the plow or whose shoulders are rounded with the stoop of toil.

All opportunities are open to the seeker after burdens, and no palace of reward has a closed door to the man of faithful and intelligent service.

Complainers without cause are as easy to find as cornstalks on an Iowa farm. They infest the universe and howl like coyotes on a wintry night. They cry out for ease and plenty, for repose and for deliverance from the ordinary cares of life. But the man who protests because he is not asked to do enough or complains because his burden is too light for the development of his powers is as hard to find as a contented man in Russia, or a fresh biscuit in the Arctic Circle.



### COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

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

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JACKSON COLLEGE.

Dec. 6.—The health of this community is good at present.

Sowing wheat is all the go with some of the farmers now.

The Hoffman Saw Mill Co., is running on full time at this writing.

J. A. Ribelin is through sawing near the college. He will move his mill onto J. F. Hodges' land soon.

Cane Morgan who has been sawing near here for quite a while has moved his mill two miles east of New London.

The school at Jackson College commenced the second Monday in November. The teachers are, Miss Louella Snider, principal Miss Mary Goodman, assistant.

Theo. Poole and family have moved near here on the John Brady place.

Zeb Morgan has moved to Spencer, where he is employed in the Spencer shops.

C. F. Morgan is having a chimney erected to his new residence at this writing.

Rev. Lanning preached an excellent sermon at Corinth Sunday, the 3rd. to a large audience.

Miss Amanda J. Morgan passed through our section en route home Friday night. Miss Morgan has been teaching school in Providence township.

The writer took a pleasure trip to Salisbury Saturday, the 2nd of December.

Zeb and Rickard Morgan visited Samuel Barnes, Sunday evening. Wesley Morgan also visited Mr. Barnes Sunday.

Arthur L. Morgan visited J. A. Ribelins' Sunday evening.

What has become of Wild Bill? It seems he has left for good.

Mrs. Sarah Mault, who has been making her home at Eli. Morgan's died Wednesday morning. Her remains were laid to rest in the Corinth cemetery the following day at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Mault leaves two brothers to mourn her death besides a host of friends.

Success to THE WATCHMAN.

JOHNNY.

POOLTOWN.

Dec. 9th.—I guess about all of the farmers are through sowing by this time.

Mrs Sarah Mault died Wednesday morning and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Corinth Baptist church Thursday. She was the widow of the late Pinkney Mault who lived up to the time of his death in Salisbury.

Harvey Morgan is boarding at Duke Morgan's and is working on the section force of the W-S. Southbound Railroad.

Mrs. Columbus Hodge is on the sick list at this writing.

Ruth Wyatt visited at Columbus Hodge's last Sunday.

Grant Wyatt visited Grady Foust last Sunday evening.

George Bean visited homefolks last Sunday.

James E Wyatt visits Chestnut Hill very often of late. I guess he means business.

The new Jr. O U A M council recently instituted at High Rock is we are glad to learn getting along very nicely.

Moses L Wyatt is moving to a location near China Grove this week. His friends wish him success in his home.

Sallie claims ignorance as to the wedding that Uncle Josh had in mind a few weeks ago. Say, Sallie you must be living in the dark. You had better have the 'Ole man" saw out a window and then you would know what I was talking about. Sallie you had better wake up a little and get all the news. Ha! Ha!

It seems that the young men of late have taken somewhat of a liking to the girls down here. They seem to come as far as Granite Quarry and Craven. Say boys there are a few more girls down here, and very good looking ones too. Come around boys and give them acall.

UNCLE JOSH.

### Make Cotton Your Servant Not Your King.

We should "live at home," of course, but merely to make enough to exist at home is not enough. The Southern farmer can make money growing corn and stock, as Western Farmers do, and thereby acquire the comforts that they enjoy. The old idea of considering cotton-making the farmer's supreme purpose in life, and all other crops as mere "supplies," is what has brought us to our present deplorable plight. Cotton has been King indeed, and the cotton farmer the servant. Now let the cotton farmer make himself King and cotton his servant. And this can be done only by adopting a thorough going system of diverified farming, not merely "supplies" to enable the farmer to "live at home," but profitable money crops and stock raising to enable him to have all the comforts and conveniences that farmers in other sections enjoy.

Old Æsop has a fable which comes appropriately to mind just here:

"A poor Man, who longed to get rich, used to pray day and night for wealth, to a Wooden Idol which he had in his house. Notwithstanding all his prayers, instead of becoming richer he got poorer. Out of all patience with his Idol, he one day took it by the legs and dashed it to pieces upon the floor. Hundreds of gold pieces, which had been hidden in the body, flew about the room. Transported at the sight, he exclaimed: "How have I wasted my time in worshipping a graceless deity, who yields to force what he would not grant to prayers."

The farmers of the South have been in much the same condition as the poor man in the fable. They have made themselves the humble, servile slaves of King Cotton only to get poverty for their pains. Now let them assert their independence and have done forever with the idol-worship that has set him up as the one god of Southern agriculture and he will rain golden showers on them in return —The Progressive Farmer.

### Ask For More Time.

Boston, Dec. 11.—An effort was made today by the attorneys for the Rev. Clarence V. T Richeson, charged with the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, to have the trial postponed from January 15 until later in the winter and on Wednesday next Judge Sanderson will hear arguments on the question.

Former State Senator W. A. Morse and Philip R. Dunbar of this city and John L. Lee of Lynchburg, Va., representing Richeson, conferred with Chief Justice Aiken and later were closeted for two hours with District Attorney Pelletier. It was then announced that an agreement had been reached to submit the question to Judge Sanderson Wednesday forenoon.

It is understood that Richeson's lawyers said they had not sufficient time to prepare a defense and would not be ready for two or three months.



### Rats Eat Savings of Life Time.

Jack Simpson of Aitkin, Minn., has written President Taft to the effect that he had saved up $2,595 to buy a farm and that when he went to get it out of the ceiling of his house where he had hidden it, he found that rats had eaten it. The snug sum was reduced to powder by the rodents. He hopes to have the remnants redeemed by the treasury department but his chances appear slim.

Baltimore was host last Friday to nearly a score of governors from western and southern states. The governors of the southern commonwealths met there for conference with the western governors as to the best means of inducing desirable immigration into the south.