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MORNING TONIC. (Anonymous.) The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others happy.

BEATING OUR SISTERS. The Tar Heel says, "our sister States are gaining ground" because North Carolina reduced railroad rates.

The Washington correspondent of the Montgomery Advertiser says that "The Department of Justice has publicly announced several times that it would see that any process of any court, requiring executive enforcement, would be enforced without regard to the costs or consequences."

The latest fake comes from Chicago and is that friends of Polk and Johnson intend to "compel Mr. Bryan to enter the field as a candidate soon or announce that he will not accept a nomination."

The railroad lobbyists and their sympathizers are raising a great hue and cry in Georgia because Governor Hoke Smith and others who believed in carrying out the pledges of the party were active in securing substantial compliance with the platform.

Most of the men—not all of them—who are so surprised that the South does not demand the Democratic nominee for president would oppose any Democrat who stood like the Governors Glenn, Hoke Smith and Comer. They want a Southern candidate if they can get one acceptable to the transportation trust; otherwise they don't want a Southern candidate.

The Charleston Post has been waging a red-hot war against lending money at usurious rates of interest. One of the Shylocks, a big fellow, made "a cowardly attack" to quote the State, upon a member of the staff. Men who are doing wrong fear the light of newspaper publication more than the officers of the law. Why?

"We are servants and not masters, who are or have been engaged in large business affairs," says John D. Rockefeller. If that is so John, pay the fine imposed by the master and obey the law made by the master. Actions will tell who is master and who is servant.

Wanted—The New York Sun says North Carolina county and municipal bonds cannot be sold in New York. Any person having such bonds, legally issued, who cannot get par for 5 or 6 per cent. bonds, are requested to communicate with The News and Observer.

The gray line is getting thin, but under the leadership of John R. Lane and Henry A. London there will be enough veterans at the unveiling in Pittsboro on Friday to let the youngsters see the men who stood like a Stonewall.

"At least those gentlemen who are now promoting railroad projects know what to expect," and they keep on building in North Carolina, because they know the State has been fair to railroads and will continue the fair dealings.

No punishment can be too severe for peonage, but we are having an epidemic of judge-made peonage that does not exist, except in the imagination of some Federal judges looking for a sensation that will bring them in the limelight.

Several short lines of railroad in Florida and Georgia have combined. They are near the coast. Look out for them to become a part of the short line that connects Tidewater of Norfolk with Flagler's road in Florida.

The telegraphers are ready for arbitration. The owners ought to gladly meet them in proper spirit and settle the strike upon the merits. The public has a right to know what the telegraphers are doing.

MR. ROOSEVELT ON THE PURITANS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech yesterday will be widely read. His tribute to the Puritans is as fine as anything he has written and recalls his "Life of Cromwell." It will be preserved as among the best of the tributes to the men who settled New England and made it rich and powerful.

After his tribute to Puritans he touched upon the topics of today. Having in mind the recent conflict in jurisdiction between the State and Federal governments he said: "It seems to me that such questions as national sovereignty and states' rights need to be treated not empirically or academically, but from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole."

"National sovereignty is to be upheld in so far as it means the sovereignty of the people used for the real and ultimate good of the people; and states' rights are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people's rights."

What does that mean? Simply that the view of the men in power as to the "good of the people" is superior to the limitations in the Constitution. Later on, Mr. Roosevelt says: "When the Constitution was created none of the conditions of modern business existed. They are wholly new and we must create new agencies to deal effectively with them."

Proceeding Mr. Roosevelt says that "State action cannot produce wholesale results, and he goes the whole hog" and declares in favor of having common carriers, doing business in more than one State, being "completely controlled in all respects by the Federal Government, by the exercise of the power conferred under the interstate commerce law, and, if necessary, the post-road clause of the Constitution."

Coming to discuss the difficulties of enforcing the anti-trust laws, Mr. Roosevelt truly says "any effective action on the part of the Government is always objected to, as a matter of course, by the wrong-doers, by the beneficiaries of the wrong-doers, and by their champions."

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UNDER WHICH KING, BENZONIAN, SPEAK OR DIE.

From the day Judge Landis imposed the fine of twenty-nine million dollars on the Standard Oil trust for violating the anti-rebate law, powerful interests have been at work to try to precipitate sufficient famine to force the administration to take the back-track in prosecuting trusts.

It is for the purpose of frightening investors and trying to get public opinion on their side that this scare panic has been precipitated by the Harrimans and the Rockefellers and the allied interests.

Appeals have been made to the President to "do something to stop the panic conditions." The country looked to his speech at Providence yesterday for an indication of his purpose. His words breathe the spirit of defiance to law-breakers and justice to those who obey the law.

Warning to Panic Makers. During the present trouble with the stock market, I have, of course, received countless requests and suggestions, public and private, that I should say or do something to ease the financial situation.

Referring to the "soddolager" question Speaker Justice put to Expert Evans in New York, the World has a big head line: "North Carolina Lawyer Hurls Bomb at Hearing." The hearing is showing that "experts" are experts only in glittering generalities.

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ROOSEVELT'S WORDS RING CLEAR.

Mr. Roosevelt's words yesterday declaring that the worked-up panic would not cause him to end prosecution of big violators of the law, has the true ring. Let him live up to it and we will teach the trusts that they shall not bestride America like a Colossus.

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On the basis of a six days' tour on the Southern Railway, Expert Daley says "It costs more to operate a railroad in North Carolina than in any other State." If you believe that hold up your right hand.

If the present telegraph strike should lead to government ownership, it would be a blessing in disguise.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Wanted: A Scape Goat So The Railroad Can Escape Responsibility. Wilmington Messenger.

The News and Observer is to blame for the many accidents on the Southern railroad. The people who get hurt in such accidents ought to sue that paper for damages.

Common Glory for Both. Salisbury Post.

Thirty Thousand North Carolinians are at Jamestown this week, W. H. Bagley writes The News and Observer. That's good. The early history of North Carolina and Virginia is the common glory of both and the failure of the old North State to make a good showing during North Carolina Week would have been a reproach.

Menest Polson Pop Skull. Kenansville News.

Why can't express companies be persuaded to increase the rate on liquor from other States into prohibition territory? If high license will bring about the abolishment of saloons then

high freight rates will stop its shipments from other States. Battlefield and Emporia, Virginia, are now suffering this State with the meanest poison in pop skull ever known, and five dollars on the gallon freight would soon break every jug at its distillery there.

See! See! In The South. Chapel Hill News.

The dangers of the suburban South for women and children, bad as they are, are nothing compared to the dangers of suburban New York, where there have been seventeen cases of assault within the past month.

Greased 'Em and Skinned 'Em. Savannah Morning News.

A Rockefeller story that is afloat in the papers may be apocryphal, nevertheless it sounds good. It is to the effect that old "Doc" Rockefeller trained his boys to be sharp.

Entitled to a Living. Raeford Facts and Figures.

The tobacco trust is holding the price of tobacco down to 3 cents a pound on an average. That is hardly cost of production, and the farmers should decline to sell at that price.

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