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MORNING TONIC

(Owen Felltham)
I never yet knew any man so bad but some have thought him honest and afforded him love...

North Carolina grows much tobacco. In his address to the Tobacco Association, President Carrington said that Eastern North Carolina raised last year 62,000,000 pounds of tobacco...

Referring to the News and Observer's suggestion that all the preachers in Raleigh close their churches on Sunday night in the hot months and preach in the parks and the streets, the Roanoke News asks "And, finally, brethren, why not in Weldon?"

Mr. Charles French Toms was in Norfolk a few days ago and told the Landmark reporter that he "believed the appointment of Judge Connor is the best thing for the party that could have happened."

Mr. Frank McNinch, named as the new attorney of the North Carolina railroad, served Mecklenburg with ability in the House. He was a power for Kitchin in the Mecklenburg primaries and is a fighter from way back.

Farmers around Battleground are true disciples of Mark Tapley. A correspondent of the Tarboro Southerner says: "The farmers are taking their grassy fields good-humoredly, instead of complaining; some boasting of their fine crops of grass and offering to bet that no neighbor has the equal in size of stand."

The re-election of Mr. A. H. Eller as Secretary and Treasurer of the North Carolina railroad will be approved. Mr. Eller has done the work well. More than that, as State Chairman of the Democratic party in the last difficult campaign Mr. Eller was able, vigilant and successful.

"Let the people hear the message from the Salvationists and profit by the truth they hear and Raleigh will not be hurt even if the noise is unpleasant to some people of fastidious tastes," says the North Carolina Christian Advocate. It thus voices the best public sentiment of the State.

The new Federal corporation tax will impose a tax of 37,000 on the North Carolina railroad. According to the terms of the lease, the Southern Railway will pay the tax. It is good for the State that the lease provided that the lessee should pay all the taxes.

The standard for teachers is getting higher every year. The same thing is true for men in other professions. The Guilford County Board of Education has advised school committees to employ, wherever possible, only those teachers holding first grade certificates.

It is comparatively a small matter what this or that political leader does or says. The big thing is for the people not to be followers of men, whether in public life or in the newspaper sanctorium, but to stand firmly on principle and conviction.

Governor Aycock made no mistake when he appointed Hon. James Y. Joyner, State Superintendent. The people of the State and now the National Educational Association add their endorsement.

It now seems certain that Mr. Early, confined as a leper, never had an action for his unlawful detention and confinement. He has suffered grievously.

Where North Carolina sits is the head of the table. The election of Mr. J. Y. Joyner, our State Superintendent of Schools, as President of the National Educational Association's Assembly.

"OVER 15,000 SUBSCRIBERS."

Readers of The News and Observer will observe to-day on the first page a new line which reads "The Only Paper in North Carolina That Has Over 15,000 Subscribers." That statement carries with it the fact that gives this paper a primacy among American daily newspapers. The last census give Raleigh a population of 14,225 and the News and Observer has more daily subscribers than Raleigh had men, women and children at the last census.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Subscribers. 1895: 2,400; 1896: 3,100; 1897: 3,400; 1898: 4,880; 1899: 5,200; 1900: 5,700; 1901: 6,500; 1902: 7,051; 1903: 8,201; 1904: 9,111; 1905: 10,202; 1906: 11,071; 1907: 12,274; 1908: 12,321; 1909: 15,251.

As a matter of fact the News and Observer has eighty per cent more subscribers than the North Carolina daily having the next highest circulation and it has six times as many subscribers as it had in 1895. The circulation increase has necessitated the erection of the handsomest newspaper building in North Carolina and the installation of the best newspaper plant. As the News and Observer was the first newspaper in the State to install Mergenthaler typesetting machines, so it is the first to put in a perfecting press with color attachment. Its business brings to Raleigh much money, for its circulation is large and literally covers the State from Murphey to Manteo. It gives employment to a large force and is reckoned as one of Raleigh's first business institutions—and we might have said "industrial plants" for with the modern equipment it is a factory and is operated by the most expensive machinery and best machinists.

Plans have been perfected for continued improvements in the paper so that it may not only be worthy of the 15,000 subscribers but also of securing many more readers and thereby adding to its usefulness. It had a hard and rocky road to become a solid institution. Firmly established upon the foundation of popular support, the whole purpose of the management is to show appreciation of that confidence by steady improvement and undivided devotion to the welfare of the people of North Carolina.

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THE WHOLE STATE WILL APPLAUD THE GOVERNOR IN NAMING HON. CHARLES M. STEDMAN AS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

The whole State will applaud the governor in naming Hon. Charles M. Stedman as president of the North Carolina railroad. He is one of the truest men the State has known. He was a brave soldier—"one of the bravest that donned the gray." In peace, he has been a fighter for good government and for right principles and for progress. In 1884 when he was nominated for Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with Governor Scales in a period when there was little sentiment against public men being employed by railroads, Major Stedman in a way that cost him money showed that he had the true conception of public propriety. He was attorney for three important railroads, and before he took the oath of office he resigned all connection with them. He felt that he could do the railroads justice, even if retained by them in the courts, but he knew that the finest sense of public duty required an officer to have no alliances that might influence his judgment. That action was all the more remarkable at that time, and it is mentioned here as showing the knightly type of man Major Stedman showed himself to be. In the years that have followed he has grown in the regard of his fellow citizens who rejoice in any honor that comes to him.

IS IT LEGAL?

The State imposes a tax of forty dollars upon soft drink establishments. Upon sellers of "near beer" some cities have imposed a tax as high as \$1,000 per year, others \$500, others \$250 and still others smaller amounts. Mr. Dannenberg, who is interested in the trade, will bring a suit to test the validity of the High License tax on near beer. Last year the State Government of Georgia received \$227,000 from the manufacturers and sellers of "near beer." It is evident the business in that State, the first year of prohibition, was very large. The high taxes provided by some towns and cities are said to be prohibitory and there is no doubt that some wish such a tax. It is argued that the sellers of "near beer" will also sell intoxicants under that name and that the only way to prevent illicit sales is to forbid the sale also of the near beer and like drinks.

STILL BORROWING.

Senator Newlands has caused to be put in the Congressional Record of how in 1906 he attempted to secure the assent of Congress to a tax on corporations, and the proposal of the Democratic minority of the Ways and Means Committee for such a tax in 1902. The Republicans defeated both, declaring they were "populist." Now, in order to defeat the better income tax, the Republicans borrow that Democratic idea. Republicans serve the trusts by letting them tax all the people for their own enrichment, and then, in order to "cover up their wrongs, they accept in part Democratic measures, always leaving a loophole somewhere by which they give the promise to the tax and break it to the hope.

A DISTINGUISHED HONOR.

The election by the National Educational Association of Hon. James Y. Joyner as president of that body is a distinguished and deserved honor. The organization embraces all the teaching force in America and has been served in the presidency by the country's best educators, including such men as Nicholas Murray Butler. Mr. Joyner is the first Southerner to be chosen to that high position in a long term of years, if indeed he is not the first to be so honored. The honor to Mr. Joyner is an honor to the State. As State Superintendent of Public Instruction he has gained place among the wisest and most capable men holding this responsible position in the various States, and it is because he has shown the qualities of an educator-statesman in his high office and in the educational gatherings he has attended that his fellow teachers have given him the highest honor they could confer.

All North Carolina will congratulate Mr. Joyner upon this high honor that has come to him and through him it is recognition of the progressive educational policy that has caused a general awakening and improvement in the educational affairs of the State. He has from the day he graduated at the University of North Carolina, except a year he turned aside to the law, devoted himself to public education, serving as city superintendent, college professor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he has carried enthusiasm and ability and devotion and patriotism into his work. He has won his leadership in the State and the Republic by nothing but character, brains, service. It must be, therefore, doubly gratifying to him that he has received the same recognition in the national councils of educators that had already been given him in his home State and by Southern educational bodies.

WILL THE FARMER GET IT?

Would the farmers be benefited by the drawback on cotton ties shipped abroad, which Mr. Overman secured in the tariff bill as it will pass the Senate? That is his purpose and we had accepted the general idea that it would help the farmers. Mr. Ransom Hinton, a prominent cotton farmer of Wake county, thinks it would not. His interview appears elsewhere in today's paper. At present the farmer gets no advantage from the cotton bagging and ties and Mr. Hinton thinks he would get none from the drawback, but that it would go to the exporter or manufacturer. The money will be refunded under Mr. Overman's amendment, but where will the farmer be helped? Mr. Hinton contends that no help can be given the farmer except by putting bagging and ties on the free list just as the Western farmers get binding twine on the free list. He is certainly right that such taking of the tax is the direct way to quit taxing the cotton farmer for the benefit of the trusts. But, seeing that Aldrich would not give such direct justice, Mr. Overman sought to secure a large measure of fairness by his amendment. If, as Mr. Hinton thinks, the farmer will not be helped by this, Mr. Overman may be even now enabled to force some additional amendment that will carry out the purpose he had in view.

CITY OWNERSHIP OF WATER.

The city of Raleigh, and every other city, should own its own water system. In every place where there are private water works, the city must issue bonds to provide sewerage while the water company charges the city for the use of water and makes profits. If a private company gets the profits on furnishing water it should be required to pay for putting in a sewerage system. During the year ending February 28th, 1909, the city of Raleigh paid to the Wake Water Company \$4,583.42. Under properly conducted city ownership, Raleigh could get water for all city purposes practically free and reduce the cost to consumers. The Wilson Times, referring to the statement of the superintendent of the municipal owned water system, says: "During the past year the plant has cleared more than \$1,000 over and above interest on the bonds, salaries, supplies and permanent improvements. Allowing a fair amount for fire protection and the use of water by the city during the past sixteen years the plant has cleared over \$61,000, or in other words the people have enjoyed a low water rate for sixteen years with fire protection thrown in." Before the present contract with the water works expires, Raleigh should be ready to do as well by its people as the Wilson city administration does by the people of that enterprising town.

RIGHT SORT OF JUDGE.

A few days ago a case was being tried in Chicago which no respectable woman would wish to hear, and it was so bad the newspapers had to cut out the nastiness. And yet the courtroom was thronged with well dressed women spectators, society women and girls in short dresses being much in evidence. The judge was shocked by such unseemly female curiosity and love of scandal and told the women present that they ought not to remain. His advice was unheeded, and when the women and girls remained, the judge summoned a photographer and ordered him to take a picture of the scene. Before the picture could be made, society women and girls beat a hasty retreat, showing that they would be ashamed to be photographed in court during the trial of a case when no lady ought to be present. The judge is of the right sort. If women lack the sense of decency to crowd into places where they do not belong, they ought to be photographed and their pictures printed in all the papers.

INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

The Wilson Times makes a statement that the Corporation Commission should take notice of and promptly investigate. The tobacco farmers are paying tax on their lands and on all the property they own. Is the tobacco trust escaping its just share of taxation? The following local item in the Times makes investigation necessary: "The American Tobacco Company shipped away from Wilson the latter part of May \$173,000 worth of tobacco, sending it presumably to Durham and other places where they have large storage warehouses. Since this tobacco was on the cars or in transit the first day of June it escapes taxation, and in this way Wilson and Wilson county loses over \$3,000. Of course it is not the purpose of the tobacco trust to have it in Durham by June 1, since the rate there is higher than in Wilson. If it is done systematically over the entire State a large amount of money, probably \$150,000, escapes taxation."

It would seem that the trust, making a profit of 100 per cent, would be willing to pay tax on the tobacco purchased from the farmers of the State, when they take their tobacco at 10c, expend something like 20c for stamping and the working and sell it at around sixty cents. "It is not right and there should be a law to prevent this tax evasion." Was this \$150,000 worth of tobacco taxed in Durham? Or was it on the railroad in transit on the first day of June and thereby escaped taxation? If so much tobacco was shipped from Wilson "the latter part of May" (June 1st is the day to give in taxes) was tobacco likewise shipped from other tobacco markets? Every man who pays taxes upon fair assessments has a direct and pecuniary interest to see that no others escape just taxation. The Corporation Commission should take this matter up with the county authorities and see that this and other property does not escape taxation.

IT IS SO INTERESTING.

The Chatham Record stands in imminent danger of having a suit for damages—a suit too, that any enterprising journalist would welcome and admit itself guilty with pleasure. Here is the case as stated by the Record: "A little girl in this county stumps her toe every week, and she says that The Record is the cause of it. She goes every Thursday to the mail-box on the R. F. D. to get The Record and at once begins reading it she takes the house and becomes so absorbed that she does not notice where she steps and consequently stumps her toe!" That is the best advertisement The Record ever had. It is a very interesting paper. Who can blame the girl for her avidity to read its columns? The Record ought, at least, pay for the arnica and bandages.

THE WILMINGTON STAR, COMMENDING THE INDICTMENT OF SUGAR TRUST OFFICIALS INSTEAD OF GOING AFTER THE INMATEE TRUST, SAYS TATF'S ADMINISTRATION IS BUT FOLLOWING OUT THE SUGGESTIONS SO VEHEMENTLY MADE SOME TWELVE YEARS OR MORE AGO BY THE HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

The Wilmington Star, commending the indictment of sugar trust officials instead of going after the inanimate trust, says Tatf's administration is but following out the suggestions so vehemently made some twelve years or more ago by the Hon. William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan boldly took the position that to punish a trust the men who are authors and executors of the methods followed by the trusts, should be put in jail, but the advocacy of such a thing by the Democratic candidate was sufficient to cause him to be regarded as too extreme, unwise and dangerous. Now the Tatf administration, taking advantage of the prodigious failures of the Roosevelt administration, are adopting the Democratic way of getting at the bottom of trust devilry."

The eternal book war! Can there be any educational gathering or political convention where the book men are not in evidence? The Hearst telegram from Denver that Hon. J. Y. Joyner had been elected president of the National Educational Association contained this statement: "This is a decided defeat for the book trust, as Prof. Joyner made his fight as an anti-book trust candidate." Mr. Pou also has fallen into an error all too common that a proposition to get more revenue from tobacco is "a direct menace to tobacco growers." In the meantime the tobacco growers know that the consumer pays the tax. Abolishing all taxes on tobacco might help the farmer, but he hasn't a scintilla of interest in whether the tax is six cents or eight cents.

PERSON TOBACCO DAMAGED 50 PER CENT BY RAIN.

There was quite a destructive hail storm passed over portions of Person county last Saturday evening, and many tobacco crops were damaged, some 50 per cent and others not so much. Beginning near Weymouth church and continuing through portions of Allensville township, Mr. Geo. Harris, near Providence, says his crop was damaged at least 50 per cent. This is quite a loss to him as he had a big crop of tobacco planted. Others will lose at the same ratio.

NO RACE SUICIDE IN WILKES.

(Wilkesboro Chronicle.) No danger of race suicide in Wilkesboro, we have in four families here forty-two children, and on one short street in the south by this office twenty-two of the young Americans, and this is only a small beginning. Watch Wilkesboro grow.

MAMMOTH TREE IN PERSON.

(Forsyth Courier.) Mr. John S. Coleman of Moriah, was in town last Monday and reported to us the largest hackberry tree we ever heard of before. He vouches for its accuracy. He said the tree was at the home of Mr. E. M. O'Brien, near Gordonton, and measured 16 feet around.

BECOMING A MOTHER.

Is an ordeal which all women approach with dread, for nothing compares to the pain of child-birth. The thought of the suffering in store for her robs the expectant mother of pleasant anticipations. Thousands of women have found the use of Mother's Friend robs confinement of much pain and insures safety to life of mother and child. This liniment is a God-send to women at the critical time. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but it prepares the system for the coming event, relieves morning sickness, and other discomforts. Sold by druggists \$1.00. Book of valuable information mailed free. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

SPRIT OF THE PRESS

But It Will Not Go Unless There is a Mau Behind It.

Washington Progress. It is thought by some that all that is necessary to run a paper—in the interest of some scheme—is to put up the dough, purchase the press and the material and the paper will do the rest. There have been some bad experiences on this line. The paper drags, management after management is tried, much is lost in paying expenses and trying to drive out all opposition which does not bow the knee to us. It comes high to make such experiments, but the thing has started and it must be made to go if it has to disguise and disguise and do all sorts of ways to try to fool the people into patronizing it.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TARIFF LEGISLATION.

The Progressive Farmer. We don't know whether our people are interested in the tariff discussion or not. They would be mightily interested if Congress were deciding upon a direct tax of \$5 a year for each family, but an indirect tax of more than a year's salary more than a century ago—that since the downfall of the Roman Empire, most governments have given greater encouragement to the factory than to the farm. The government, acting as the special guardian of those very people who most loudly against "nationalism," undertakes to provide such tariff duties as will provide "a reasonable profit to American industries"—meaning manufacturers. The Senate of the United States itself has become, as the New York Outlook well expresses it, merely "a kind of bourse, or exchange, where a great number of special interests are trading with each other to secure for themselves, each after its kind, what each wants."

A SLICK DUCK.

M. L. Rosenwall, Who Was Once an Occupant of Greene County Jail, Turns Up in Charlotte With a New Fleecing Game.

(Snow Hill Laconic-Standard.) The first week in March one M. L. Rosenwall, who by means of a bogus draft has secured five dollars from Mr. J. D. Dupree, of this county, was brought from Norfolk under requisition papers honored by the Governor of Virginia and lodged in jail here charged with fraud. He was tried upon the charge before a local magistrate, Mr. L. V. Morrill appearing for him. His game was so cleverly worked however that he could not be convicted of fraud, and so was discharged. He had no money but succeeded in getting sufficient funds to leave town, giving Mr. Morrill a draft in payment of his services, which, by the way, has never been honored.

From the Charlotte papers it appears that he is still floundering for a living. About the middle of May he appeared in Charlotte, locating at the Central Hotel. He is a fellow of prepossessing appearance and good address, is well educated and goes well dressed. Claiming to be a representative of La Salle Extension University he soon had the attention of a large number of people who were desirous of securing such advantages as this institution claims to offer.

He sold a full course of instruction in "business administration" and all of the privileges of the course, including 36 special lectures and consulting privileges for three years. For the course, along with which 12 volumes of books were also included, he charged \$57 to be paid on the installment plan. In placing contracts he was supposed to collect \$7 in cash, leaving the remaining \$50 to be settled for on monthly payments. For each new contract he received a commission of \$10, and his game was to approach a young man and offer him a contract free, stating that for advertising purposes he was allowed to give a few away. The victim signed a regular contract but Rosenwall would write the word "free" across its face in large, bold letters, this he would remove by means of chemicals, and send the contract with the initial payment of \$7, the company sending his commission of \$10. The signers of these free contracts now find themselves debtors to the University for \$50, while the company is seeking to collect. Rosenwall is gone. A member of the Charlotte police department has been detailed to hunt him up. It is to be hoped that he will be located and properly punished.

BEAR HUNTING IN BEAUFORT.

(Washington Progress.) Mr. Jesse R. Hardison caught a large bear in a trap Saturday night, six miles from the city. It weighed 128 pounds and had been fat it would have weighed 200 pounds. It had caught several hogs for him. It was exhibited in Lew's Men's parade Monday. Messrs. T. T. Allgood, J. J. T. Allgood, E. W. Wooldard and Charlie R. Hardison assisted in the capture of the bear.

GOLD MINES IN CATAWBA.

(Newton Enterprise.) Mr. W. S. Black is still finding rich specimens of gold on his place near the little mountain. This whole section is rich in gold. At the Shuford gold mine work is in progress on a larger scale than in a number of years. And new machinery is being put up that will greatly increase the daily output.

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Milwaukee, Wis. — "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me a well woman, and I would like to tell the whole world of it. I suffered from female trouble and fearful pain in my back. I had the best doctors and they all decided that I had a tumor in addition to my female trouble, and advised an operation. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman and I have no more backache. I hope I can help others by telling them what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me." — MRS. EMMA LMSSE, 838 First St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health and her advice is free.

Whiteberries That Grow Like Blackberries.

(Statesville Landmark.) A correspondent of the Concord Times says that Mr. P. G. Cook, of Concord, has whiteberries that grow on a briar just like blackberries. The size of the fruit, the taste and the ripening are the same as the original blackberry. The fruit is white from the time the bloom drops, and look beautiful on the briar. When ripe, it is of light cream color, and the pie when baked is as bright as apple pie.

Rural Routes Established.

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