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Morning Tonic

MEN show their character in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable.

Uncle Matt Mason

I KICKED an agent from my porch, but did it so politely, he handed me a ten-cent torch, and said I acted rightly.

Another revolution has broken out in Haiti, but this is the wrong year for the common run of folks to be interested in revolutions in Haiti.

Although the price of tobacco has not been all that could be desired it cannot be forgotten that the growing of the weed has saved many a farmer from bankruptcy in this year of low cotton prices.

The war in Europe is going to drive many Europeans, particularly Belgians, to this country.

The American Meat Packers Association is going to undertake to increase meat production in the United States, it is announced.

Kaiser Wilhelm and Queen Mary both extend thanks to a Wilmington lady who is working for universal peace.

News last week of the slide in the Panama Canal awakened anxieties lest that sort of thing might become frequent and serious.

A recent issue of the Greensboro Record carried a lengthy interview discussing the Constitutional Amendments, advocating some of them.

"Six killed by blast." Nothing heroic or dramatic about a death like that, but those six are as irrevocably gone from their families as any six who have been slain in the war of seven nations.

Sanitary Inspector J. Sherwood Upchurch says the past summer was marked by less sickness than any other summer since the records have been kept in Raleigh.

The United States in receiving wounded and fleeing Mexicans had a sort of taste of what the little kingdom of the Netherlands is undergoing now when it is the asylum for so many thousand Belgians who are fleeing from their native land before the victorious Germans.

Instead of giving consideration to the loan of money to European nations in violation of the spirit of the letter of neutrality, New York would do well to advance all the money that it can in helping the South Bear the load dumped upon it by the war in Europe.

TO THE VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of the Democratic State Executive Committee, is doing active and vigorous work in presenting the splendid record of the Democratic party to the people of North Carolina.

The securing of speakers and their assignments to different sections of the State has been given full attention. Besides this there has been a great amount of literature sent out, this work to continue to the eve of the election.

These questions, with remarks as to things done for the interests of the people by the Democracy, are:

Under Republican rule Wall Street controlled the money and credit of the nation. The Democratic party destroyed that control.

ARE YOU WITH WALL STREET OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

The Democratic party drove Cannonism from the halls of Congress.

ARE YOU FOR CANNONISM OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

The administration of Woodrow Wilson has extended the Parcel Post and reduced the cost of transportation.

WOULD YOU TAKE A BACKWARD STEP ON THE PARCEL POST?

Woodrow Wilson drove from Washington the paid lobbyists of special privilege who flourished under Republican rule.

ARE YOU FOR WOODROW WILSON OR THE LOBBYISTS?

The Republican party levied a tax on necessities. The Democratic party levied it upon the incomes of the rich.

ARE YOU FOR A TAX ON NECESSITIES OR A TAX ON WEALTH?

Would you restore the panic-breeding currency laws that made possible the great industrial and financial disaster of 1907?

WOULD YOU RESTORE SCHEDULE K OF THE PAYNE-ALDRICH-SMOOT TARIFF?

Would you repeal the Agricultural Extension Bill?

Would you put down the pipe lines connecting the special interests with the seat of government that Woodrow Wilson has taken up?

WOULD YOU RE-ESTABLISH THE OLD PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ROTTEN POLITICS AND ROTTEN BUSINESS?

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESTORED WHITE SUPREMACY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

WOULD YOU RETURN TO THE DARK DAYS OF BUTLERISM, FUSIONISM AND NEGROISM?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

The election is less than two weeks off, and takes place on Tuesday, the third day of November.

It's time to get ready for that, if you are not ready now.

To be ready is to have your name on the registration books. If your name is not written there then you cannot vote.

And the registration books close on Saturday, October 24, at sunset. That is Saturday of this week, and today is Wednesday.

Do you want to vote? Then you must be registered. If there is no new registration in your township or county then your name may be on the books.

If there is a new registration then it is not there unless put on within the last few weeks.

The best thing for voters to do is to inquire and be certain that they are registered. It is better to be safe than sorry, when on election day you find that you have lost your right to vote by your own fault.

The voters in Raleigh township in particular are warned once again that there is an entirely new registration in this township because of the change in the precinct lines. Better register at once, or get left. And the registration books close on Saturday of this week.

If you have not registered in the last three weeks then your name is not on the books. Get busy.

BRYAN IN THE WEST.

Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan is making some powerful arguments for Democracy in his tour of the West.

At Columbus, Kansas, on Monday he defended the Democratic policies with characteristic vigor and effectiveness.

He said he was ashamed of the moderation which characterized his demands of former years. Twenty years ago Mr. Bryan, who was thought at the time to be of the most radical type of reformer, asked for only a two per cent income tax.

The present tax, as he pointed out Monday, runs as high as seven per cent. The country has come around to the Bryan view of things and is ready to breathe Bryanism.

The Secretary said with truth in his speech of Monday that the people can never again be fooled into believing that a reduction of the tariff means a panic.

The war in Europe has prevented a fair test of the revised tariff, but enough of the results of the change in the system was seen to show that in the long run the country would have been substantially benefited.

In fact some of the benefits from lowered customs duties are already being realized by the consumers of the country.

forethought. Had William Jennings Bryan been made Secretary of State a few years before he was elevated to that exalted position, the war in Europe would probably not have been fought.

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS POSTPONED.

The Pan-American Congress which was scheduled to open at Santiago, Chili, on November twenty-nine, has been postponed, largely on account of the war, but doubtless chiefly on account of the inability of Secretary of State W. J. Bryan to attend at this time.

Chief Justice Clark, of this State, one of the five delegates appointed by the President to attend, was to have sailed on the fourth of November, immediately after the election, to return in time for the next session of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, which begins the first Monday in February.

A Western man who has located in Asheville suggests a great apple show for Western Carolina for the early part of the coming year. Such an exhibition would be in every way desirable and could be made of lasting service to the State.

Spirit of the Press

Mr. Bickett's Great Speech.

Winston-Salem Journal. Although Attorney General Bickett was speaking in competition with a circus here last night, the court house was crowded until standing room was at a premium, and for nearly two hours the people laughed, wept and applauded through one of the most convincing and eloquent political speeches heard in Winston-Salem in a long time.

The address was a masterpiece of logic, wit and eloquence, but, better than that, it was a vote-getter. We are confident that Mr. Bickett's coming to the county has greatly increased the chances for a record-breaking Democratic majority this year.

Other speakers may be ignoring the amendments or passing them by with slight notice or damning them with faint praise, like the campaigner in Mecklenburg, whom the Charlotte Observer told about the other day. But this campaigner who has his heart in this amendment fight, and he struck a powerful blow for them here last night.

All honor to the Attorney General for taking a bold stand for the people. By his speech here last night he increased his popularity with the citizens of Winston-Salem, although he was already the most popular speaker, perhaps, that visits this city.

Why You Should Vote For the Amendments

They Are a Necessity.

Salisbury Post. The amendments to the Constitution ought to appeal to every voter, whatever his politics, they come with the endorsement of all parties and they come as a necessity.

Support of Them is Strong.

Winston-Salem Journal. The genuine popularity of these amendments among those who have studied them is attested by the fact that they are heartily endorsed by the Governor of the State, by the Constitutional Amendments Commission, composed of some of the leading thinkers of North Carolina, by the General Assembly of the State, by the Farmers' Union, by the State Press Association and by the list of signers to the appeal to voters which we are publishing this morning.

Furthermore, as we have heretofore pointed out, the amendments have the most earnest endorsement of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature in Forsyth county. There must be much that is good about them or they would not have such strong support.

Open the Way For Real Reforms.

Charlotte News. The fact that the State government is running behind in expenses, and that thousands of taxpayers are bearing unjust burdens today should emphasize the need of drastic reforms in the State's taxing system.

At present, for instance, if special taxes are proposed in Mecklenburg county, no matter how much in additional tax is raised, the State gets a large share of it, which means that Mecklenburg taxpayers are helping to run pauper counties which require State aid.

Endorsements Numerous.

Wilmington Dispatch. Endorsements of the proposed Constitutional Amendments have come not only from individuals of every rank in North Carolina, but from what may be described as the solid phalanx of many classes and organizations. Representing the State, as a people and not as a party, the Legislature of North Carolina endorsed them; the Farmers' Union, which covers every section of North Carolina, has placed its stamp of approval on them; the North Carolina Press Association, composed of men who have kept the State in the front rank among those who are ever fighting its battles at home and abroad, saw fit to approve them; the Republican party, of the State, in convention, endorsed the amendments; a meet-



ing composed of progressive citizens from different parts of the State, irrespective of creed, trade, avocation or profession, assembled in Raleigh, and laid plans for their advocacy; Governor Craig, Attorney General Bickett and other prominent Carolinians are raising their voices, in their behalf, and from the midst of the Junior Order United American Mechanics comes the following appeal for support of the school amendment, which some people have attempted to decry by raising the false, absurd cry of "nigger."

New News of Yesterday

(By E. J. Edwards.)

HOW ARCTIC GRINNELL BAND GOT ITS NAME.

WILLIAM W. CRAPO took with him when he went to Congress in the latter part of President Grant's second administration such a reputation, both as a lawyer and as a business man, as caused him to be conspicuous among the new members of the lower House.

His early associations at New Bedford were with some of the older men, who, after having gained a fine business experience in Eastern Massachusetts, went to New York City, where their successes in business were such as to give them national reputation as well as fine fortunes.

Mr. Crapo was conspicuous personally among the members of the House because, in spite of the fact that he became a member of that body when only forty-five years of age, his hair and beard were prematurely white. He had acquired the art that makes it possible to combine simplicity with something like elegance in dressing.

"I think that was probable," said Mr. Crapo. "Mr. Grinnell was a man who would not balk at any expense within his means, if he were determined to carry out any project."

"You probably know that Mr. Grinnell was a native of New Bedford. He was one of that able group of business men who, in early life, went from Eastern Massachusetts to New York and there set the pace for the business life of that city."

"I can tell you something that is not generally known about Mr. Grinnell's association with the Kane expedition. In his early life Mr. Grinnell was engaged in the whaling business, which, when he was a young man, was extensively carried on from New Bedford. He was fond, when a whaler returned from a long voyage, of talking with the skipper or any of the sailors. He wanted to learn about their experiences, and was especially interested if any of them were able to tell him of discoveries of islands or of land which had not before been put on the maps."

Tomorrow Dr. Edwards will tell of "The Business of Morgan and the Social Morgan."

Racy of the Soil

Uncle Betts in Hospital.

Greensboro Patriot. Rev. Dr. A. D. Betts, one of the oldest Methodist preachers in the State, who makes his home in this city with his son, Dr. J. S. Betts, is a patient at St. Leo's hospital, where he underwent an operation a few days ago.

Mining Gold Ore.

Gastonia Gazette. Messrs. J. B. and J. T. Bond have purchased a one-half interest in some valuable mining property located in South Carolina. On this property there are three well-developed gold veins and the fourth one is now being opened and will also be developed.

Pears Large As Cantaloupes.

Greensboro Patriot. Mr. H. A. Whiteley, of Greensboro Route 6, who makes a specialty of raising fine fruit and vegetables, in addition to his other accomplishments as a progressive and up-to-date farmer, was in the city Saturday with some of the finest pears that have been seen on the local market.

Smile and Be Happy

A REMEDY.

Hippo - What are you doing with that safe, Ally? Gator - Why, they told me my system needed a little iron.

BETWEEN CATS.

First Cat - Do you think the auto will ever succeed in doing away with the horse? Second Cat - No, but they are doing away with lots of cats.

OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND.

Elephant - I wonder why the giraffe never has his shoes shined? Hippo - I asked him about that and he said he was so far away from his feet that he hadn't seen 'em since he was a little fellow.

BIRDIE'S APPEAL.

Papa Crow - But gracious, son, you surely don't want anything more to eat? Baby - Well, I've only had forty worms and sixty grains of corn so far this morning.

Go J Was A-Sayin'

Miss Mary Shotwell, rural supervisor of schools for Granville county returning to her home yesterday after spending a couple of days at the fair grounds arranging the educational exhibit for that county at the Great State Fair.

"We are arranging a series of community meetings in various parts of the county," said Miss Shotwell, "to be held on November 2, 3, 4, at which time it is hoped that the educational spirit of our county will be given a fresh impetus."

"These meetings are for the purpose of making suggestions for better school buildings, improving the teacher service, adding to the attractiveness of the school grounds and many other things for the betterment of the community."

"Meetings will be held at Stem, Hester, Banks and perhaps other places. At Banks they now have a two-teacher school but we have purchased ten acres of land there and expect in the near future to erect a modern school building and double the teaching force. A physician from Kansas has recently located in that community and is an enthusiastic worker in the educational line and will be a great help in developing the community into a strong educational center."

While in the city Miss Shotwell called on Prof. L. C. Brogden, of the State Educational Department and secured him as one of the speakers for the three meetings in Granville to be held next month.

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, attended the opening day of the Great State Fair yesterday and agreed with Governor Craig in his opening address that the crowd in attendance was the largest he had ever seen present for the first day of the Fair.

"I have carefully inspected all of the exhibits," said Col. Cunningham last night, "and I say unhesitatingly, that they are the best I have ever seen at the Fair."

Mrs. Charles McKimmon presided yesterday in her sanctum at the State Fair Grounds. That was the splendid exhibit of the Girls' Canning Clubs. Mrs. McKimmon seemed approval on her exhibit and on those who commended it enthusiastically. It was worth commendation for even expert canners have failed to put up goods that the girls of the State exhibited there in jars of glass in splendid condition.

"The object of the clubs is not only to teach the girls how to can effectively, but also to give them a gainful occupation," said Mrs. McKimmon yesterday. "In seeking for a standard for the work, we decided upon the commercial standard, for that in the end is and must be the best."

"As to the materials to be canned, we are arranging that according to the various sections. Instead of urging the cultivation of strange fruits for canning purposes, we have caused the girls to can those vegetables and fruits grown by them. A recipe is sent out to the girls of the State and they have been thoroughly tested. Only level measures and exact weight are called for. So the girls can't go wrong, if they follow the recipes."

"The buy-a-bale movement did not take hold of North Carolina like it did Alabama and Georgia," said Mr. R. S. Stringfellow, of Montgomery, who is spending a few days in the city. "You have done pretty well in this State, but you have a more diversified system of farming and cotton troubles do not bear on you as heavily as they do on some of the other cotton States. To show you how high the feeling for the farmer ran in Alabama, an old colored woman, a nurse, was among those who bought bales of distress cotton. She had saved fifty-six dollars out of her small earnings. She brought fifty dollars of it to her employer and said 'I want to help too. Here is fifty dollars.' Buy me a bale of cotton."