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Morning Topic

(John Stuart Mill.) HE who lets the world or his own portion of it choose his plan of life for him has no need of any other faculty than the spark of imitation.

Uncle Walt Mason

JOHN BARLEYCORN, the swaggering, just now is badly staggering beneath repeated blows; for kings say, "He is ruinous—dog-dog the staff he's brewin' us," and biff him on the nose.

The longer the Redpath Chautauqua continues in Raleigh the more delightful it is getting to be. The event is proving one of the most entertaining that has been given in this city.

The outrageous conduct of some of the supporters of the present City Commissioners in their Monday night celebration of the election victory of the Commissioners reminds one of the outbursts of what used to be known as "the wild and woolly West."

With over forty false fire alarms turned in on Monday night in Raleigh it looks as if a reasonably efficient sort of a police service ought to be able to run down some of the violators of the law, does it not?

Supposing some of the automobiles, automobile trucks, or automobile fire wagons, had run down and killed or injured some one on Monday night in the reckless driving in celebration of the victory at the polls of the present Commissioners of Raleigh, would there not have been some heavy suits for damages?

Referring to the statement of the News and Observer of the good effect it was finding in results from the "quart in fifteen days" prohibition law, the New Bern Journal remarks: "Same thing down this way, brother."

The Dunn Guide tells of a happy family despite the names which have been showered on the children. It says: "Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft were visitors to the city last Saturday, accompanying their mother, Mrs. H. B. Pope."

We hardly think that the Colonel will endorse the appointment by Senator Root of William Barnes as chairman of the New York Constitutional Convention committee on legislative power.

The reduction in the price of cotton last fall was charged to the war in Europe. By a strange coincidence the recent advance, in part at least, has also been laid at the door of the war.

If there is a "color famine" in this country because of the inability to get dyes from Germany we may well sensibly return to the use of white goods. Both England and France, in the same boat as to lack of dyes which Germany has heretofore furnished, have begun work planning to make the needed dyes at home.

A DECISION FOR LIFE SAVING.

There was handed down yesterday by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond a decision which if affirmed by the United States Supreme Court will have a far reaching influence and value in the saving of life.

This decision—and it is to be noted that it was the unanimous decision of the court—constitutes the safety appliance act so as to make it unlawful for a railroad to require brakemen to use common handbrakes to control the speed of trains on the roads.

This opinion of the Circuit Court may well be regarded as the most important along this line in many years. If it is held by the highest court as the law of the land its application will without doubt cut down the list of deaths and accidents which are charged against the use of handbrakes, and it may have the effect of compelling the railroads to cut down the length of their trains, especially on the high grades.

The toll of death and the list of injured from the use of handbrakes is a large one, and there have been many suits decided against the railroads as the result of deaths and injuries from the use of this appliance.

HUGHES WILL NOT EVEN NIBBLE.

There has been a steadily increasing impression that there was a presumption being brought to bear on Associate Justice Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, to have him become a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

But Justice Hughes does not bite at the offer. He does not even nibble at it. Plainly and in unmistakable language he sets forth that he will not have the nomination forced on him.

The statement given out yesterday as authoritative from Justice Hughes is in these words: "Justice Hughes wholly disapproves the use of his name in connection with the Presidential campaign."

The Republicans undoubtedly want Justice Hughes. Outside of him they are in straits for a candidate of Presidential size. Roosevelt would put the knife into Taft if he were nominated, and to nominate Roosevelt the Republicans would have to get down into the dust.

ROWDYISM RAMPANT.

There can be no excuse for the outrageous conduct which went on in this city on Monday night. It was rowdyism rampant. False fire alarms in excess of forty, automobile fire wagons racing at the highest speed over the city, automobiles and automobile trucks filled with shouting and drinking men, made many hours of the night a horror of pandemonium.

It was stated yesterday as coming from "a friend" of the administration that it did not sanction the turning in of fire alarms. Neither does any reputable citizen of Raleigh. Nor do the citizens of Raleigh who believe in law and order approve of the reckless rush about the city of automobiles of any description filled with yelling and drinking men.

IN ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

It is hardly necessary for Republican organs to agree that prosperity is right at us unless this be taken as a matter of cumulative evidence of a state of facts which every ordinarily well informed person knows.

Until this fact of prosperity has been forced upon them the Republicans have been calamity chasing with a terrific cry of hard times, but the forced gait has proven too much and they

Spirit of the Press

Wilmington Dispatch. Judging by the way Mr. Redfield and Secretary Daniels are warming up, Vice-President Marshall about to go in training on the Chautauqua and with President Wilson's and Secretary Bryan's known ability and readiness the Republicans needn't think they are going to be treated with silent contempt when they begin their oratorical sniping.

Quick On the Trigger. New Bern Journal. Although George Hood, of Goldsboro, the recently selected Congressman from this district, has only been in office a few days, rumors float herabout that when the next election is held, a well known New Bernian and not one of those in the last race, will be among the list of candidates.

Charlotte Observer. Maj. E. J. Hale was one of the first men appointed under the Wilson administration to a foreign post. For six months or more after he had departed for Costa Rica to take up the duties of ministerial envoy, we kept watch on the columns of his paper—the Fayetteville Observer—to get some word from him.

How the University Stands.

New York Evening Post. The inauguration yesterday of Edward K. Graham as president of the University of North Carolina calls attention to the notable progress of that oldest of State universities in making itself an efficient agency of the Commonwealth.

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Happiness

(Walt Mason in Judge.)

I SAW my little Willie swap his jackknife for an old tin top, the which he gaily spins, and while it whirls its merry race, he looks upon his freckled face some fifteen kinds of grins.

"He thinks he made a corking trade. 'That jackknife hadn't any blade,' he says; 'it was a frost. I gave two marbles and some chalk to Billy Bones, across the block—that's all the blamed thing cost. But this here top's as good as new. I never saw a top could do so niftily its trick. I guess the kid I got it from—his name is Ebenezer Tom—is feeling pretty sick.'"

Of course you'll say it isn't true; at least it won't apply to you—you're straighter than two strings. You have a top and loathe all crooked trades, and just above your shoulder blades you're growing Roxy wings. But all the rest of us, I know, experience a pleasant glow when we have made a kill—when we, because of yobs we spin, the unearned increment take in, until it fits the bill.

THOSE TERRIBLE ZEPPELIN RAIDS.



the man who deals in real estate, the lordly merchant prince, the leading lawyer, learned and grand—they all are gladdest when they hand the other chap a quince. This human weakness to confess, it gives you nerves a jar; but mighty few of us are saints, and you should boost the gent who paints us mortals as we are.

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Smile and Be Happy

KEEP OPINION. Are you fond of bridge? Well, it beats washing dishes any day.

CONSISTENT. I'll say one thing for those cessars. They're consistent. What do you mean? They never capture less than 100,000 prisoners at a time.

PROOF. What makes you think he is a vegetarian? I have smok'd his cigars.

YOU CAN'T PHASE 'EM. Literary Editor (Indignantly): You can't expect us to accept stuff like this. It isn't poetry at all—it's simply gas. P. O. C. (unruffled): I see something wrong with the subject.

Racy of the Soil

Hill Hurt Orchards. Watauga Democrat. We are told that after the storm on last Friday night covered the ground on Flat Top to a depth of four inches. It is said that the orchards on the Cone estate were materially damaged, as are all others in the path of the storm.

Farmers Well Up. Mount Airy News. Not in recent years have the farmers been so well up with their work as they are today. The conditions have been ideal for Spring plowing and it has been no trouble to get all the land turned in time to plant. The farmers are hauling fertilizer for the crops in large quantities. A dealer in fertilizer remarked this week that the way farmers are buying would indicate a large crop of tobacco.

Pay Rolls Tell. Mount Airy, cot. It is now in the time Andrews Sun. As an evidence of the prosperity of Andrews and surrounding community, we have great pleasure in reporting the pay rolls for the month ending last Saturday as amounting to approximately \$50,000. Included in these figures were the pay rolls of the Mount Vernon Tannery, North Carolina Tanning Extract Company, the Andrews Lumber Company, the Andrews Manufacturing Company, the Hiwassee Valley Railway Company and a number of others.

As I Was A-Sayin'

'This has been fine weather for road work.' Says Wake County Road Supervisor W. L. Wiggs who has just resigned this work to attend to the duties at home. 'It has been a very warm, dry month, a splendid one in which to work and the road forces in Wake county have made good use of the time. Our men appear fresh, and even a little bit wild at times, but they have done some excellent work.'

This is clearing up rapidly a condition which prevailed in the county during the continued spell of wet weather during the winter. Then the heavy rains made road work impossible and as a result the roads themselves became impassable. Insurance Commissioner James R. Young is every day running up against the inquiries of insurance agents and others interested in insurance who have mistaken ideas or faint ideas of the changes which were made in the insurance laws by the last legislature. Particularly as regard to insurance agents and adjusters has this been so.

'Heretofore the law has been very strict as to issuing licenses to insurance agents, but has never required that an adjuster should be licensed. The last Legislature provided for a license for adjusters, and made regulations in regard to the same as strict as those in regard to licensing agents. The Legislature was certainly right in the belief that the adjuster who makes upon and interprets the contract should be a man of good character with proper knowledge and experience, as well as the agent, who simply takes the application and issues the policy.'

'We are charmed with your delightful city. It is a place of beauty, and there are evidences of progress on all sides.' That pleasant statement about Raleigh was made yesterday by Mr. Joseph A. Stern, of Erie, Pa., speaking for himself and for Mr. D. W. Anderson, of Clearfield, Pa., with him on a visit to the News and Observer building. Mr. Stern was the guest of Mr. Anderson in his automobile, one of a party which went from Clearfield to St. Petersburg, Fla., and the two are in the city having some necessary work done on the automobile. In a few days they start on a trip back to Pennsylvania, having travelled some nine hundred miles since leaving St. Petersburg.

'We take off our hats to the good roads we found in Georgia,' Mr. Stern intones. In our visit South we found roads in North Carolina till we got off the right road after leaving Jonesboro. We are going on from here by way of Richmond, Virginia, Baltimore. In our visit South we found on our way back that business is looking up, things appearing to be getting in better shape. We have enjoyed the South very much.

'Here is something about a newspaper which I think is unique,' said Mr. Anderson. 'In St. Petersburg there is a daily newspaper which advertises that the paper will be given away each day that the sun does not shine in St. Petersburg, known as the Sunshine City. It never has to do this often, but the past winter it ran up against more cloudy days than in any other year. This season there has been more cold and rough weather in Florida than a great number of years.'