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Morning Tonic

(Samuel Smiles.) It is not wealth that gives the true zest to life, but reflection, appreciation, taste, culture.

Uncle Matt Mason

I bought some rags of Tailor Skaggs, and paid him when I got 'em; he wept with glee; "For now," said he, "I'll pay my bills, and dot 'em."

The latest attempt of the esteemed Colonel to "tear Wilson to pieces" has resulted disastrously for the Colonel.

Germany, it now appears, will not answer the United States note for some ten days.

We are absolutely certain that this is not the right time to take 'em off.

Without doubt England would like to have the ten submarines which were built for it here but which are being held at the Fore River yard in Massachusetts by this government.

It being announced that Levi P. Morton celebrated his ninety-first birthday anniversary in Washington on Sunday.

The first of the trans-Atlantic liners to be diverted to the New York-San Diego-San Francisco run has arrived at San Diego via the Panama Canal from New York.

"A hit! A palpable hit! Remarks the Columbia State, with the matters of prosperity and calamity howling in mind."

Just the other day we told of American matches being used in Paris for the first time. Yesterday there came the news that another kind of "match" had appeared there.

Appointments to positions keep coming the way of William Barnes despite the fact of the Colonel being "agin" him.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the Empire State campaign committee for votes for women, did the right thing yesterday.

THE TWENTIETH OF MAY.

Today North Carolina celebrates the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

On the Great Seal of the State and on the State flag there is the date "May 20, 1775."

This is a State with a glorious history and with a future bright with hope.

ITALY.

Unless all signs fail Italy is close upon the time when it will be in the reeking field of the European war.

The reports yesterday were of such a nature as to cause the world to expect a quick decision after nine months of waiting.

That the will of the people of Italy is for war is unmistakable. They have a dream of expansion for their country which is the moving factor.

The gathering of mobs, the shouts in the streets of Rome and of other cities of Italy, are such as to give threat to the throne itself.

THE STRAWBERRY CROP.

The reports from New York of such large receipts of strawberries that the price was driven down on Tuesday is not a matter of encouragement to the strawberry raisers.

Prices, states the New York Commercial, ruled low. Small berries late on Monday sold at four cents a quart for Eastern Shore fruit.

At such prices the fruit moved off freely, as was to be expected, from the opening of the docks, the hucksters and the wagon boys taking large lots early.

THE SCREAM OF THE COLONEL.

That there has been a sense of personal injury in the neighborhood of the whereabouts of the gentleman who put Oyster Bay on the map because of the events outside of the court room in Syracuse may well be imagined.

That such has been the attitude of the Colonel lately is the natural view of all who know of that gentleman's desire for the full limelight of publicity.

"Myself," the Colonel almost shouted that it was false. Quite the old time Roosevelt, was he not? He is an adept in hurling about the ugly little denunciation.

Curious how things shape themselves up occasionally. Here it is that the United States government has been requested to ask the British Embassy to secure for Dr. Dernburg a British safe conduct for his voyage overseas to Germany.

There is deep regret in Raleigh at the death of Mr. Albert L. Hopkins, of Newport News, Va., who was among the first in the destruction of the Lusitania.

Spirit of the Press

A North Carolina Poet.

Wilmington Dispatch. We learn that that most lovable North Carolinian, Dr. William Laurie Hill, of Charlotte, is soon to issue a new book.

Expert Vs. Ignoramus.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. Admiral Dewey is quoted as saying that the United States Navy is today "composed of the finest and most efficient warships that we have ever had."

Savoyard's Letter

THE BENCH AND THE PRESIDENCY.

It would be difficult to cite a situation in our political history like that now on the carpet. The Democratic party is standing pat on Woodrow Wilson and his administration.

There was much talk of Whitman at one time; but a man who is a failure as Governor at Albany would be impossible as President at Washington.

To show that they realize that they have the fight of their lives on their hands, the Republicans all through the month of April urged Mr. Justice Hughes with ceaseless persistence and practical unanimity.

David Davis, while on the Supreme Bench had ambitions to be President and in 1872 he beat Wendell Phillips for the nomination in the National Convention of the Labor party.

President Lincoln made Salmon P. Chase Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to keep him out of politics.

Chase was a candidate before the Democratic National Convention in 1853 and had been named and the greenback plank left out of the platform.



highest vote never reached 100. Since 1880 no Supreme Court Justice was mentioned for President until 1912.

In 1910 the standpatners, to get him out of the way, caused Taft to nominate Hughes to a vacancy on the bench.

It is a tribute to the man—that the worst element in his party clothed him with the ermine in order to be rid of him in the field of politics.

Washington, May 17. A conservative estimate shows 25 per cent more corn is being planted in Rockingham county this year than any season for the past twenty-five years.

New News of Yesterday

(By E. J. Edwards.)

AN OLD-TIME ADVOCATE OF THE PANAMA CANAL PROJECT.

THE LATE Frederick W. Seward, who died recently at his home, Montrose, near Tarrytown on the Hudson River, would have been 85 years of age had he lived until July.

Mr. Seward, as Assistant Secretary of State, often represented his father at Cabinet meetings, and in that capacity he was present at the last Cabinet meeting Lincoln held, which was on the afternoon of the day on which he was assassinated.

In one of the many conversations I had with Mr. Seward and one of the latest, he spoke to me of his satisfaction that he had been permitted to live long enough to know that the canal across the Isthmus of Panama had been completed and was being navigated by vessels.

"I think it was the second year of President Johnson's administration that my father was able to secure exactly the kind of treaty he wanted. He had also obtained a survey and plans on an estimate of cost.

"When I asked him where he was going to find the private capital he said that he was sure the men who had built the Atlantic cable would be only too willing to raise the capital necessary for the construction of the canal.

Tomorrow Dr. Edwards will tell of "A Man Who Promoted the Alaska Purchase."

Racy of the Soil

Fine Crop Wheat.

Reidsville Review. Oak Grove. Wheat and oats are coming right along. From the looks of the wheat now it will yield a fine crop.

Rains in Iredell Help.

Stateville Landmark. Mooreville. The recent rains have greatly improved the crops in this section of the county.

First Grower Bragging.

Newton Enterprise. New Irish potatoes have arrived, and the first grower bragging about eating any to Mr. I. Alex. Yount, Newton, Route 2, who had 'em for dinner Friday.

Strawberries "Big as Peaches."

Newton Enterprise. The famous Catawba strawberry, commonly described as "big as peaches," is on the market in abundance.

Foodstuffs in Rockingham.

Reidsville Review. A conservative estimate shows 25 per cent more corn is being planted in Rockingham county this year than any season for the past twenty-five years.

Smile and Be Happy

MIGHTY SLOW PAY. Staylate—I always pay as I go. Miss Wary (grawling)—Your creditors have my sympathy.

TAMED.

Swift used to be a great out-of-door man and all-around sport. Is he reconciled to married life? I think so. I called on him recently and found him sitting ashes with an old tennis racket.

UNFEELING.

I'm tired of reading about the smart girl graduates. You're not half as tired as the fellows will be who have to listen to her essay.

A RELIEF.

Do you like Wagner? Better than I used to. There's a lot of his music that no one would attempt to dance to.

As I Was A-Sayin'

Attorney-General Bickett is priming up for a big speech at Wake Forest on the occasion of the alumni meeting.

But for all that, he has no speech prepared. Recently, he received from a correspondent for one of the State papers in Wake Forest, a request for his speech.

"And I always find," added Attorney-General Bickett in substance, "that a back stairway is the most convenient thing a speaker can have, just to get out quickly and gracefully. Please supply one for me."

There is hardly a public man in the State who has spoken in as many places and on as many occasions during the last year, certainly, as Attorney-General Bickett.

"I have been sawing a bit of wood," he says, but that is as far as he will go.

"What do you do when you have spoken until you are hoarse when something on the inside and everything on the outside wants a rest?" somebody asked the Attorney-General.

"Richmond is making extensive preparations to entertain the large numbers of visitors expected during the Confederate Re-union," said Mr. Harvey M. Hollerom, of Richmond in Raleigh yesterday.

"Yesterday Governor Stuart awarded contract for the decoration and illumination of the Capitol, State Library and Executive Mansion. The big building will be swathed in bunting and banners tastefully arranged.

"Owners of automobiles are decorating their cars for a huge floral parade. The Richmond Auto club offers three prizes for best decorated cars—\$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$40 for the third.

"Members of the R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Sons of Confederate Veterans, are lending their energetic planning new stunts to entertain the old soldiers. They have the entire business interests backing their efforts, and Richmond hopes, and indeed has planned that this shall be the greatest re-union ever held in the South. Upon this pledge everyone is invited to attend."