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Morning Tonic

T is not wealth that gives the true sest to life. but reflection, appreciation, taste, culture. Above all, the feeling heart and the seeing eye are indispensable; with these the humblest lot Labor and toll may be iated with the highest thoughts and the

Uncle Walt Mason

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, dod rot 'em." So on the run he took the mon, and paid the corner grocer, whose trade was bad, and who was sad, because the wolf drew closer. That made him smile.

BUYING AT HOME, and for a while the man of teas and sages

thought cheerful thinks, forgot the kinks, and paid his clerks their wages. And Billiam Burk, the old head clerk, put up some thankful phrases; his wife was ill-the druggist's bill worried him like blazes. The druggist cried, "Doggone your hide, I thank you for these roubles; I'm in the hole and need a roll to ease my weight of troubles." The druggist paid that winsome maid, his first assistant, Annie, and just for luck she blew a buck for roller skates for granny. And thus my sends brought help to lads and girls beyond the counting; much trouble ceased, and joy increased, and kept on mounting, mounting. You see, my friend, if you should spend your coin with local dealers, you're spreading give and ecstacy to beat the sunshine spielers.

The latest attempt of the esteemed Colonel to 'tear Wilson to pieces" has resulted disas brously for the Colonel. And there was 1912.

Germany, it now appears, will not answer the United States note for some ten days. This gives the guessers ample time in which to prognos-

We are absolutely certain that this is not the right time to take 'em off. Be patient, though, for the "good old summer time" will get here after awhile.

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 because of our neutrality. The ten were built in four months.

It being announced that Levi P. Morton cele-Washington on Sunday, it will be recalled that he was once Vice-President of the United States. Vice-Presidents, unless they do something notable, do not linger long in the memory of

The first of the trans-Atlantic liners to be fiverted to the New York-San Diego-San Fransisco run has arrived at San Diego via the Panama Canal from New York. This is the steamer Finland, of the Panamy-Pacific line. From New York to San Francisco by water is upt to prove a popular trip in the present letup of trans-Atlantic travel

"A hit! A palpable hit! Remarks the Columhis State, with the matters of prosperity and plamity howling in mind: "We extremely regret to note by the valued New York Tribune hat the Democratic administration has so thoroughly demoralized business that that paper is now carrying only 20,000 lines more advertising than during the corresponding period of May 3914."

Just the other day we told of American natches being used in Paris for the first time. Yesterday there came the news that another kind of "match" had appeared there, that the first marriage by proxy had taken place. This was in the Latin quarter, the bridegroom, a Paris attorney who is now at the front, being epresented by a friend who stood up for him at the wedding, this being in strict privacy.

Appointments to positions keep coming the way of William Barnes despite the fact of the donel being "agin" him. The latest is that Supreme Court Justice Hasbrouck, of New York, as named him as a member of the Ahoskan mage Commission to pass upon damage daims in connection with the acquisition by New York City of the Ahoskan region for water sipply purposes. Now, we believe Mr. Barnes rould rather be on a commission to assess damges against the Colonel?

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. chairman of the npire State campaign committee for votes women, did the right thing yesterday, She rave out a statement condemning the action of he woman suffragists who attempted to hand President Wilson while he was in New York at the review of the fleet, a letter requesting him two an audience to a deputation of women ists. Well does Mrs. Catt declare; "Sufse that no President since Lincoln as had such serious and delicate problems to alve as Mr. Wilson. We are distressed that any

THE TWENTIETH OF MAY.

Today North Carolina celebrates the anniver sary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. One hundred and forty years ago, on the Twentieth of May, 1775, that Declaration of Independence was signed, and it takes its place as one of the great historical events of this State.

On the Great Seal of the State and on the State fing there is the date "May 20, 1775," and with it our State declaration is "Esse Quam Videri." This is indeed a State in which the rule in "To Be Itather Than To Seem To Be." North Carolina believes in the doing and not in the seeming.

This is a State with a glorious history and with a future bright with hope. With the greatest native born population of any of the States it is going forward. Among its people there is that same great spirit of freedom which animated the Mecklenburg farmers who signed the Declaration of Independence which gave to this State a post of honor and distinction.

Mecklenburg county celebrates today, and from all parts of the State the sons of North Carolina send their greeting to Charlotte. The glory of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is the common heritage of all the people of the State. May there never come a day when North Carolina will forget the men of those Revolutionary days and when its some will not be animated with the some high purposes

PTALY.

Unless all signs fail Italy is close upon the ime when it will be in the reeking field of the European war. Whether its entry wills prolong the struggle for mastery in Europe, or whether this other factor against Germany and Austro-Hungary will decisively turn the tide in favor of the Allies, can only be conjectures. That the voice of the great majority of its people is for war and on the side of the Allies is the burden of the news which insistently comes from that country.

The reports yesterday were of such a nature as to cause the world to expect a quick decision after nine months of waiting, a waiting which is held by many to have been caused by the brilliant diplomacy of Count Bernhard von Buelow, the Kaiser's representative in Rome. The retention of Salandra as Premier of Italy showed conclusively that the war party in that country is in control. That Austria yet has a faint glim mering hope of keeping Italy neutral is shown by the fact that again yesterday it was dickering as to territorial concessions to be made to pacify that country.

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, and there is territory which they feel it must have, whether Austria will yield it by concession, or whether it will have to be taken by force of arms. The fever of war is rising higher and higher and it now seems that the government will not be able to restrain the demand for the call to the colors. Indeed the demand appears to have so grown that if it is not granted the government itself may be pushed to one

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. If Victor Emanuel does not heed the call, then it may be that the reign of Victor Emanuel will end. "Down with the monarchy; long live the republic," has been heard in the streets of Rome. It is not that the people do not want Victor Emanuel as their sovereign, it is that they want war. And if Italy takes the plunge it will be because the people have so willed it.

THE STRAWBERRY CROP.

The reports from New York of such large receints of strawberries that the price was driven Yorkers were pleased, for it gave them their first chean berries of the season. The reports were that on Monday the arrival of berries broke all records, there reaching that market 27.281 crates or 165 carloads, the stock being received from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

Prices, states the New York Commercial. ruled low. Small berries late on Monday sold at four cents a quart for Eastern Shore fruit, and from three dents to five cents on Virginia offerings. The stock from North Carolina went at prices ranging from three cents to six cents a quart, while there was a preference shown for the large Maryland berries, in some cases eight cents to twenty cents a quart being paid.

At such prices the fruit moved out freely, as was to be expected, from the opening of the docks, the bucksters and the wagon boys taking large lots early. The reports are that the sales to the consumers went on briskly and that there was a feast of strawberries among many in New York who had not indulged in the luxuries hitherto in the season. While the strawberry raisers will receive small checks for their shipments, yet "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good," and the New York purchasers of strawberries at small prices had a delight which had not come to them before during this year.

THE SCREAM OF THE COLONEL.

That there has been a sense of personal injury in the neighborhod 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. Was not "I" entitled to the first page? By what right does anyone butt in while "I" am having the time of my life on the witness stand telling all about the wickedness of "Boss" Barnes who wouldn't see things my way, and who had the audacity to attempt to call me down when I gave him a public tongue lashing?

That such has been the attitude of the Colonel lately is the natural view of all who know of that centleman's desire for the full limelight of publicity. And in the interim, while this country is waiting to hear from Berlin, and while there is a tossing up of coins as to how Italy will jump or when it will jump the Colonel made an arousement in his fight for first page chaltlen in the papers. It was a gallant charge made at the newspaper boys,

How did he do tt? With his veice, That is his strong point. The accounts of the proceedings to the court on Tuesday say that shen asked if he had said that "The Republican party is not big enough to held Burnes and

firyself," the Colonel almost shouted that it wa false. Quite the old time Rossvelt, was he not? He is an adept in hurling about the ugly little denunciation. If now he could only deliver the charge to the jury in the Barnes vs. Boosevelt case he would be happy. That he has been pushed away from the coveted full glare of publicity for awhile is terribly sad, but the Colonel may have something up his sleeve to startle us with yet. For his sake let us hope that he has. He enjoys his scream as much as a child is tickled with its tin rattle.

Curious how things shape themselves up occanionally. Here it is that the United States rovernment has been requested to ask the British Embassy to secure for Dr. Dernburg a British safe conduct for his voyage overseas to Germany. A German subject seeking a safe conduct from the British is rather a novelty at this time.

There is deep regret in Raleigh at the deathof Mr. Albert L. Hopkins, of Newport News Va., who was among the lost in the destruction of the Lusitania, his body having been recovered Friday. Mr. Hopkins was president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and visited Raleigh some time ago with other members of the United States Chamber of

Spirit of the Press

A North Carolina Poet.

Wilmington Dispatch. We learn that that most lovable North Carelinias, Dr. William Laurie Hill, of Charlotte, is soon to issue a new book. Following publication of the "Master of the Red Buck and Bay which added lustre to North Carolina in the realm of literature, the Doctor, whose always friendly nod and ever kindly word have done much in adding to life's sweetness, is to issue a book of poems, entitled "Blue Bird Songs of Hope and Joy." For a number of years this good, dear old gentleman has been the poet laureate of the North Carolina Press ciation, a position he has filled in faithful and masterly way. His poems breathe of life's charm, vigor and opportunity.

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" and that "the fleet now in New York harbor is not excelled, except in size, by the fleet of any nation in the world." "Our offi-"Our officers," he adds, "are as good as any, and our enlisted men are superior in training, education physical development and devotion to duty to those of any other nation. As president of the General Board for the last fifteen years, I can my with absolute confidence that the efficiency of the fleet has progressed steadily and never has been so high as today.

But, of course, such testimony from such a wil have no effect on Hon. Gussie Gard-How could the ranking officer, of the American Navy, a man who has devoted his whole life to the practical study of naval affairs, possibly know as much about the condition of our naval establishment as the gentleman from Massachusetts who probably never et foot on a warship and wouldn't know a torpedo boat from a destroyer?

Savoyard's Letter

THE BENCH AND THE PRESIDENCY.

T 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, and the G. O. P. is going about with a lantern hunting a candidate for 1913. They have a big bunch from which to pick. There is talk of Weeks, of Massachusetts. He has a full barrel of money, which triumphed over Sam McCall's full barrel of brains in the last election for United States Senator in Massachusetts. Then mention now and then whispered of Henry Cabot lodge, who would be mighty glad

of a re-election to the Senate 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. Ohio has three or four candidates for the Republican nomination, Indiana has two. Pennsylvania at least one, Illinois two, Michigan one, Iowa one, Missouri one, and there are others. For a while the Republicans were blissful in the nonsense that they could elect a yaller dog in 1916; but that damphoolery is

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. When a political party roes to the Supreme Court for a candidate for President it is tantamount to a signal of distress When the devil is sick, the devil a monk would

When the devil is well, devil a monk is he

No party will ever go to the bench for a can didate as long as it has a layman who can make strong race. There is a feeling in this country that the bench is like the church in this particular-neither must dabble in politics. That is the reason the Whige would never nominate John McLean for President, and in 1886 the Republicans rejected that same Justice McLear and took up John C. Fremont, who, not mans ears earlier, tried to make California a s State. At least, he opposed that clause of the State Constitution prohibiting slavery. The John McLean I am talking about is not the same McLean some of you may be thinking about though both hailed from Ohio.

David Davis, while on the Supreme had ambitions to be President and in 1872 he heat Wendell Phillips for the nomination in th National Convention of the Labor party, then very active in politics; but the Liberal Republicans at Cincinnati preferred Horace Greeley to him, after which his case was hopeless. Sub quently his resignation from the bench to be

dency.

President Lincoln made Salmon P. Chase
President Lincoln made Salmon P. Chase
President la keep hill Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to keep him out of politics. At the time there was seriou opposition to the renomination of Lincoln in the Republican party and it was about to settle on Chase, That opposition held a national con-vention which nominated John C. Fremont for President and John Cochrane for Vice-President but when the regular convention nominated oln and Johnson the opposition collaps It is ourlous to note that James A. Carfield was for the Fremont ticket.

Chase was a candidate before the Dep National Convention in 1868 and had he been named and the greenback plank left out of the platform it is very likely that U. B. Grant would never have been President. In the days of their never have been President. In the days of their dark despair the Democrats used to look to Mr. Justice Field, of the Supreme Bench, with imploring eyes, and he was willing too, but it of his publicity bureau in 1886, but in the tional Convention of the Democratic party

highest vote never reached 100. Since 1880 no Supreme Court Justice was mentioned for President until 1912, when Mr. Justice Hughes stopped the clamor for his nomination by an emphatic refusal to countenance the movement. And now Mr. Justice Hughes has again de-

clined to re-enter the game of politics. Had he been nominated for President in 1998 he would have been elected. He was then a candidate for the distinction and he would have been chosen had not Theodore Roosevelt been as much master of the convention as Mark Hanna was of that of eight years earlier. Roosevelt, however, served notice that if the convention rejected Taft he would take the nomination himself, and that settled it.

In 1916 the standpatters, to get him out of the way, caused Taft to nominate Hughes to a vacancy on the bench. He accepted and is much in love with the job, if gossip is to be credited. Nobody knows what reception the people would give to a candidate for President aken from the Supreme Bench. He might run like the cholers, and then he might not. Governor Hughes made a great reputation as Governor of New York; but, less fortunate than Tilden and Cleveland, the bosses of his party were too strong for him, and many of the reforms he advocated were rejected, though some of them he was able to accomplish.

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 Now they would be glad to draft him to pull

the chestnuts of the G. O. P. out of the fire. Since the positive and authorized announce ent taking Justice Hughes out of the calculation the boom of Mr. Burton is becoming with

Washington, May 17:

New News of Vesterday

AN OLD-TIME ADVOCATE OF THE PAN-AMA CANAL PROJECT.

THE LATE Frederick W. Seward, who died recently at his home, Montrose, near Turrytown on the Hudson River, would have been \$5 years of age had he lived until July. He said me the last time I saw him, more than a year ago, that he believed he was the sole sur vivor of all of those who had official intimacy with Abraham Lincoln when President.

Mr. Seward, as Assistant Secretary of State, often represented his father at Cabinet meet ings, and in that capacity he was present at the lest Cabinet meeting Lincoln held, which was on the afternoon of the day on which he was our sainsted

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.

"My father, sixty years ago, was persuaded that sooner or later a canal would across that isthmus," he said. "At that time the isthmus was called Darien. I used offen to near my father speak of the vital need for the United States of a ship canal across the Darien Isthmus. He believed that the government should provide surveys and plans. that the State Department should enter into diplomatic relations with Colombia with view to securing a treaty. If the government did secure a treaty which would give the Uni-States exclusive control, and if the army and navy co-operated in perfecting a survey, then it would remain for private capital to build the canal.

"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. one that it would cost about \$108,000,000.

New York and Interested Peter Cooper, Marshall Roberts, and two or three other capital in the proposition. These were the men who laid the Atlantic cable. Peter Cooper was Cooper was enthusiastic over the plans and he assured my futher that there would be no difficulty in raising \$100,000,000. He got together a committee, which undertook to market \$100,000,000 of There seemed to be no doubt about the success of the attempt to be postponed, and.
Suddenly the plan had to be postponed, and,
as it preved, abandoned for the simple reason
as it preved, abandoned for the simple reason that in spite of all the arguments brought to bear by my father and others upon the Senators the treaty was rejected. Some years after that Prance took the proposition up." (Copyright, 1915, by E. J. Edwards. All rights attempt to di

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

Racy of the Soil

SINKING OF

LUSITANIA

THE WHIR LPOOL

Mooresville: The recent rains have greatly improved the crops in this sec-tion of the county. Wheat, oats, and other grain crops are looking unusu-

First Grower Bragging.

Newton Enterprise. New Irish potatoes have arrived, and the first grower bragging about eating any is Mr. I. Alex. Yount, New-

Strawberries "Big as Peaches."

Newton Enterprise

ance. The prices yesterday ranged around 5 cents the quart. No finer berry, either in flavor or size, is grown anywhere than the Catawba berry.

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 places and on as many occasions dur-There is a much larger acreage in clovers and other valuable stuff. Many farmers are getting ready to put in fields of mixed cow peas, millet and sorghum, and there is to be more or less acreage in cow peas, so ghum and soy beans. Either of the combinations will make a fine forage crop and assure farmers of winter supply if reasonable care is taken in he cutting and curing of this high and nutritious feed.



MIGHTY SLOW PAY.

Raleigh yesterday enroute to visit his parents at Apex. Continuing he said: "Hundreds of decorators are busy, and the Federal Reserve city is al-ready presenting a gay appearance ways pay as I go. Miss Weary (yawning)- Your ready presenting a gay appearance with flags, bunting, and streamers. Signs are everywhere directing strangers to their various headquarters.
"Yesterday Governor Stuart awardcreditors have my sympathy.

Swift used around sport. Is he reconciled married life? I think so.

TAMED.





I'm tired of sading about the

as tired as the fel-lows will be who have to listen to

A RELIEF. Wagner? Better than I used to, There's a lot of his music

brilliant light, in addition to the regular electric lights.

"Owners of automobiles are decorating their cars for a huge floral parade. The Richmond Auto ciub offers three prizes for best decorated
cars—\$100 for first, \$60 for second
and \$40 for the third. The parade
will be on the afternoon of June 2
etarting from the city hall at 5 p. m.
Auto owners in North Carolina are
invited to make the run to Richmond
ind participate in the parade. Already 2,000 cars has been promised

"Bands from Staunton, Atlanta
filrminghum and Louisville' have arranged to come and aid in furnishing
music during the re-union. These is
addition to all the Richmond and surrounding town bands will furnish liverounding town bands will furnish live-ity music for the veterana.

"Already the banks and larger mer-

cantile establishments have started their decorations, and many are com-plets. In a few days the main bus-ness streets will present a varied and heautiful speciacle, more gorgeo than ever before attempted for Confederate re-union and will worth going hundreds of miles

worth going hundreds of miles to view.

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

as I Was a=Savin' Attorney-General Bickett is prim-

body in general, something to think

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. General Bickett re-

plied that he had the frame work of

his oratorical mansion ready but

wouldn't put on the finishing touches

with the roof and porches until he

"And I always find," added At-

torney-General Bickett in substance,

"that a back stairway is the most

convenient thing a speaker can have.

just to get out quickly and gracefully.

But Attorney-General Bickett, in

spite of the terrible schedule of

speeches before and behind him, tax-

ing his capacity and straining his

Wake Forest. And that something

isn't to be downed by a bit of

There is hardly a public man in the

State who has spoken in as many

ing the last year, certainly, as At-

torney-General Bickett. He himself

refuses to admit all of his speech-

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

"What do you do when you have

spoken until you are hoarse when

asked the Atterney

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

"Yesterday Governor Stuart awarded contract for the decoration and illumination of the Capitol; State Library and Executive Mansion. The big buildings will be awathed in bunting and banners tastefully arranged. Powerful searchlights erected at advantageous points in the capitol grounds will light up the facades of the State building for dark seek.

of the State building after dark each night, bathing the decorations in a brilliant light, in addition to the reg-

something on the inside and every-

the cutside wants a res

Well," he replied and his eyes od in a full-face laugh, "I just !

nerves, is anticipating something for

looked at his audience.

Please supply one for me."

about.

fatigue.

making program.

sake another speech.

thing on nomebody "Well,"

Fine Crop Wheat.

ing up for a big speech at Wake Forest Reidsville Review.
Oak Grove: Wheat and oats are on the occasion of the alumni meetcoming right along. From the looks of the wheat now it will yield a fine ing. Last year he was elected orator, and Attorney-General Bickett, if signs do not go wrong, is going to give the alumni, their friends, and the student Rains in Iredell Help.

Statesville Landmark.

ally fine in this section

ion, Route 2, who had 'em for dinne

The famous Catawba strawberry, commonly described as "big as peaches," is on the market in abund-

Smile and Be Kappy

UNFEELING.