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MORNING TONIC

(Hannah Moore.) Nothing raises the price of a blessing like its removal; whereas it was its continuance which should have taught us its value.

UNCLE WALT MASON

PESSIMISM.

"You're buying trouble when you buy a car," the old man said, his gloomy face ajar. "I'd rather walk, as walked my patient aires, than stand in mud and fuss with busted tires."

THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S LAW

The absentee voter's law is the thing. Put the proposed act in the best shape possible and pass it without delay.

JOHN BARLEYCORN

John Barleycorn, whose business is giving red eyes to his companions, is now being given black eyes straight-tilting.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is invited to sweat the public towel in the hotels of the State. They are breeders of disease.

FRENZIED FINANCE

"Frenzied Finance" Lawson evidently has the view that he will make Congress go mad with the "leak" in his charges.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The members of the General Assembly are now being introduced to a large and selected lot of bills, appropriation bills.

AND THOSE SILENT SUFFRAGE SENTINELS

And those silent suffrage sentinels still refuse to warm up with the President. We wonder if they know how to fire a salute.

PUBLICITY AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Publicity and competitive bidding for bonds in North Carolina is the thing that is needed, Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

THE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE

The birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee comes next Friday. There should be commemorative exercises of the day in all parts of the State.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, the retiring Minister at The Hague, speaks of the peace talk as being "deadlocked." And the dead increase in numbers of the carnage goes on in Europe.

WHEN WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN ADDRESSES THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

When William Jennings Bryan addresses the Anti-Saloon League here this afternoon those who hear him will find that he blazes the way in a program that is for the best interests of the State and of the people.

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT PERMIT TOM LAWSON TO BLUFF IT

Congress should not permit Tom Lawson to bluff it. When his hand is called we have an idea that nothing will be found in it except two spots of rumors and vaporings. But if he has something the country is entitled to know it. On with the investigation.

TONIGHT THE BUSINESS MEN OF RALEIGH

Tonight the business men of Raleigh will have an opportunity to do something that will aid in the rebuilding of Raleigh and all this section of North Carolina in a great degree. The establishment of a meat packing plant in this city is a project that should have full support.

AT OUR DOORS.

The crippled and deformed children of North Carolina are at our doors asking what are we going to do for them. In the orphanages of the State there is no provision for cripples in body, sound in mind.

Is it not time for a change? Take this matter of statistics and see. Forty-eight per cent of crippled boys become criminals. That in itself is a clarion call to the people of the State to do something to end this ceaseless procession crimeward.

In North Carolina there are 6,718 cripples. From records upon the matter of treatment of deformed children it has been found that 98 per cent of minor cases, such as club-feet, curved wrists, twisted hands, can be cured.

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HAS BETTERED THE STATE.

There is no need of argument to show that the work of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League has proven of service to the State. Homes, bank accounts, improved conditions, lessening of crime, these and other things give concrete proof of the value of the work of the organization.

Today there will begin in Raleigh the ninth biennial meeting of the organization, having before it the purpose to take steps which will make more effective the prohibition laws of the State.

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TONIGHT JUDGE S. D. WEEKLY, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA, WILL SPEAK UPON THE LEGAL POINTS OF THE LEGISLATION WHICH IS TO BE SOUGHT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Tonight Judge S. D. Weekly, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, will speak upon the legal points of the legislation which is to be sought of the General Assembly.

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of the affairs of the State's Prison is put in charge of the directors of that institution. In their discretion if they find that things not forbidden by the law will insure to the benefit of the prison, then they should do those things.

The General Assembly can well ratify the action of Governor Craig in making the request for the \$10 payment and the action of the directors in putting the request into effect.

It is to the view that the dependent families of convicts are due means of support from the labor of the convicts that the mind of the people of North Carolina is steadily turning.

MORE MONEY FOR TEACHERS.

The question of larger salaries for school teachers has been a theme for the press, as well as for general public discussion for many years, and there is no department of the educational system in North Carolina that is affected so much as the State colleges on account of the small salaries which members of the faculties of our State institutions receive.

Of course all the State institutions need more money for running expenses, as likewise they need more buildings, but with these two needs there is also the need for a better paid teaching force.

The latest loss from the educational life of the State is Dr. J. I. Handley, instructor in physiology and pathology at the A. and M. College, who has gone to Michigan Agricultural College to accept a better position at a larger salary.

It is to be hoped that a more adequate payment can be secured for the teachers shortly, and when this comes, there will be a great improvement in the effectiveness of the profession.

WILL MEET A REAL NEED.

The proposed new issue of one and two dollar greenbacks will meet a real need. There are not enough small-sized notes in circulation.

It is true that when you "bust up" a five dollar note, only a little time will elapse before it is all gone, but when a man makes a five cent purchase he doesn't want to be made to feel like a criminal by having to hand the vendor a five dollar bill from which to get his money.

True, the small notes are a trifle bulky, but there is the comfortable feeling of having a good-sized roll in one's pocket even if the intrinsic value is nothing to brag about.

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For more than thirty years silver certificates have been the only form of paper currency in one and two dollar denominations.

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Letters To The Editor

CONCRETE CRITICISM AND REMEDY.

"A Man of Force and Vision" is Governor Bickett, declares Rev. J. J. Murray, Pastor St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. To the Editor:—On January 11th there came a new hope to all progressive citizens of North Carolina.

The outstanding feature of this address is its recognition that our whole business, social, and even religious future is bound up with and dependent on our system of land ownership.

It may be necessary for our State to be satisfied most of the time with merely good men in our Executive Mansion, but it is encouraging to know that once in a while we may have a man of force and vision.

ST. PAUL'S, N. C.

JUSTICE AND DUTY.

The General Assembly Should Not Punish the Innocent With the Guilty. To the Editor:—The matter of ratifying the act of Justice of ex-Governor Craig in giving to the dependents of convicts, a small part of their earnings is entirely within the province of the Legislature.

These convicts are held by the sovereign State of North Carolina in punishment for crime committed by them. I take it that their dependents had no part in the commission of those crimes or they too would be convicts.

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"ONE CAN'T LET GO, AND THE OTHER DASSENT."



—Evans in Baltimore American.

"See Stevens' History."

To the Editor: If parties to the controversy, over what occurred between President Lincoln and Vice President Stevens at the Hampton Roads conference, will consult "Alex. Stevens' History of America" they will find an account of just what did occur in Mr. Stevens' own words.

OPHELIA'S SLATE



SMILE AND BE HAPPY

HARDLY. Mrs. Wyse—I bought a nickel coffee-pot today. Mrs. Green—Mercy! It can't be any good for five cents.

MENTAL LIBERTY.

Do you enjoy novel reading, Miss Fullmer? Oh, very much. One can associate with people in fiction that one wouldn't dare to speak to in real life.

HIS WANTS.

Well, little boy, do you want to buy some candy. Sure I do but I got to buy soap.

HIS LITERATURE.

Not literary eh? The only book he cares for is the volume of business.

RACY OF THE SOIL

Moving in Johnston

Smithfield Herald. So far this winter there has been much more moving of families from one home to another than usual.

FRANKLIN'S COTTON

Franklin Times. The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 11,683 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin county, from the crop of 1916, prior to December 13, 1916, as compared with 11,150 bales ginned to December 13, 1915.

GET BUSY.

Oxford Public Ledger. Within the next ten to thirty days farmers of North Carolina will do well to look over all implements used on the place and fix them up in order that no time will be lost by both men and teams when work begins in earnest in the spring.

TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

If North Carolina gets her projected paper mill, newspapers in the Old North State will begin to see the pot at the end of the rainbow.—Asheville Citizen.

"How to Make Money from Hogs."

Headline. That's easy. Pay less and raise more.—Asheville Times.

Perhaps when the District of Columbia goes dry there will not be so many inducements for a man to go to Congress.—High Point Enterprise.

Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, looks more like a Supreme Court jurist than an Assistant Attorney General, but he will make a dandy officer in this position.—Hickory Record.

Tar Heel strategists will now turn their attention from telling the European countries how to settle the war to instructing the legislators what to do.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Those who go to Raleigh to lobby for their pet bills will perhaps be referred to the county commissioners. The statesmen this year will not wrestle with the little things of life.—Greensboro Record.

If you must break the New Year resolution put the pieces away carefully for use next year.—Kinston Daily News.

Greece is getting it in the neck, but probably not as hard as if she had entered the war.—Hickory Record.

The Spirit In Which You Work.

Uplift Talks By Orison Swett Marden. (Copyrighted, 1916.)

"He who loves work gains all the favor of the gods," says Dr. Frank Crane. There is no doubt that, instead of being a curse, work is man's greatest blessing.

Dr. Richard C. Cabot, of the Harvard Medical School, says: "A human being is a creature who cannot be healthy or happy or useful unless his balance is preserved by motion, by change, by action, by progress."

Many people have a sort of vague impression that a happy, constructive life is something apart from the day's work, that it is a mystical something, determined largely by fate or destiny.

The man who does not find joy in his work has not found his place in life. The work we were made to do is normal self-expression in the exercising of our strongest faculties.

God did not mean labor to be a pain, but a pleasure. The work one is born to do is never drudgery. It is the de-