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MORNING TONIC

Men love naturally all that comes from the heart, all that is great, all that dazzles, and even all that is strange.

UNCLE WALT MASON

Perhaps you're sadly out of place; perhaps you were intended, with your ability and grace, for something high and splendid; but while you're doomed to hold a job that mocks your high ambition, it isn't well to moan or sob about your punk condition.

The shopmen seem disposed to rally around Wilson. Archduke Joe at all events is an improvement on Bela Kun.

The Republicans blame the Democrats for high prices, yet the only man who has done anything to relieve conditions is a Democrat.

The possibilities of a general tie-up of the railroads emphasize the need for good roads and plenty of trucks and gasoline to run them with.

With more than half a hundred bridges damaged and the roads washed all over the county the rainmaker can see now that it is better to be conservative about some of these things.

A Raleigh junk man offers the highest price for your hides and advises to see him before selling.

Kansas is tackling the high cost of living. Most likely the first thing Kansas will undertake to lower will be the price of wheat, followed immediately by the price of cattle, and as Kansas makes large quantities of both of these it will be easy to do some good work beginning right there at home.

Wouldn't it have given old Thad Stevens a funny feeling if he could have waked up long enough to hear the United States marine band lead the Confederate veterans at their gathering at Rocky Mount? Or, maybe the old chap has come to see things different with his experience in another world this long.

Archduke Joseph of Hungary says he is a true democrat and that he has no designs of making himself king.

Suppose the government takes the railroads. Will it make all the places that pay above two or three thousand a year political places to be given out to party workers? Will it stop the high salaries to railroad officials? Will it be willing to pay the division superintendent more money than it pays the secretary of railroads in the cabinet? Will it be willing to pay the general manager more than it pays the general of the army? Will some patriot be willing to be Director General of Railroads at a salary of a dollar a year? Or will the roads operate themselves and pay such wages to the higher officers as the employees shall say?

BETTER DAYS JUST AHEAD.

Reaching the profiteers of this country is a tremendous undertaking, but President Wilson appears determined that whatever can be done in that direction shall be done.

The measures proposed as calculated to check the operations of the profiteer have been recommended by men qualified to advise.

While the war was in progress, in some instances—not as many as there ought to have been—hostility to the President was forgotten and all hands joined heartily in the task of fighting the common enemy.

So many suggestions are made by the President that all of them cannot be considered in detail here, but some which are especially promising are those regarding cold storage.

Another proposal that sounds good is the one for a greater measure of publicity so that the consumer can know more about the profits of those with whom he deals.

There will be general satisfaction too at the fact that the President took occasion vigorously to discourage strikes.

The wise, determined words of President Wilson will have a reassuring effect on the country.

FINANCING COTTON. If some scheme can be devised to finance cotton so that the early pick coming in is the next few weeks will not depress the market until a certain amount of distressed cotton is disposed of a great good will have been accomplished.

What does it all signify? Look over there at Durham, or on the more picturesque spectacle at the Oceanbeech farm.

PULLING TOGETHER. One of the gratifying things in connection with the work of the officers of the law in Raleigh and Wake county is that there is such thorough-going co-operation between the city police department, the county sheriff's office and the local Federal officers.

DIRTY COURTHOUSES. The Lexington Dispatch rejoices that the courthouse has been overhauled and cleaned up, and is now in more presentable shape than for years.

Chile comes into the League of Nations, and announces that the people demand that there shall be no repetition of the horrors of war just past.

WILMINGTON'S PLEA FOR CALMNESS.

A conference of the leading citizens of Wilmington was held on August 7. This meeting admitted the grave concerns which beset us.

A New York Times correspondent in London said a few days ago that he had called upon "one of the greatest of living Englishmen," and this is the idea this Englishman had of the times:

I am optimistic about the future, because I look back upon the past and, considering present conditions, I never fail to find three characteristics which have served England well: common sense, the sense of individual liberty, and the sense of personal service due to the national needs.

The closing words are worthy of emphasis, "the common sense and the social sense and the political sense of the great body of my countrymen will prevail."

GENERAL CARR. What would we do without Gen. Julian S. Carr? Over there at Rocky Mount his silvered head was one of the most striking in the multitude.

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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

All Junkies Oppose League. New York World. Like the Borahs and the Shermans and the Poindexters and the Hiram Johnsons and the Brandeages and the Beeds of the United States Senate, Gen. von Bernhardt "takes no stock" in the League of Nations.

Much New Life. Tri-City Gazette. A trip through North Carolina will convince any one that the State is full of real active people who are putting push behind enterprise.

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A Good Friend A Good Return. Are two good things for you and they are two things you get at Boone's. It is a real joy to show you any way we can true friendship, and when you buy a suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, hat, shirt, underwear or anything you wear "a good return" means getting the right style, the right make, the right quality at the right store and at Boone's, the De Luxe Clothier, is the place to get "a good return."

"A Bad Penny Always Returns" But A Good Penny Has Tremendous Power. A Penny will buy enough kerosene and lubricating oil to generate 200 Watts of electricity with a DELCO-LIGHT PLANT. With 200 Watts of electricity you can do any of the following: Pump 600 gallons of water on a 50 foot lift. Light one 20 Watt lamp for 10 hours, or Light five 20 Watt lamps for 2 hours. Run a 9-inch desk fan for 5 hours. Run a washing machine for 1 hour. Heat an electric iron for 33 minutes. Run a sewing machine for 2 hours.

Garland Single Register HEATING PLANT. The Garland is ready to install. No tearing up of floors or walls. Adaptable to all conditions and burns either hard coal, soft coal, coke or wood. See it at W. P. BAKER, Raleigh, North Carolina.