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LET THE NEWS FOLLOW.
Parties leaving town should not fail to let The News follow them daily with the news of Washington fresh and crisp. It will prove a valuable companion, reading to you like a letter from home. Those at the seashore or mountains will find The News a most welcome and interesting visitor.

MUST BE SIGNED.
All articles sent to The News for publication must be signed by the writer, otherwise they will not be published.

DEATH OF MR. BAUGHAM.

The passing away of Mr. William P. Baugham, one of Washington's leading citizens, yesterday, is but another instance of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. No death in the community in years has carried with it a greater shock to his friends and neighbors. Up to just before his death he seemed to be in his usual health.

He was a man that was felt in his community, being among the city's most progressive and energetic men. He loved his town and always was the first to stand in the forefront for the city's advancement and progress. He is an example of what push and energy can accomplish. He was a devoted father and husband. He was blessed with many of this world's goods, yet, notwithstanding this, it did not deter him from toiling assiduously. The News doubts if there was a man in the city that worked harder. Nothing kept him from his accustomed pursuits. He was a man of untiring energy and what he has accumulated is the result of hard toil. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his business competitors and they all respected him for his worth and business acumen. His going has cast a halo of gloom over the community. He will be missed. A useful citizen has fallen on sleep.

JUDGE SHEPHERD.

The news of the death of Judge James E. Shepherd will carry with it sorrow all over Beaufort county, for it was in this section he was best known. In Washington he spent the flower of his manhood and paved the way for the useful life he enjoyed in later years.

While a resident of Washington he enjoyed the confidence of its citizens irrespective of party affiliations. As a lawyer no man in North Carolina held a more enviable place. He was worthy to occupy any position in that high profession. The positions of trust committed unto him were occupied with dignity and learning. At the time of his death he was easily the head of his profession and was noted not only in North Carolina, but the nation, as a lawyer of learning. His untimely end is to be deplored. He was at the zenith of his usefulness and had fair to climb many more rungs in the ladder of fame.

AN ERA OF BIG MILLS.

The record made by North Carolina in new mill construction work during the past few years is one altogether creditable. For over two years North Carolina has led the list of States in mill building and mill improvement work. It is roughly estimated that upwards of \$26,000,000 was invested in new mill properties in the South during the past year, and from the manner in which big mills are being chartered almost daily, it would appear that 1918 is to establish a record which will compare favorably with last year's record.

That localities were willing to invest freely in new mill properties at a time when most disastrous derangement of the markets existed is eloquent proof of their abiding faith in the future of cotton mill-making in the South.

One fact of considerable importance is that at least in the Southern cotton-mill-building boom the value of diversified agriculture a lesson which is blessing the Southern farmer.

Time was when most of the Southern mills manufactured principally coarse goods, which commanded small values. Result was a slight derangement in markets for this class of goods was felt by the entire industry of the South. During the past year more has been done to diversify manufacture than during many years preceding. Numerous mills have given up manufacture of coarse goods and are now devoting attention to fine goods, and other mills are contemplating such change.

acted with the industry in the gradual tendency to build large mills. In years past the average mill was equipped with ten or fifteen thousand spindles and was considered a big mill. Today Southern manufacturers are competing with the world and the rapid growth of their business has demanded enlarged facilities; the result is that the big mill of today is equipped with from fifty to one hundred thousand or more spindles. Numerous 50,000 spindle mills have recently been established and others are under contemplation.

There are some eight or ten mills in the South today with over 100,000 spindles. Numerous others have equipment of 100,000 and many others represent a spindleage of 50,000 or more.

All of which goes to prove that cotton milling, like other industries of the South, is growing at a very rapid rate.

THE CARDINAL ON THE TARIFF

Cardinal Gibbons has not joined the meat boycott. He is reported to have made such a statement to the Atlanta correspondent of the Savannah News the other day, when he was going through Mather'sville on his way to New Orleans. "I would not have to go very far to do it," said the cardinal. "I eat very little meat and take regular exercise." The cardinal, however, has a very clear idea of what has caused the present high cost of living, and he puts his finger right on the spot when he said: "I think the tariff has a great deal to do with the increased cost of living. Take canned goods, for instance. The high tariff on tins puts the Welsh tin out of the market and the American-made tin makes each purchase cost the purchaser five cents additional. It yields nothing in return to the government." We might not be willing to accept the cardinal's opinions on all questions of religious doctrine, but there is certainly no fault to be found with his tariff views. Ever so many explanations have been made by the experts as to the high cost of living at present, but none of them has hit the middle so exactly as the great churchman, who has made the best argument of the year. "I think the tariff has a great deal to do with the increased cost of living."

We hope that Mr. Taft will not the earliest and chief effect of his downward revision. The illustration used by the cardinal will show the plain people who consume canned goods how much they are indebted with each can of goods they buy to Mr. Taft's tariff policy. As it is with canned goods so it is with all other goods that the voters buy, whether the goods they buy are to cover the back or fill the stomach. Instead of sending Mr. Ellis out to Chicago to fight the beef trust, Mr. Taft should have detailed Mr. Ellis to prosecute Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Payne as the chief conspirators in the new system of robbing the people. Look up Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Payne and the cost of living would come down like a house of cards. Let us all thank Cardinal Gibbons for his canned goods illustration of how the tariff works and its bearing upon the cost of living.—News and Courier.

AGED EGGS.

(Nashville Tennessean.)
Every day it becomes clearer why restaurants and hotels and lunch counters seldom offer fresh eggs to their customers.

One cold storage house in New Jersey, just across from New York city, has 36,999,999 eggs in storage, enough eggs to give eight to every person in Greater New York, and eight stale ones, at that, for most of the eggs have been in storage since last March. Along with these eggs are 100,000 pounds of poultry which have been in storage free last April.

Every day the investigations into the methods of packers bring forth new facts concerning cold storage methods which are opening the eyes of the public to the necessity for the establishment of a time limit for the holding of foodstuffs. The problem is not one of prices alone, but of public health.

Rancid eggs and spoiled poultry have been foisted upon the public long enough. Consumers are not only forced to pay exorbitant prices for food, but are compelled to accept ancient products which have been cornered and held for an advance in price.

The embalmed beef disclosures of the Spanish war threaten to pale into insignificance as compared with the revelations concerning cold storage houses.

Why should the public be forced to risk its health to satisfy the greed of the packers?

IN THE HOME

DO NOT FEEL THAT THE WASHINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has been doing anything for you. It has been doing so long that it has become a habit for you to take it for granted. The Chamber of Commerce has been doing so much for you that it has become a habit for you to take it for granted. It has been doing so much for you that it has become a habit for you to take it for granted.

TO THE FARMERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

Meetings will be held at the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE on every Saturday at 10:30 o'clock, for the purpose of learning the best methods of agriculture and stock-raising. On this coming Saturday the subject will be "Hog Raising in the South." This will be very instructive and interesting, and will bring out a way to produce an eight-months-old pig to weigh at least 150 pounds, and at a cost of 1 1/2 to 3 cents per pound.

Let all come. You will find that those who attend and follow the teachings of these meetings will lead the section in agriculture and stock-raising.

WASHINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Bishop Mysteriously Repressed her in a Bit of Duplicity.

An elderly bishop, a bachelor, who was very fastidious about his toilet, was especially fond of his bath, and requested particular care of his tub from the maid.

When about to leave town one day he gave strict orders to the housemaid about his "bath-tub" and said that no one was to be allowed to use it.

Alas! the temptation grew on the poor girl and she took a plunge.

The bishop returned unexpectedly, and finding traces of the recent stolen bath, questioned the maid so closely that she had to confess she was the culprit, and was very sorry.

"I hope you do not think it is a sin, bishop," asked Mary in tears. "Eyes are closed, but not a sin, but what distresses me most is that you would do anything behind my back that you would not do before my face."

Her Ambition.

"Why, if it ain't Lucy Simmons!" exclaimed one Richmond negro no. long ago, on encountering a friend in the street. "Whar on earth has yo' been?"

"I's been workin' hard," was the answer.

"Now dat I think of it," continued the first dardy, "seems to me I did hear of you 'workin' night an' day. What's de matter?"

"It's jes' dis way," explained the second negro. "I's under bonds to keep de peace for lickin' dat good-for-nuthin' husband o' mine. De judge he says if I come befo' him agin or lays my hands on de old man he gwine to fine me ten dollars."

"I see. Youse workin' hard to keep outer trouble?"

"No, I aint. I's workin' hard to save up dat fine."

An Herb that Tames a Tiger.

Most people are familiar with the effect that catnip has upon Miss Pussey, and know how she will tear open a paper filled with it, scatter it about, and roll and rub her head and sides in it, apparently delighted with its fragrance. Mr. C. William Beebe, a delightful writer and student of animals, has found by experience that this pungent herb has exactly the same effect upon a jaguar, tiger, lion, and leopard. A snarling leopard, after sniffing the catnip, will come close to the bars of his cage and follow back and forth the one who holds it, purring the while, and finally rolling over and showing every sign of delight.—Selected.

Correct Answer.

"This," said a teacher to her class of arithmeticians, "is a unit." She held up a pencil. "This book is a unit, too," said she. "And these are units." And she showed them a ruler, a flower and an apple. Then she peeled the apple, and holding up the peel, said, "Now, children, what is this?" Silence. "Come, you know what it is," she urged.

The Chief Justice.

There are very few people who know the proper designation of the man who presides over the supreme court. Generally he is referred to as the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. In fact, he is the chief justice. That's his official title. Most of our Presidents in nominating men for this office have fallen into the error of giving him the long title.

Very Long Plants.

The longest plants in the world are seaweeds. One tropical variety is known which measures in length, when it has reached its full development, at least 700 feet, or about one eighth of a mile.

Unsympathetic.

Others may have said the same thing, but this rather unsympathetic comment is attributed to the late Judge Hoar: "Are you going to attend the funeral of Gen. Butler?" a friend asked him. "No," was the calm reply. "No, I am not going to attend—but I heartily approve of it."

How to Improve a Flock.

It often happens that one who has heretofore kept only mongrel fowls becomes convinced that he should keep a pure breed, but for some reason he finds it inconvenient to secure the same. The cost in many cases is too much, and, though he would like to have better fowls, he feels that he cannot afford it.

In such cases we would suggest a gradual improvement, a building up, as it were, of the mongrels he has. A male bird of some good breed will give him the first year half breeds, and these mated with a pure breed will the next year further improve the flock, and so on for a few years, when he will have a good strain of pure-bred fowls. Begin next year to get on the right road for profit.

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Stirring the Country.
The whole country is stirred as never before relative to this great question of highway improvement. Two years ago six only of the whole galaxy responded to a call of the role of States that gave aid to their people in road making. Not many ticks of the clock have been heard, nor has the sun risen on many days since the representatives of sixty-five per cent of the population of the country—men who spoke the minds of fifty-five million of the people of this land—stood on a platform in Pittsburg and voiced the demands for better roads; and twenty-two commonwealths were at that time committed to the use of State moneys to help improve the highways of the people. New York had agreed to spend for that purpose \$5,000,000 yearly, or 89 cents per capita of her population, and now Connecticut purposes to give from her State treasury for like purpose practically 100 cents yearly per capita of her people.

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