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In the first issue of THE BULLETIN we advocated the permanent improvement of public roads of Randolph county. The more we study the subject the more we are convinced that the time is not far distant when the tax payers of the county will demand a better system of road improvement. The county tried the old system of working, from the foundation of the county till about ten years ago, when it changed to the system of employing convict labor. This system has been tried now about ten years at a cost of from forty to seven-five thousand dollars. Is this too much money to spend on the roads? No, it is not enough, but too much for the benefit received. To a large extent the money has been wasted. In the first place the system is wrong, and in the second place a poor system has been poorly carried out. For example, instead of employing a practical engineer to survey the roads and put them on an easy grade, they are simply "stood on end" like a ladder, going straight over the hill the shortest way. Some of our principal roads are standing at an angle of from 30 to 45 degrees. The only piece of road in the county that shows engineering skill is the piece on the Salisbury road between McCrary's store and Back Creek. If these steep grades were cut out the value of every team in the county would almost be doubled as to capacity in delivering the products of the farm, forest and mill to market. Why wouldn't it be better to employ the convicts in making the changes in these grades during the winter season instead of having them plow the roads already in use, rendering them almost impassable. Besides if these changes are to be made, it should be done now while land is cheap. The time will come when the county will have to put up big damages for making changes through well improved farms. The prosperity of a county depends to a large extent on the condition of its public roads. The value of land is increased or decreased according to the improvement of the roads leading to it. We believe all the farmers and business men of the county see the necessity of better roads. You have tried the convict system ten years and accomplished nothing. At the same rate, how long will it take to accomplish something?

Some papers seem to think that the uncovering of graft all over the country in Federal, State, city and town affairs is an indication that there has been more rascality under the present administration than any that preceded it. The slightest reflection ought to convince any one that this is not the case, but that the country now has a president who is not afraid of a thorough house-cleaning, no matter how much dust is raised in the process. The record is to the discredit of the country, it is true, but it can reflect nothing but credit on the administration that is dealing with it fearlessly. From the time of the Cuban postal frauds under the McKinley administration to the present rows in the Agriculture Department and the Government Printing Office, the country at large has been treated to a mass of unsavory revelations. But the grafters, both big and little are awakening to the fact that the time has come for a square deal all around. The frauds of the Post Office Department, the western land frauds, reaching from Mexico to the Canadian line, the leakage of the crop reports, irregularities in the arsenal and Navy yard are only indications that the government has heretofore been regarded as an easy mark for any one unscrupulous enough to swindle it. If the American conscience has been awakened by a man in the White House strong enough and straight enough to smoke out a dead one—ugh!

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in carrying out the work he has undertaken. If he is supported in his work for honesty in the public service he probably will do a very thorough job by 1908. The grafter is not usually a fool and when he finds that the penalty for stealing is going to jail or the penitentiary, he will respect his neighbor's property rights, even though that neighbor be the government. Hearty respect and co-operation are due the President who is making the grafter see things in this light.

We call the attention of the public to the unsafe and unprotected condition of the county records. A small blaze started by a cigarette smoker or some designing fiend might destroy all the public records and cause endless trouble from which it would take years to recover. Disputed land boundaries and other documents admitted to record would cause many law suits and in the end the lawyer would be the only one to reap a rich harvest from the negligence of the county officials. Let fire proof vaults be put in the court house to protect the people's property.

A young white man working on the chain-gang in Cabarrus county, was brutally whipped recently by the manager, Herbert Smith. Smith is now under bond for his appearance at court to answer for his crime. It too often happens that men who have charge of criminals and convicts use their positions to tyrannize over their helpless victims. The half has never been told. If the true story of the cruelties and brutalities which are practiced in the convict camps and state prisons, could be told it would reveal a deplorable condition, we have no doubt.

Our Caraway correspondent writes us that John F. Jarrell has organized a road force and is improving the roads leading out from Caraway. This is a very commendable "organization" and should be followed by other enterprising people of the county. It is a strange thing to us that thinking people will go out on the road and cheat themselves and their neighbors by "beating time" on the road overseer. More honest work under the direction of competent surveyors is what our roads need.

From the North State. The Oneida Chair Company made a large shipment of chairs last week numbering about 5000. This company seems to be doing a good business at present.

Tony Hepler was before Esq. Morefield last Saturday for an assault on Lee Warner a boy of 8 years. Hepler was fined \$7.50 together with the costs.

While hauling some parts of the stand pipe a piece thereof slipped forward and so injured a horse belonging to W. L. Harbin that he had to be killed. Mr. Harbin having refused \$200 for him.

Senator Tillman, father of the illegitimate dispensary system in South Carolina, says it is rotten and must be reformed or he will stump the State to destroy it. Indeed it must be very rotten if Pitchfork Tillman can't stand it. But during the meantime Senator Simmons is suffering no inconvenience from the system of dispensaries in this State. His olfactory nerves do not seem to be very sensitive when political matters are involved.—Caucasian.

Labor is the only prayer that is ever answered.

The woman who manages a man never calls his attention to the fact.

The only difference between bad and good people is this: The bad people have the bad on the outside and the good in; while the good people have the good outside and the bad in.

The man who, in his will, provides a penalty in case his wife marries again, never had any confidence in her during life. He thought he owned her, body and soul. It is bad enough for a woman to be owned by a live man, but to be dictated to by a dead one—ugh!

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## AN AMERICAN CRISIS.

The fact is undeniable that our present consumption is greater than our capacity for production. Not only is labor well employed in all industries all over the country, but there is an actual scarcity that prevents sufficient production for our own needs. This is shown further in the increased imports of \$126,000,000 during the past year, making our total imports for the 12 months over \$1,117,000,000. And yet in the face of this condition certain interests are seeking more foreign markets, which must be gained, if gained at all, through the sacrifice of home markets and through the decrease of wages.

It is a most astounding situation. Our own purchasers are demanding more goods, our manufacturers and farmers are crying for more workers, and yet we are plotting to give up this splendid market to foreigners in the hope that they will give us a change to them, freight and duty added, the goods that are wanted right at home. Truly, foreign steamship interests have a strong hold on some of our papers and people. Tear off the mask from this stalking animal miscalled Reciprocity and we shall find a monster known as Self Interest, ready to devour our industrial security, ready to tear down our wall of prosperity, ready to sacrifice our labor to their own rapacious greed for freight and commissions and retainers. What are we going to do about it? It is not a political question. It is not wholly an American question. And it is time for Americans to act.—Ex.

### Hard Road For Woman.

A little maid of seven summers asked her mother: "Mamma, if I get married when I grow up will I have a husband like papa?" The mother answered with a smile, "Why, yes, dear, if you get married you will have a husband like papa." The little brow clouded. Then she asked, "If I don't get married will I be an old maid like Aunt Nellie?" "Yes, dear, you would be an old maid," answered the mother, laughing at this rather complex question, "but whatever put such thoughts in that little head?" But the child didn't laugh, she only looked grave, and said dejectedly, "Well, no matter which way we go, it's a pretty hard world for us women, ain't it?"

### Lessons of Experience.

What have been the lessons of experience in the United States in regard to Republican and Democratic Tariffs and Republican and Democratic Administrations? Citizens must have short memories who have forgotten the period between 1894 and 1897, with its mongrel Democratic Tariff, its millions of unemployed men and its long and trying period of business depression. Perhaps there are some who will not learn even in the school of experience, but it cannot be believed that persons of that caliber form a majority of the people of this country. When Tariff revision becomes necessary the only organization that can perform the duty safely is the party of Protection, the friends of the policy that has been tested and found good. Ask a Democrat if he is for Protection in any form and he will answer in the negative, or must avow that on that subject he disagrees with his party. The Democratic fight is not on inequalities that may in course of time develop in a Protective Tariff. The Democratic party wars on Protection itself.—St. Louis "Globe-Democrat."

Mr. John Chisholm one of Montgomery's oldest citizens living four miles south of Troy, died last Sunday, and his remains were interred Monday. Having lived an honest and industrious life, he died at the age of 82, leaving behind a number of relatives and friends who feel that a worthy man has passed away.—Montgomeryian.

The trustees of Troy graded school met and completed an organization Monday night. A general discussion of important matters was entered into, but no final actions were taken. The most important question before the board was the arrangement of a school building, but nothing definite was done except appoint a committee to investigate the situation. The questions of salaries and selection of superintendent and teachers were also discussed but these matters were deferred till another meeting toward the latter part of the week.—Montgomeryian.

## WISE OR OTHERWISE.

There is nothing so necessary as necessity. Jealousy is a vine on which sour grapes grow.

A word of diplomacy is worth a volume of apologies. Temper is a good thing to have but a bad thing to lose.

A lazy man works overtime telling others what to do. Two is a company three is a crowd at a genuine picnic.

He who praises men and flatters women has many friends. He who lives on his past reputation has a half-starved look.

What the world needs is more workers and fewer dreamers. It takes a busy man to employ his spare time advantageously. Only those who have nothing to do look upon life as a burden.

Advice that doesn't agree with one's inclination is hard to swallow. It is easy to plant a mortgage on a farm but it isn't easy to raise it.

Honesty cannot be bought or sold; it is not a marketable commodity. Modesty is all right in a woman, but it is apt to make a man act silly.

Much of the milk of human kindness is adulterated beyond the cream-generating stage. The average promoter finds it much easier to work suckers than to work wonders.

It is far easier for the average man to look prosperous than it is for him to feel that way.

### Japan's Indemnity.

In the pending negotiations between Japan and Russia territorial cessions will cause much less difficulty than the money indemnity for the cost of the war. Hints have been thrown out in official circles in Tokio of a demand for three billion yen, or about a billion and a half dollars. This exceeds the historic five milliards which Germany exacted from France after having made a demand for seven milliards. They claim in Tokio that the war expenses of Japan come near a million dollars a day, and even on this estimate the demand for a billion and a half dollars is excessive.

One-third of the sum would seem to be an ample money indemnity. Even at that figure there is some question of the financial ability of Russia to immediately raise the money, burdened as she is with debt. In this situation M. Witte, the Russian plenipotentiary has thrown out a significant hint that Japan might make a demand that could not be accepted and that in such case there would be nothing left for Russia but to continue the war. But the Japanese are a shrewd people, and they will not be apt to make so exorbitant a demand from Russia as to preclude peace which is almost as desirable to themselves as to their enemy.—Phil. Record.

Lightning struck among a large company of bathers at Coney Island, N. Y., Sunday, killing five instantly and injuring twenty-eight more.

## CHINA'S POPULATION AND TRADE.

The latest estimate of the population of China is 432,000,000. That is nearly four and a half times the total population of the United States and its dependencies. If China's population had the same commercial needs as that of the United States, even with an equal amount of industrial enterprise, the Chinese market would be incomparably greater than ours, and greater than those of Europe and the United States combined. What China now takes from other countries is comparatively small, because in habits and wants the Chinese are simple. Only in the provinces that contains the treaty ports is there much demand for imported articles.

But a gradual change is coming over China, and is creating new needs that the outside world will have to supply. As all the commercial nations of the West are seeking foreign markets for their surplus products, the economic importance of China to the world is beyond estimation, and the rivalry for the Chinese trade will be the great feature of the world's affairs for many years. Apparently the United States is handicapped at the present time in this rivalry. Influences have been active of late for a Chinese boycott on American goods and enterprise, because of the strictness of our Chinese exclusion laws. Considering the fact that the partition of China by the European powers was prevented by the United States, and that China has received other great benefits from our government, there is an aspect of callous ingratitude in a Chinese boycott movement.—Ex.

### What is a Nice Woman.

A man said that his idea of a nice woman was one who was charmed with what he said, and paid very little attention to the things he did. A nice woman is one who says good morning with a smile, and good night with a blessing. A nice woman is one who doesn't make you suffer at second hand with her aches, nor expect you to think there is but one doctor in the world, and that he is the one of her choice. A nice woman is one who is evenly pleased with the weather that is, the temperature does not effect her temper, and when the skies rain water she does not shower tears and groans everywhere.

A nice woman is one who can eat what is set before her, wear the clothes she possesses, and do both with amiability and without envy.

A nice woman is one who sees the niceness in you and me and all the rest of the world, and as she obliterates our faults she makes us try to do it too. That's the nice woman.—McCall's Magazine for August.

Lookout for Independent papers, so-called—a thing which cannot exist in politics. The paper will represent its editor, whether Democrat or Republican.—Head Light.

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