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The Standard Oil Octopus will stand several \$20,000,000 squeezes and still have oil to "burn."

A Georgia "prophet" has predicted that the world will wind up its business December next. Prohibition goes into effect in that State Jan. 1st 1908.

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Agitation against the railroads has about spent its energy and reaction is setting in. Already sensible people are realizing the enormous harm which will result to the state from such a wave of public sentiment against the great transportation lines. Unless bitter opposition against the railroads cease, we may expect all railroad construction to be discontinued. Capitalists are not anxious to invest money in railroads which may be "legislated" out of business at the instigation of a few demagogues.

In another column will be found a clipping from Charly and Children which should be of interest to every citizen of Asheboro. If the enterprising ladies of Asheboro would organize a Civic League for the promotion and beautifying the town, they would perform a public service of incalculable value. Asheboro is naturally a town of beautiful homes and a systematic effort by the good ladies of aesthetic taste would convert our little town into one of the most beautiful in the State. The experiment is well worth trying.

Republicans throughout the country are well pleased with the action of the Ohio central committee in endorsing Secretary of War, Taft for the presidential nomination. Since Roosevelt has clinched himself from the presidential possibilities, W. H. Taft is the next choice of Republicans who believe in the square deal policy of the present occupant of the White House. No scarcity of presidential timber exists in the Republican party, but among the many aspirants, Taft seems the most likely to continue the policies of the present administration.

State senator Klutz has been seeing things. In his Masonic picnic speech at Mocksville last week he "viewed with alarm" the centralization of the general government at Washington and a corresponding impairment of states' rights. The same bugaboo and hallucination has blinded the sight and clouded the judgment of statesmen for more than a century. It was among the first great principles which divided the founders of the government into two political parties. However these "statesmen" who go about preaching states' rights should possess their souls in peace and take comfort from the facts of history. During the entire existence of the government, the fullest measure of states' rights, guaranteed by the constitution, has been safeguarded by the Washington government and at the same time the general government has been able to protect itself against encroachment and nullifying acts of individual states.

In his report on educational conditions in Randolph, published in last Sunday's News and Observer, the supt. says that educational sentiment in the rural communities is improving and that "rural committeemen are a great deal more careful in the selection of teachers." We were under the impression that as there are fewer teachers than schools in the county, the committeemen have no choice in teachers, but are compelled to employ any teacher who may apply. He further says that the salary of teachers has increased a little more than 26 per cent since 1899, but he failed to say

what per cent the superintendent's salary has been increased during the same period.

Again quoting the report he states that Randolph county is a "beggars county" as regards the school fund to carry on a four months school. Rather than "beg" from the State, why don't the county Board of Education "tap" that surplus in the county treasury we were told about during the last campaign?

## CIVIC LEAGUE.

Every town in the State should organize a civic league, the object of which is to promote the moral, educational and physical condition of the community. It gives a voice to the citizenship to advance the general good, and opens an opportunity for mutual helpfulness that is hardly afforded through any other, certainly not through any better, means. Take the physical condition of the average town: weeds growing on sidewalks, tin cans, newspapers, rags, broken crockery, and all manner of trash and filth lying in the streets. Back lots the receptacle of all species debris. Flowerless, grassless and dreary yard, innocent of sprig of green, wells exposed to germs from neighboring lots. How are these conditions to be remedied except by a wholesome sentiment among the neighbors against these sordid and dangerous conditions? The civic league has for its object the beautifying and making attractive the homes of the people. A dozen families banded together can transform a whole town. There is nothing like the power of example, and a Civic League in all our North Carolina towns would make them shine like the villages of New England. But more important still is the moral filth which the League aims to remove. Is the moral tone of the average North Carolina town higher than it was a dozen years ago? We doubt it. Our social life needs tuning up. Purity of speech and of life need to be re-emphasized. Our young people are rather too free with each other. Moral lapses, especially among people of influence, are too lightly regarded and too soon forgotten. Men who are moral heroes are received with open arms into good homes where they spread their moral malaria like mosquitos do the germs of fever. As we understand it, the Civic League proposes to uproot the rank weeds of impurity and immorality from the town and honor. Charly and Children

Make the Children Happy.

We have all seen children who have had no childhood. The fun-loving element has been crushed out of them. They have been repressed and forbidden to do this and that so long that they have lost the faculty of having a good time. We see these little old men and women everywhere. Children should be kept children just as long as possible. What has responsibility, seriousness to do with childhood? We always feel indignant, as well as sad, when we see evidences of maturity, over seriousness, care or anxiety, in a child's face, for we know some one has sinned somewhere. The little ones should be kept strangers to anxious care, reflective thoughts and subjective moods. Their lives should be kept light, bright, buoyant, cheerful, full of sunshine, joy and gladness. They should be encouraged to laugh and to play and to romp to their heart's content. The serious side of life will come only too quickly, do what we may to prolong childhood.

One of the most unfortunate things I know of is the home that is not illuminated by at least one cheerful, bright, sunny young face, that does not ring with the persistent laughter and merry voice of a child.

No man or woman is perfectly normal who is distressed or vexed by the playing of children. There was something wrong in your bringing up if it annoys you to see children romping, playing and having a good time.—Orison Sweet Marden, in Success Magazine.

## THE INDICATIONS IN THE SOUTH.

The Senatorial contest in Mississippi derives its chief importance from the light it throws on the general temper and spirit of the South. It was essentially a struggle between progress and reaction. Mr. Sharp Williams represents the more enlightened and liberal thought while Governor Vardaman stands for the old sectional and proscriptive impulse. If Mr. Williams has succeeded even by a narrow margin it is so far gratifying, but he ought to have won by a decisive and unmistakable majority. The thoughtful and observing people of the North have looked with hope and sympathy and genuine interest to an advancing South. In no patronizing spirit but with cordial good will and fellowship we have seen the evidences of a new awakening in that section. We have been deeply gratified at her splendid industrial development and at her rapidly increasing share in the general prosperity of the country. We have desired that with greater business interests in common and closer commercial union the old bitterness would altogether disappear on both sides, and that each section would better understand and approach the other.

We have not been unmindful of the difficult and perplexing problems, peculiar to herself, which the South confronts, and we have been more and more disposed to recognize that she must work out those problems in her own way. But we have felt and have not hesitated to say so, that she should work them out in the way of Mr. Sharp Williams and not in that of Governor Vardaman. On the line of Mr. Williams and his kind we have seen more hope for the South, and we have watched with deep interest to note which side would carry the more support.

The indications are diverse. Mr. Williams has apparently succeeded in Mississippi, but by a margin so small as to show that the State is evenly divided between the progressives and the reactionists. The fact that Governor Vardaman, on his kind of campaign, could run the liberal leader so closely is not encouraging. In Alabama the election of ex-Governor Johnson as the successor of Senator Pettus is a distinct triumph for the right. The new Senator is an able, enlightened and high-minded statesman. His colleague, Mr. Bankhead, who succeeds Senator Morgan, is also a fair man. In Arkansas the election of Jeff Davis some months ago as the successor of Senator Berry was the triumph of another Vardaman. Nothing could have been worse.

These contests are watched with great interest for what they signify. They are followed with the sincere hope that they may so turn as to contribute to the true advancement of the South. More are to come. South Carolina will soon be engaged in a Senatorial battle. If she should have the good sense to choose such a man as Colonel John C. Hemphill, the able and broad-minded editor of the Charleston "News and Courier," she would at once take a higher position with the whole country. He is a true leader of thought, and his election would give the State such a Senator as she has not had for many years. With the best wishes for the South's true progress we hope that more of its contests will have such results.—Phila. Press.

## There is Money in Bees.

Mrs. Emma Shugart who lives one mile east of Jonesville has demonstrated the fact again this year that there is money in bee culture. For the past 15 years or more Mrs. Shugart has been giving much of her attention to the bee business. She now has an extensive apiary at her home besides two additional apiaries on this side of the river in Surry county.

by much study and attention to the subject she learned to handle them as easily, and more intelligently than the ordinary housewife handles her chickens. The honey season for this year is now practically over, and as a result of this year's operation she took, in all, about 8000 pounds; most of which is very fine quality of sourwood honey. She has already sold about \$1000 worth besides keeping enough for family use.

She had this season about 140 colonies of honey gatherers. There is money in keeping bees, but they must have attention; they will not succeed well without attention.—Elkin Times.

## TRUE SELF CONTROL.

Self-Control is an exercise of the will which puts a brake on passion, curbs temper and subdues inclination. It is the check which holds in restriction the elements in human nature and brings them into a concerted harmony, scattering the impulses of evil which ever strive, no matter how often defeated, for mastery in the heart and brain of man. We are all creatures of a dual personality; the soul and mind of a Dr. Jekyll lie hidden in the body of a Mr. Hyde in each and every one of us.

There is much of good in all of us, but unless we are ever on guard the good will be more than counter-balanced by the bad. We are heirs of a fallen race and sin has been the patrimony bequeathed us; it is a bad legacy—it has darkened our understanding, weakened our will and left in us a strong inclination to evil.

If we let that inclination master us, if we become its slave, it will hold us in an abject servitude and lead us step by step down the dark incline which leads to moral death and final destruction.

We must combat it, wage a constant warfare, fight the good fight, never laying down our arms until "Victory" is emblazoned on our standard.

If we desire this consummation of the battle we must gird around us the armor of self-control, otherwise we will be vulnerable to every thrust of the enemy and in the end must succumb to the deadly javelins hurled with fiendish malevolence by the world, the flesh and the devil.

Self-control must save us from ourselves, from the passions which burn within our breasts, from the wayward desires of the erring heart, from the tempests of hatred, envy and jealousy which sweep around us like ocean billows on a Wintry day, in a word, from the foe within and the enemy without.

When temptation with captivating smile beckons us to follow her lead along the flower bespangled paths of wrong, let us remember that an asp lies coiled in each waxen petal and call self-control to our aid to guide us into the straight, if narrow, road of right, where every obstacle is but a stepping stone and higher to those sublime heights where virtue sits enthroned.

The first duty of a government is paternal, to look out for the interests of its subjects as a father would his family, but the first duty of the individual is to himself, to govern himself.

The man without this virtue is of no use to the community, but on the contrary is a drawback and even becomes a dangerous element to society. He has not the will power in his nature which calls to his aid self-control to enable him to counteract the evil that is in him and which is ever prompting him to do what is wrong. The result is that evil triumphs and thus, instead of an agent for good, he becomes a power for bad among his fellow-men.

What fills the jail and criminal asylums; what feeds the gallows and the electric chairs of our land, what leads men and women from a life of uprightness into the debasing slavery of sin and crime? It is a lack of self-control—control over their evil passions.

Let a man lose control of himself and the way to destruction becomes not only easy but he travels thereon with what mathematicians would call an accelerated velocity.

Simple diseases if not controlled in time grow into serious cases; a slight cough if left unchecked may develop tuberculosis. Many a man has lost his life by neglecting a little cold; so many a bright boy and loved daughter, the pride and hope of fond parents, have emerged from the chrysalis of innocence into the larvae and finally full life of crime, by failing to control their first impulses to do wrong.

The old Adam is strong in us all, and he is ever wriggling and twisting to come forth. It is for us to conquer him; not let him conquer us. Carlyle says: "The king is the man who can." When we are tempted to do wrong, let us call the power of will to our assistance to enable us to do what is right.

Clear away the darkness of sin and come out into the sunlight of a higher nobler plane, and first of all clear the atmosphere of your own mind and give your brother-man or sister-

## woman the benefit of reasonable consideration.

We are in bondage to any man or woman to the extent that we permit ourselves to be roused to anger or resentment by his or her words or actions. The brain fogged by the fumes of anger can work neither clearly nor quietly and when that is the case one cannot serve self or neighbor to his or her full ability.—Madison C. Peters in Phila. Press.

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