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Peter Parley's Paragraphs.

Some people have very rich blood but a very lean pocketbook.

A budding genius sometimes develops into a blooming idiot.

The wife is generally the better half. Sometimes she is the whole thing.

The earth is a large and bitter pill, but you can put a good deal of sugar on it.

The katydids were first heard, we are told, on the night of June 25th. According to the old saying there will be frost on Sept. 25th. This is said to be a pretty sure saying, so you can arrange to get ripe or pull yourself in out of doors by that time or take the chances of getting your verdure nipped. See!

The man who thinks right thinks for mankind.

Train your boys to run the farms, brother. Teach them to love it and honor it and how to make money out of it.

Liberalism is appreciated but people would prefer to look on you being a stingy fellow, when it comes to asking them to share your troubles.

The farmers are the salt and bread of the country. But for them and their business the people would have to go empty and bare. They have the highest calling. They have the one that God chose for man. It is one in which God is a direct partner. So far as we know it is the only business with promise—at least it has God's highest and most sacred concern. Farmers should, and many of them do, magnify their calling. They are busy now. They do not come to town only as they have business. They are in a struggle just now with "General Green." If you want to interest farmers—the sensible ones—talk to them about diversified farming. They have realized by experience that they can't rely on one or even two crops. They are right in wanting fair prices for their crops. But the farmers cannot afford to adopt the tricks of trade to get them. Their senior partner God, would be slandered by such an act.

"Truth is mighty and will prevail," they say. Yes, but not always in this age. In courts frequently the majority of the witnesses don't swear the truth, or don't tell the whole truth, which is just as bad for a half truth is more dangerous always than a full grown lie. Lies often prevail in courts and also in many other ways. But at the great Supreme court on high "truth will prevail," and every criminal will receive his just punishment.

PETER PARLEY.

The Star Spangled Banner always has the best right to the limelight on the fourth.

The Fourth at Davidson River.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Owing to my absence during last week I was unable to give the impressions made on the many persons attending the very enjoyable fourth of July rally and old-time singing at Davidson river on the glorious Fourth. The occasion was one that will be long remembered by the people of Transylvania county and is to be hoped that on each and every Fourth of July in the future that the people will again meet together and renew the friendships of their early youth and become rejuvenated. There are several reasons why it is necessary to have these gatherings of the people and I will ask enough of your valuable space to express my ideas on the subject.

As it is well known the Fourth of July is not as generally celebrated in the south as it is in the north and there is no reason for such being the case, even the most unreconstructed veteran cannot deny that we had as much to do with the original Fourth as any section of the United States. It was North Carolina that first declared her independence and the man after whom our county seat was named, Ephraim Brevard, was the man who penned the Mecklenburg Declaration, so from a purely patriotic standpoint, we of Transylvania county, should celebrate the natal day of our country.

But there is another and perhaps more cogent reason why such gatherings should be advocated and brought to a successful termination and that is for the reason that the people of our country and especially those who live in the sections far away from the towns should come out and meet their neighbors and fellow man. If one would but investigate the records of the state asylum for the insane in this and other states it would be found that a large, in fact, entirely too large a percentage of the insane women in such institutions are farmers wives and daughters and the cause of so much insanity among this class of people is that they lead too secluded and isolated a life and see too little of other people, man is a gregarious animal and it is a requisite of his nature that he meet and associate with his fellows and if he is deprived of such association and mingling he will lose his mind in many instances, and much pleasure and a great amount of education in all cases. So for the protection of our women as well as for their pleasure we should have more of these public gatherings, the men come to town frequently and by the nature of their various businesses are thrown nearly every day with others than their immediate family, but the women, our wives, our mothers, our sisters and our daughters by the very nature of their work and family duties are kept at home and see very little of the outside world and necessarily they become narrowed in their views, and as said before, they become melancholy, morose and finally insane. Let us do all in our power to make their lives

more happy and brighter and the best way to do that is by assisting in the getting up of these gatherings and then taking our women folk out to them.

It would not be right to mention this occasion without giving the credit for it to him who was the originator and to whose good management and untiring perseverance the final success was due Mr. M. J. Orr, he was the man who first proposed the celebration and he devoted his time, talent and money to making the gathering a success and we hope that he will make it a point to get another celebration for the 4th next year and if possible have one between times. To show how the people present felt, (and there were about 2,000 on the ground,) resolutions were adopted that read as follows:

That, as about two thousand of the best people of Transylvania and her sister counties are here present and

Whereas, all present enjoyed a most pleasant and instructive series of exercises be it

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this large audience be and it is hereby extended to Mr. M. J. Orr for the able and efficient manner in which he conducted the exercises of this day and be it further

Resolved, that we will celebrate the Fourth of July 1906 in same manner in the town of Brevard. Thanking you for your space, Mr. editor, I remain

ONE OF THEM.

A Visit to Lake Toxaway.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

All aboard for the beautiful Lake Toxaway, the gem of "The land of the sky." A party of us took advantage of the excursion that went up from Asheville on Wednesday, June 14th to see and enjoy one of the most lovely spots in Western North Carolina, situated on an elevated plateau, surrounded by mountains which affords the most beautiful scenery in the world, not even excepting Switzerland.

The lake is about 18 miles in circumference and as clear as crystal. If you would take a skim over its placid surface there are row boats and gasoline boats to your heart's content; if you would take a drive around the lake there is one of the finest of roads, as smooth as a floor, with first-class vehicles and good drivers who are at your service.

The Toxaway Inn is a beautiful structure, modern and up-to-date in equipment, located on an eminence 30 or 40 feet above the lake which slopes gently down to the water. All who are looking for an ideal spot, a sylvan retreat where they can find rest for the mind and body Lake Toxaway is the place. We have read of the Elysian fields of Paris, which in our imagination are something like Lake Toxaway and its surroundings.

The writer was on the grounds where the lake is now spread out in all its beauty more than 20 years ago, but what a wonderful change the hand of man has

wrought. Now, our train is ready to start and we must leave this enchanted spot which we hope to visit again.

A VISITOR.

WASHINGTON CHAT.

Bubonic plague is Panama's latest interesting acquisition.

Next time, Teft wants to get a Panama digger that will stay in the ditch.

Yale is glad to get \$1,000,000 in good cash, even it does smell of coal oil.

Russia has discovered that there are worse things even than the yellow peril.

Secretary Taft "took the lid" off Panama and threw it at Engineer Wallace's head.

At least there is one ship in active service in the Russian navy, and that is the "censorship."

Yale has consented to help Mr. Rockefeller out by taking a little of his money off his hands.

If the baseball players do go into the proposed union, there ought to be more "strikes" in the game.

The Russian "matineers" seem to think that it is a poor kind of autocracy which will not work both ways.

Somebody has suggested Henry Cabot Lodge for Secretary of State. Why not Teddy's old friend, Jacob Rib?

Secretary Shaw treats that deficit of \$25,000,000 as if it were a very small hole in Uncle Sam's pocket-book.

A cradle operated by electricity has been invented. The mother touches the button and the baby does the rest.

It begins to look as though the infant czarowitz might have a chance to grow up to be a good and useful "private citizen."

Startling news comes from the western markets to the effect that potatoes are weak. Have they ever tried physical culture?

Japan's readiness to continue the war, if peace is impossible, however galling to Russia, is a big factor in the peace possibilities.

If the "grafters" ever manage to start a Panama canal pension list, the government might as well make an assignment at once.

Senator Mitchell's first proposition that a senator can do no wrong, does not appear to be written in the constitution in very big type.

It may prove that no Phil D. "Armour is tough enough to protect the beef trust against the law when popular interest is at "steak".

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