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OUR DUMB ANIMALS. Human nature plumes itself upon doing itself honor when it stoops to the consideration of the animal world around it—the domestic animals—the property, the servants, the companions of man. It is a great condescension, this stooping to the care of those so much beneath man in the scale of creation. Is not man commissioned with absolute authority over the animals, to kill and eat, to subdue and enslave, and with the greater power, is there not included the right to vex and torture, to punish and neglect, and to exert all the liberties of unrestrained and irresponsible will? So civilized man constrains his rights of dominion, and law and custom and indifferent public sentiment permits. Yet there is protest in the breast of the humane, an appeal for mercy, which at length is taking shape in earnest demand for the intervention of the law.

Every man claims the right to do what he will with his own, to use to his own construction of pleasure that which he has purchased with his own money, secured by his own labor, trained by his own skill; and there is nothing so congenial to human nature as that absolute exercise of power over the weak and the inferior which comes with the indisputable right of possession. But this very absolute dominion brings with it a responsibility which the instinctive laws of humanity impose. That which is helpless makes an appeal which, if voiceless, is none the less eloquent and touching. I do not reach the careless, the cruel or the avaricious through the processes of mercy, of duty, or of interest, attention must be forced through the operation of law. The great heart of humanity is not altogether hardened; the claim of the dumb brute is not altogether unheard, and the time has come when the tide of cruelty is to be stemmed by the strong hand of the law. It is a reproach to Christians that they are following at such far distance the steps of the gentile heathen Brahmin. But the Brahmin case is safely imitated when it is remembered that mercy is a fundamental doctrine in the Christian's creed.

THE REPORT that Queen Victoria proposes to abdicate arouses almost as much interest in America as it has done in Great Britain. She has reigned now nearly 53 years, and during that long period there has been such uninterrupted amity between the people of the two countries as became those who derive their institutions from the same sources, spoke the same language and worshipped God under the same creeds; therefore we Americans hardly viewed the Queen as an alien monarch, and admired her with a good deal of the loyalty which characterized the devotion of her own subjects. Certainly if we did not love her, we did, we could not love her as the eminently virtuous woman who surrounded her throne with a halo of virtue to which it had long been a stranger, and which in all probability will withdraw itself when her personality no longer attracts its influence. By the force of her private virtues monarchy has maintained a prestige it would lose under the growing forces of liberal ideas, and which has been shaken by the vices of the class usually regarded as the chief strength of royalty. At the age of 72 the Queen can look back upon a reign unstained by the effects of injustice or oppression to her subjects, untroubled by those crimes which so often prey upon a royal conscience, and made great by the acquisition of all those things that rulers regard as good and great, territory, victory to her arms, vast increase of wealth, large addition to population, distinguished achievements in arts and science, and through these notable addition to human comforts and happiness. She has also reigned long enough to know and feel the hollowness of those, and to sigh for the tranquil pleasures of private station. Yet when the time comes for the exchange we question whether Queen Victoria will have the courage to make it. That is, she sacrifices the highest position on earth, united to the most unbounded powers into the hands of another, and consents to become the governed instead of the ruler. It is a subordination, the humiliation of which cannot be gilded by wealth and a retained distinction of rank and honors. And that is the reason history records so few instances of abdication. Diocletian gave us the first example, and also the example of discontent, and the subsequent resumption of his powers. The Emperor Charles V in the plenitude of his power imitated Diocletian, even to the extent of sharing his dissatisfaction, but without the opportunity of resuming his scepter. What might follow the abdication of Queen Victoria it were vain to conjecture. Certainly her successor is graced by none of her personal virtues, and adorned with none of the unquestioning loyalty which preserved the stability of the throne to the present time without a tremor. Perhaps the change will give opportunity for the practice of principles to which the British world has become educated.

No one can fairly say about the accident to the city of Paris, "I told you so." The good ship kept afloat by the splendid merits of her perfect construction. The accident was to machinery, and that was beyond the reach of human foresight. The vessel is worthy of all the fame she has won, and her builders of all the reputation they have earned. Those who remember "Peck's Bad Boy" which amused the reading world a few years ago, will be pleased to learn that the author was no myth but a live man, whose talent has recently been rewarded by Mr. Peck's election as mayor of Milwaukee, as a democrat, by a majority of 5,000.

HE WOULD BLOW A HORN. BUT MR. LINDSEY DID NOT LIKE THAT STYLE. What Came From a Petition to the Board of Aldermen Last Night—Shall the City Quarry be Suspended? The property owners and residents living near the city quarry presented a petition to the Board of Aldermen last night to have blasting discontinued. The paper stated that the lives of all the people living near were in danger, and that on one occasion a rock had been thrown 300 feet and killed a cow. Houses were often struck with the flying pieces, and while a number of children were playing fragments from the quarry struck within a few feet of them. It was signed by fourteen people. Upon completion of the reading Captain Troy took the floor and announced that all these happenings were of the long ago. He admitted the cow killing, but said that now the blasts were made much lighter, and that before every one men were sent each way to warn people on the mountain of their danger. He thought that now there could be no fear. When Captain Troy took his seat Mr. H. A. Lindsey, who was one of the signers of the petition and who was sitting in the rear of the room, came forward. He carried a good sized rock in his hand and hid it on the rail before Captain Troy. "How would you like to have your wife constantly in danger of her life from such missiles as that?" he asked. Mr. Troy mildly admitted that he would not. "Well," continued Mr. Lindsey, "that is just our position. We don't want our wives or property endangered either. Under the present condition of things they are and we want a change."

A general discussion followed the gentleman's remarks, and when finally Captain Troy remarked that he had proposed to blow a horn every time a blast was made, and Mr. Lindsey sarcastically returned that if things had come so such a pass that every time a horn was blown in that neighborhood the residents had to run and hide, it was certainly time something was done. Alderman Pulliam moved the appointment of a committee to look into the matter. The motion was finally amended to include the whole Board, and they will give it their attention soon. Captain Troy had another matter relating to the city quarry to bring before the meeting. His idea was to give the street railway the right of way to the works and to contract with them for the hauling of macadam to the streets where it was used. To show his faith in the idea he offered to work one year for the sum the city would save in the first three months under the new way. "For 15,000 to 20,000 pounds can be hauled at one load," he said, "and the work can be done fifteen or twenty cents per ton cheaper."

It was laid on the table until the other committee should report on whether the quarry was a nuisance. Mayor Blanton and Aldermen Wolfe, Leonard and Miller were appointed a committee to look into the offer made by Mr. Richmond Pearson with regard to the market house. Colonel Hatch was present and asked that \$25 be appropriated for the insertion of President Powell's report in a guide book. On motion his suggestion was adopted. After the first of June all wagons hauling tobacco will be obliged to have a tag on the box, giving their number and the horses they use. It came up upon the suggestion of Mr. Bowling and was adopted.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. Riverside Methodist church—Service tomorrow at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. J. F. Austin. All invited. First Baptist church, Rev. W. A. Nelson pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., Lord's supper at the morning service. North Asheville Methodist church—Service at 7:45 p. m. to-morrow, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Campbell. All invited. Trinity Episcopal Chapel, colored, Rev. H. S. McDuffy rector—Morning service at 11 a. m., Sunday school service at 3 p. m., evening service at 4:30 p. m. Trinity Episcopal church—Early celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Full service with Holy communion at 11 a. m. Children's service at 5 p. m. Central Methodist church, Rev. G. C. Rankin, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Reception of members and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m. Song service at 8 p. m. First Presbyterian church, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, pastor—Divine worship to-morrow as follows: Music hall, Battery Park hotel, 11:30 a. m.; Y. M. C. A. lecture hall, Sabbath school 9:45, young people's meeting 7:15, evening service 8 o'clock. Second Baptist church—Dr. Carroll goes to Hendersonville to-morrow to preach at the opening of the new Baptist church building for regular services, and the inauguration of Rev. John Mitchell, D. D., as pastor. Prof. Barker, president of Asheville Female College, will preach at the French Broad Baptist church at 11 a. m. The pastor will return in time to preach at 8 p. m. C. P. Letcher, a colored man, aged 73, died at his home near the reservoir this morning.

NORTH CAROLINA NOTES. Oxford Presbyterians are talking of a new church. The Raleigh business college has changed hands. The State will be taxed \$80,000 this year for pensions. J. B. Lanier will establish a large flouring mill near Charlotte. Work on the main building of Trinity College begins next week. Counterfeit five dollar gold pieces are reported plentiful at Durham. Last year the Duke factory at Durham turned out 832,000,000 cigarettes. H. C. Jackson has been appointed postmaster at Jamesville, Martin county. The Charlotte Chronicle tells of a woman who has a hen that lays easter eggs. President Crowell, of Trinity College, is pleased that the college is going to Durham. A negro arrested for stealing escaped from his guards at Charlotte and has not been captured. Two Wake county convicts have died of the grip. There are sixty at camp Russell, near Raleigh. The oysters which have been offered for sale in the Elizabeth City market are the best ever known. C. E. Robinson, Lincolnton, N. C., has been appointed a cadet to the military academy at West Point. Two hundred pounds of lint cotton was destroyed by a fire in Fowler's cotton factory at Elizabeth. The Marion town commissioners have determined to issue liquor licenses and have fixed the tax at \$750. The Egypt coal company, of Chatham county, will erect a number of mammoth bins at Wilmington to supply vessels. Col. Coit declines the nomination for Lt. Governor of the Farmers' Convention. He does not fully endorse the platform. J. M. Bernhardt, of the Green Hill syndicate, is at Blowing Rock laying off roads and lots on the company's property. The North Carolina Medical Society will hold its thirty-seventh annual meeting in Oxford, May 27th, 28th and 29th of this year. Harvard Price, a white boy, aged about 16 years old was dragged overboard from a sloop in Currituck sound and drowned. Col. John L. McDowell, a prominent farmer of Rutherford county, died suddenly at home near Island Ford. He was 70 years old. Washington Newby attempted to suicide twice at Raleigh. The second time he was successful and his body was found in Neuse river. Forty-two Croatians Indians from Robeson county passed through Greensboro on their way to Kansas. Eighteen of the crowd were adults. The youngest depot agent in North Carolina, according to the Sanford Express, is Camie Smith, the agent at Egypt. He is 14 years of age. The Hornet Nest rifleman, of Charlotte, will enter the competitive drill to be held in that city on the occasion of the celebration in that city on May 20. Alexander Graham has been re-elected superintendent of the graded schools of Charlotte and Latin and Greek have been dropped from the course of study. A storm in the northern part of the State blew off the roof of the Webb building in Hillsboro, and also the roof of the South building of the University at Chapel Hill. Lee Craver, of Lexington, was shot and killed by Frank F. Birdway. The latter claims that Craver had made some remarks reflecting on the character of Mrs. Birdway. The killer has escaped. The business of the Richmond and Danville railroad is growing so at the Greensboro end of the line, that the question of putting on a double daily freight is being discussed by the authorities of that company. The barn and stables of Mr. Albert F. Estes, who lives on Mulberry, were burned and, besides the loss of the building and forage, a valuable mule belonging to Mr. Joseph Webb, Mr. Estes' son-in-law, was burned up. W. R. Irwin, who has been for some time deputy clerk of the superior court at Charlotte, has been succeeded by L. Frank Osborne, who had formerly served for some time in the office. It is understood that Mr. Irwin is a candidate for clerk. The grand jury of the superior court of Caldwell county makes a report upon the poor house, and the inmates which is a horrible showing. The keeper indignantly denies the statement of the grand jury. The commissioners will investigate. The Indian Hill Farmers' Alliance, of Davidson county, met at Miss M. P. Beck's, a member of the order in that county, and built ninety panels of fence and repaired 123 panels more for her. She was not able to do the work herself. Ben Richardson, a negro of Oxford, underwent a serious operation and was told if he got out of bed it would kill him. He stood it awhile, but one day his feet got cold and he wanted to go to the fire. "I am going to get out of bed if it kills me," he cried, and it did. The new office recently created by some of the railroad magnates, and known as the North Carolina Car Service Association, with headquarters at Raleigh, under the management of Mr. Washington Bryan, the latest ex-president of the A. & N. C. R. R., has been abolished. The Raleigh News and Observer has been shown some specimens of glassware, a pitcher, a waiter and glasses, made from North Carolina sand, which are very fine. Some of them are cut glass, some moulded. They were made in a glass factory in Pennsylvania, from sand sent by Col. I. D. Whitford, taken from a bank near Boston, in Wayne county. A dispatch from Greensboro, some days ago, to the Danville Register, stated that Hannibal Simpson, late independent candidate for the senate in Rockingham county, had been arrested for a criminal assault upon a young lady at Stoneville, in that county. The Leaksville Gazette says the report was exaggerated, though there may have been some foundation for it.

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