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The Cumberland Extension

In response to a strong public demand Asheville's board of aldermen has made several commendable efforts looking to the opening of Cumberland avenue, and just at the time when success bids fair to crown its endeavors, there arises, or seems to arise, protests, some of them from quarters previously favorable to the extension of Cumberland, which, for the most part, are based on the assumption that the street would be largely used by automobile owners.

It is generally admitted that Asheville is fast becoming a metropolitan city, and traffic conditions which did not materially handicap the city's growth, twelve, fifteen or twenty years ago certainly militate against expansion at this time.

Women And Work

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when the first Martinis visited this country she found only seven occupations open to women—housekeeping, keeping boarders, needlework, teaching, working in cotton factories, bookbinding and typesetting.

Notes and Comments

A public park which could boast a swimming pool would about fill Asheville's cup of happiness.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1799—Peter Hunter became lieutenant governor of Upper Canada. 1809—Foundation laid for Nelson's monument in Trafalgar Square, London.

THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY

Archduke Charles Francis. Archduke Charles Francis, who one day may become emperor-king of Austria-Hungary, was born August 17, 1887.

Voice of the People THE LIQUOR QUESTION

Editor The Citizen: Regarding the 50,000 majority, or rather, let us take the whole vote for prohibition at the last election. It is not to be disputed that many of them have liquor in their own houses at the present moment.

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SAVOYARD'S VIEWS

RYAN'S CRITIC. Washington, August 6. Some of our exemplars in patriotism and sagacious statescraft profess to be very much disturbed because of the action of Mr. William J. Bryan in going on the lecture platform at times when there is nothing pending in the department of state that cannot be as well managed by subordinates.

The vulgar are prone to look on the product of statescraft as work turned by the ton or the cord of the gross. It is to that element that Senator Bristow and his fellows appeal in their demagogic strictures on the American secretary of state.

Mr. Bryan is the most popular public speaker our country ever produced. As an orator I have never accorded him the place some of his admirers so dogmatically assign to him.

Henry Ward Beecher and Stuart Robinson were among the most entertaining public speakers I ever heard, but they were not declaimers—each talked in conversational tone, and as you listened you recalled what Ben Jonson said of Lord Bacon—feared "he would make an end." Bourke Cockran is a more dramatic orator than Bryan, and when they were in Congress together the Irishman had a much finer voice, splendid as was Mr. Bryan's, and more elaborate and more elegant than all; but it is too sumptuous, not to say gorgeous.

Repeatedly I have said that Matthew H. Carpenter, years ago United States senator from Wisconsin, was the finest orator I ever heard, and he was the equal of William Pinkney himself at the bar.

From what I have read of his production and heard of his oratory from the lips of intelligent men who hung on his eloquence, I have little doubt that William L. Yancey was the greatest orator our country has produced since Patrick Henry.

But that is wandering from the subject. A member of the cabinet of an American president has as much right to go on the lecture platform as a senator of the American congress has to practice law.

Ed Marshall was a nephew of the great chief justice and brother of the more famous Tom Marshall. Born in Kentucky, he was a "forty-niner" in California. He subsequently returned to Kentucky, of which state he continued a citizen till Joe Blackburn beat him for the democratic nomination for congress in 1874.

I had heard Ed Marshall in Kentucky on the stump, and wondered if it could be true that his brother surpassed him as a popular orator, and now I was determined to hear him plead before the most dignified and august tribunal in the world. I went early, though it had been announced that Ed was to conclude the argument. I could better follow Edmonds. When Evans spoke he might as well have been talking Greek for all the knowledge he conveyed to my mind.

ter, Allen G. Thurman and John G. Carlisle were the only men I ever heard who could make law plain to me. I once heard Ben Butler in supreme court, but could not follow him. I read Jeremiah S. Black in the great Kentucky case involving the civil rights bill, and it is as delightful as a novel—your favorite. He gained the case, but the court shed at the real issue, and when the decision was rendered in his favor, Black was sitting in the bar, and remarked to the attorney general so all could hear, including the bench: "And now we have it laid down as the law by this supreme tribunal that it don't affect a nigger to kill him!"



Sir Thomas Sees the Point

To "put aside all sentimental and international questions involved" and have a mind to "what is essential for business purposes," Sir Thomas Lipton is the lad. Therefore, whatever suddenness Great Britain may indulge, Sir Thomas will exhibit at the Panama Exposition in San Francisco.

Incompatible

Governor Blease says he has "75,000 friends in South Carolina who will vote for him for the United States senate against anybody," and that he "will be elected to the United States senate in 1914, despite the liars."

Vardaman's Locks

The country is enjoying itself very much twitting Senator Vardaman on his long hair. In his young days, long before he became governor of Mississippi, the senator used to be taunted about his hair. When he was a young man he was accused of being poetic, and when he got into politics, he was accused of wearing his hair in imitation of Senator Walthall.

Still at it

Whatever else may be said of the American Protective Tariff League, it must at least be credited with a persistence altogether worthy of a better cause. Just now this league, of which Mr. Wilbur F. Wakeman is the guiding spirit, is sending out to commercial travelers a circular letter calling on them to write to senators and representatives urging those gentlemen to give their support to the Gallinger substitute for the demerit tariff bill.

NOTICE TO WOODMEN

A conference of all the camps in Buncombe county has been called to meet with Balsam Camp, No. 1, Wednesday, Tuesday night, August 19, 1913, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the advisability of petitioning our State Managers to appoint a District Deputy exclusively for Buncombe county, and it is important that all members be present to help discuss the matter.

Information as to hotels and boarding places in all counties of Western North Carolina, including Asheville, can be secured at Information Bureau, Southern ticket office.

Edward D. Oulton, of New York, recently changes name to Barrett, because people made fun of former cognomen.

Because daughter married without his consent, Solomon B. Jost, South African multi-millionaire, takes her name off his yacht.

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