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The Red Cross Stamp

Judging from the manner wherein the citizenship of Asheville has responded to the appeal of the Red Cross stamp, our people require but little urging to extend their efforts in behalf of a most worthy charity.

There is a world of force in the brilliant conception which was the forerunner of a vigorous campaign against tuberculosis. Such a plan of action cannot be marred or affected in any way by petty jealousies or professional scruples.

In our own city the role of the Red Cross stamp is being conducted by public-spirited women who have identified themselves with the movement purely for the love of the cause.

The Commission Form

Writing to The Citizen on the question of commission government, a prominent citizen of Greensboro declares that if Asheville should ever adopt that plan of government it would never go back to the old system.

As The Citizen has several times remarked, the commission plan of municipal government is successful in its operation because it places responsibility upon a few public officers rather than dividing it among many who with their favorites and dependents constitute a big unwieldy organization.

basic, and opens all the books to the city's stockholders—the taxpayers and citizens generally. It makes for economy because it eliminates many avenues of unnecessary expense, and demands the highest returns for all moneys put out.

Notes and Comments

Tillot, of Charlotte, appears to be still mourning on the winner's bench. There's a storm in tencup at Washington because some of the appointing powers have beaten the national pie distributors at their own game.

Since Germany has demanded more room the British dreadnoughts appear to be finding it for her—at the bottom of the sea.

The Statesville Landmark, that sion of sterling democracy, finds a world of pleasure in saying exactly what it thinks, and it has nobody to say it nay.

The Columbia State declares that some emblem of the Palmetto state should be nailed to the mast. A waffle, for instance.

When you run into the Red Cross brigade dig down. It is not nearly so much effort as trying to dodge around the corner.

The commission form of government is not an experiment; it has a definite goal.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- December 12, 1653—Cromwell declared Lord Protector of England, and parliament dissolved. 1721—Alexander Selkirk, the original of "Robinson Crusoe" died, born 1676. 1787—Pennsylvania ratified U. S. constitution, 48 to 22; second state to do so. 1804—Spain declared war against Great Britain. 1870—J. H. Rainey, of South Carolina, first negro member of congress sworn in. 1876—Montmedy surrendered by French to Germans, with 65 guns and 3,000 prisoners. 1894—Sir John Thompson, Canadian premier, died suddenly at Windsor Castle, while visiting Queen Victoria. 1906—Arbitration treaty between U. S. and England signed at Washington.

THIS IS MY 65TH BIRTHDAY.

W. K. Vanderbilt. William Kissam Vanderbilt, of the famous family of Vanderbilts, heavy owner in and director of many railroads and other corporations, was born December 12, 1849. He began his business career in a railroad office, and learned to be a proficient book-keeper. He inherited vast wealth from his father, William H. Vanderbilt, and has succeeded in carrying out the Vanderbilt policies in finance and development of railroads. He studied abroad in his youth, and has been an extensive traveler. He recently became interested in opera and theatricals, and he is the founder and president of the New Theatre in New York, and is a director in the Metropolitan opera. He was twice married; his first wife was Alva Smith of Marble, and his second, Mrs. A. H. Ruth-erford, to whom he was married in London in 1903.

GERMANS ACTIVE.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—(4 41 p. m.) The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says that the enemy yesterday was active in the vicinity of Ypres. Three or four attacks were repulsed but one of important trenches was reached by the forces of Emperor William. Nevertheless French troops continue to make progress in the direction of the enemy's lines according to the official report.

HOW COOPERATION HELPED THE SCHOOL.

I want to tell the readers of The Progressive Farmer what the ladies in this community have done towards making our school building better and more attractive. We have a nice large three-room building. We organized a Woman's Betterment association and gave some good plays, box parties, and ice cream suppers and such like. Well, we have bought a nice organ, pictures, stage curtains and other little things that are necessary in giving plays. We had our rooms all painted, got nice hanging lamps, and had a well dug and a good pump put in it. We didn't have quite money enough to dig the well and get the pump, but our county superintendent and board of education were very nice to us and helped us out.

The Scissors Route

Garrison's Views. (Chattanooga News.)

"It cannot be disputed that it is imperative that we have in this country a very much larger percentage of men who have had proper military training and who are in a position to instantly respond to the call of the nation." That sentence from the report of Secretary of War Garrison will probably call for much discussion.

The United States according to the secretary of war stands tenth in the peace footing of her army and twelfth in trained reserves. Against Russia's 4,500,000 trained men the United States has 226,000 including Philippine Scouts, and Belgium, with 180,000, is the only nation below that figure, with Switzerland next above, having 225,000. Japan has 1,200,000.

More attention must be paid to our national guard, as President Wilson pointed out in his address to congress. The importance of the training of young men in schools and colleges at which military training is available is great also. Secretary Garrison favors a system of reserves. He does not want to force citizens to serve in the army or even to force those who enlist for the training of reserves to occupy much time in the training.

"I am firmly convinced," says the secretary of war, "that if we can use the standing army as a school through which to pass men who come into it, with the knowledge that if they are proficient they can be discharged at any time after a year or eighteen months, we will begin at once to build up the necessary reserve, and will, for the first time in the military history of this country, have something approximating a balanced organization."

Secretary Garrison wants the army recruited immediately to its full war strength, which would mean the addition of 25,000 men and 1,000 officers. Efforts must be made to increase the national guard and to train the citizen army. The secretary of war is not in favor of militarism. We believe his views are more militaristic than those of the president, however. Yet they both favor the development of the army service along national lines—by attention to the national guard and to the citizenry, instead of by the creation of a great standing army.

How to Get Trade. (Wilmington Star.)

According to the New York Journal of Commerce, the trade exploiters of Great Britain, Germany, Belgium and other countries of Europe have shown us how to get trade when there is any to be had. They simply found trade territory and cultivated it. They banked on possibilities by financing them, thus making the relations of patron and manufacturer and dealer mutual and co-operative. To make the meaning more specific, we quote here in part an editorial from New York's great commercial newspaper:

"Foreign producers who in the past have taken so strong a hold on the South American markets have been able to do so because they have followed the plan of financing the trade as they developed it. It was English and German capital that expanded the coffee and rubber business in South America, built the new railway lines and generally provided the inhabitants with what they needed in order to embark upon enterprises, and thus to become buyers of foreign goods. The hold so obtained by competitive manufacturers elsewhere has never been broken by our shippers in any large or material degree heretofore, and probably could not have been broken, for a great while at least except through the application of similar methods by American producers. There is no reason to doubt that, when peace shall have been generally restored and when there shall have been a sufficient recovery in capital to warrant the return to old methods, the American manufacturer will find himself confronted by very much the same obstacles that hindered the expansion of his business in former years."

"This far doable producers have shown little disposition to consider the export problem from this point of view. They have not especially encouraged the establishment of foreign branch banks under the federal reserve act, few institutions having actually made application for permission to locate such branches. Home capitalists seem to be a good deal more closely occupied in providing capital for the warring nations of Europe by furnishing material and equipment needed to conduct the war than they are in arranging in finance trade with neutral nations from a long-range standpoint. This means that our bulwarks are being thrown up to protect trade from European after peace is said with peace competition has been resumed, but exporters will have to take their chances when the time comes with reference to the retention of business. Whatever may be said of the various factors that impede, be considered as legitimate impediments against any course other than that now being pursued the facts in the case remain, and must be reckoned with by those who are hoping for a permanent growth of a foreign business for American exporters."

"Of course, if our producers and exporters take steps to reduce and limit their dependence upon export credit to them, they will be in a great deal of better position to do so. They can do this by American manufacturers and dealers who serve their respective needs, but it is not every one who has the method, the initiative, the trade genius to do what others do. Nevertheless, such American business as William P. Grace & Co. and possibly other enterprising American concerns, have done that business exactly on the lines that have largely built up the trade between this country and the Latin countries to the south of us."

In a large way, the trick has been turned in the same way that a Wilmington wholesaler did. He started without customers but he went out and made some. He set up a number of dealers in his line, or rather, started them in business with a line of credit at his establishment, and soon he had helped himself by helping others and we know people who are well off today by means of that merchant's mutual and co-operative method of doing business.

Children's Stories

GRANDPA'S LESSON.

Once upon a time Edward and James, just before Christmas, were visiting their grandparents and they wrote home having the best visit they had ever had.

One morning the brothers started for the woods which were only a little way from the house. They both had made slings and were going to play all day.

At the edge of the wood they saw two pretty gray squirrels and both the boys felt in their bags for a stone to use in the slings. "Wig, wig," and a stone flew past one of the squirrels and just hit the tip of the biggest one's ear. The squirrels didn't know what to make of this for Grandpa had never allowed anyone to shoot or in any way harm them or the birds in the woods.

All the squirrels would come when Grandpa whistled to look for nuts and they were never disappointed for he always carried his pockets full of them, so they ran as fast as they could for a hollow place they knew it in a tree not far away. It was well they were out of sight, for Edward aimed again and this time would have hit the squirrel if it had been in the same place. Just then Grandpa came along and saw what the boys were doing and I am sure he never was so angry at his grandsons before. He said: "I am ashamed of you to want to hurt a dumb animal of any kind. You should look out and care for the helpless and be kind to everything. These little animals know me and when I call them they will come out of my hand and unless you have frightened them they will come now. I want you first to throw away those slings and then watch."

Now the boys did as they were told and Grandpa called, but the squirrels saw the boys and they were still afraid and only peeped out of the hole. They looked at Grandpa as much as to say, "We are not afraid of you, but we are of the boys."

When the boys saw they would not come out they felt badly and said then they would be kind to every living thing after this. The boys walked away and Grandpa called, again and both the squirrels came out a little and as the boys were not near they ran up to Grandpa and hopped in his pockets and up his arm to find the nuts which they cracked with their sharp teeth.

The boys thought that was fun to see them do that and asked if he thought the squirrels would come to them. Grandpa gave each of the boys some nuts and they called and called, but the squirrels did not know just what to do. The boys kept on talking to them very softly, and pretty soon one little fellow hopped toward them and seemed to be looking them over, and I think he decided to forgive them for he ran up and took the nut and the other did the same.

With The Wags

Seeking Information. A buccle individual paused the other day before a newsstand and to the proprietor thereof put the following questions: "Been in town long?" "Quite a while," said the vander of news. "Know a man named Collins—Joseph Collins?" "Say," exclaimed the newsman, testily, "there are 3,000,000 people in Chicago. Do you expect me to know every man in the city?" "No," said the rural one, "but I thought you might have sense enough to know one."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Great Discovery.

Scientist—Some of the grandest inventions of the age have been the result of accidental discoveries. Fair Lady—I can readily believe it. Why, I made an important discovery myself, and it was the purest accident, too. Scientist—May I ask what it was? Fair Lady—Why, I found that by keeping a bottle of ink handy a fountain pen can be used just the same as any other pen—without the bother and mess of filling it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shame to Take the Money.

"After a couple of years' absence from home I was playing in a city nearby and I invited my father to come over and see the show," relates a famous actor. "When the last curtain had rung down he came back on the stage to see me, and while we were chatting the treasurer appeared at the door of my dressing room and handed me my pay envelope. Dad saw the figures on the outside, and his eyes sparkled. 'My boy, he said, 'you don't tell me you get that much every week, do you?'" "That's right, dad," I replied. "Well, well, said the old gentleman thoughtfully, 'is that so?' What other work do you have to do beside acting?"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cause For Blushes.

Paetic Maid—Ah, the dogwood trees in October are fairly blushing red! Tragic Hero—He—yes, because they will soon be bare.—Judge.

No Round Trip.

Wigg Don't talk to me about bluff, I tell you, bluff has carried many a man to success. Wag—Yes, but he has generally to hoof it back.—Philadelphia Record.

THE TEST.

In an asylum two worthies named Sandie and Tam formed a plan to make their escape. Sandie said to Tam: "Bend down and I'll get on yer back and get on the top of the wall and haul ye up." Sandie got on top of the wall and slid down on the other side, saying: "Tam, I think ye'll better bide another fortnight, for ye're no near sane yet."—Exchange.

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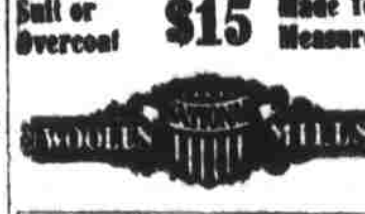
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(New Orleans States.) Returning from a mountain climb on his latest holiday, President Wilson, we are told, sat before an open fire while dinner was cooking, and read poetry aloud to his son-in-law and daughter. An excellent example! "The long evenings of winter are at hand when, in many homes in the frost belt, it will be a problem to know what to do. It won't take long to finish the paper, for people are already beginning to skip the minor war news—it's no longer exciting and the sheer brutality and needlessness of it have pallid. Novels are hard to read out loud, because it takes a trained reader to make the dialogue sound like real talk; hence most of us prefer to tackle fiction by ourselves. But good poetry, the pith of history, fiction, philosophy; the soul of knowledge, makes fine out-loud reading. Not too much of it, not the ponderous, high-brow verse which makes you dig to find out its meaning—but the simple, homely poems of life, in which heart sings to heart in language that all can grasp. Such a poem read feelingly by father or mother to the family circle ere the sandman comes is a happy ending of a useful day. The superdreadnought "Call-formia" will be built at New York navy yard will be the first American battleship to be driven by electric motors. Electricity is being used as a source of heat and power in large marine factories.

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