In Praise of Farming.

By Agnes Repplier.

In ancient times the sacred plow employed The kings and awfal fathers of mankind.



RMING is the real business of the world. Of all the toilers who make life possible and make it sweet, the farmer stands the first. Every one helps in his degree; but the farmer's role is of such supreme importance in the scale that from the beginning of history to the present day we find it honored by all thinking men. There is infinite dignity in work which directly benefits the human race; there is an infinite power of self-respect in a man

who knows he is not trying to outwit his neighbor.

The farmer does not make his crops, yet they owe their existence to him. He writes his history upon his fields, and it is a record of which he is pardonably proud. If there is a legitimate pleasure in the world, it must be that which is yielded by a good harvest-by the full ripe ears of wheat, the strong green corn standing upright in the sunlight, the fruit-trees swaying low beneath their ample burden.

No wonder that men who work in towns grow restless in the sweet summer days, and looking out of dingy office windows upon the dingier streets, think sadly of pasture-lands and apple orchards and the clean country air. It was a wise poet-Horace-who put the most charming description of farm life ever penned into the mouth of a pinched old money-lender, sickening amid his gains for the innocent and manly virtues he can never hope to enjoy:

> Happy the man, in busy schemes unskilled, Who, living simply like our sires of old, Tills the few acres which his father tilled, 'Vexed by no thoughts of usury or gold.

All Latin poetry is redolent of the soil, for the Roman of old, like the Italian of today, loved and honored husbandry. There is no incident of a farmeris life which Vergil has left unsung. He follows the laborer who in the early spring, when the melting snows vanish from the hilltops, breaks up the heavy earth. "The husbandman cleaves the furrow with his crooked plow. Hence the labors of the year. Hence he sustains the country and his little children, his herds of kine and his deserving steers."-Youth's Companion.

## The Beast Fable As **A Literary Pattern**

#### By Brander Matthews.



IE beast fable is a literary pattern of an undiscoverable antiquity, as alluring today as ever before, since the child in us fortunately never dies. It is a pattern which Mr. Kipling has handled with a constant affection and with a large freedom. His earlier animal tales dealt with wild beasts, or at least with the creatures of the forest and of the ocean, beyond the influence of man and remote from his haunts. Soon he availed himself of the same

pattern to tell stories of animals domesticated and in close contact with man; and thus he gave us the "Walking Delegate" and the "Maltese Cat." In time he took a further step and applied to the iron horse of the railroad the method which had enabled him to set before us the talk of the polo pony and of the blooded trotter; and thus he gave us "007," in which we see the pattern of the primitive beast fable so stretched as to enable us to overhear the intimate conversation of humanized locomotives, the steeds of steel that puff and pant in and out of the round-house in an American railroad yard. Yet one more extension of the pattern enabled him to take a final step; after having given a human soul to separate engines, he proceeded then to animate the several parts of a single machine. And thus we have "How the Ship Found Herself" and the later "Below the Mill-Dam." But although these are successive stages of the primitive beast fable as it has been modified in Mr. Kipling's restless hands, there is little flagrant originality, even at the end, since "How the Ship Found Herself" is seen to be only a latter-day version of one of the earliest fables, the "Belly and the Members." Interesting as it may be to clamber up into the spreading family-tree of fiction, it is not here that we must seek for the stem from which the Mowgli stories ultimately flowered. These stories are not directly derived from the beast fable, although his mastery of that literary pattern may have helped the author to find his final form. They are a development from one of his own tales. "In the Rukh," included at first in "Many Inventions," and now transferred to its proper place at the end of the book in which the adventures of Mowgli are recorded.



What Arbor Day Means to the School Children

### THE PRESIDENT ISSUES ADDRESS

President Roosevelt Emphasizes Importance of the Celebration and Explains Why the Day Should be Observed.

Washington, Special .- President Roosevelt has addressed "to the school children of the United States" a message on the significance of Arbor Day which during the month of April is celebrated in many of the States. It follows:

"To the school children of the United States:

"Arbor Day (which means simply 'Tree Day') is now observed in every State in our Union-and mainly in the schools. At various times from January to December, but chiefly in this month of April you give a day or part of a day to special exercise and perhaps to actual tree planting, in recognition of the importance of trees to us as a nation, and of what they yield in adornment, comfort and useful products to the communities in which you live.

"It is well that you should celebrate your Arbor Day thoughtfully, for within the lifetime the nation's need of trees will become serious. We of an older generation can get along with what we have, though with growing hardship; but in your full manhood and womanhood you will want what nature once so bountifully supplied and man so thoughtlessly destroved, and because of this want you will repreach us not for what we have used, but for what we have wasted. "For the nation as for the man or

woman and the boy or girl, the road to success in the right use of what we have and the improvement of present opportunities. If you neglect to prepare yourselves now for the duties and responsibilities which will fall upon you later, if you do not learn the things which you will need to know when your school chys are over yor will suffer the consequence. So any nation which in its youth lives only for the day, reaps without sewing and consumes without husbanding, must expect the penalty of the prodigal whose labor could with difficulty find him the bare means of "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a storehouse full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood, and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens. The value of forestry deserves therefore, to be taught in the schools which aim to make good citizeus of you. If your Arbor Day exercises help you to realize what benefits each one of you receive from the forest, and how by your assistance these benefits may continue, they will serve a good end. "THEORORE ROOSEVELT."

### TAR HEEL GROP BULLETIN

## SAFE BLOWERS IMFRISONED

Condition of Crops as Given Out by the Department of Agriculture.

The weather crop bureau of the Department of Agriculture for the North Carolina section gives the following summary of conditions for the week ending Monday, April 8. The week began cold and windy. On Tuesday, April 2nd, the minimum temperatures were below freezing over the entire State. The lowest temperature reported was 26 dgrees in Buncombe county on the 2nd. Ice formed in many places, and frost from light to killing were general. Considerable damage was done in the western counties, but less in the central and eastern counties. On Wednesday the temperatures rose, and the highest generally occurred on Friday, April 5th. The highest reported was 81 degrees on the 4th in Madison county, and on the 5th in Randolph county. The last portion of the week was again cool. The temperature averaged about 6 degrees below normal. The week was fair until Friday evening when rain began which continued in most places Saturday and Sunday. The rainfall averaged above normal symewhat, and was heaviest in the interior of the State .- A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

#### Killed His Own Son.

Wilson, Special.-A preliminary hearing was held Saturday mouning in the court house on the case of the State against Nathan Moore, who was jailed here charged with the murder of his 19-year-old son, Nathan Moore, Jr. As the prisoner is a popular and well-known farmer, and the circumstances of the killing are so horrible a large crowd attended the hearing before Magistrate W. R. Wood. The State's witnesses were examined by Solicitor C. C. Daniel and the evidence in substance was as follows: Moore, senior, on returning home found his son Nathan absent. He learned that he was at a neighbor's house 200 yards distance. He went there and saw his son with a friend, John Ellis, asleep under a buggy shelter. Moore picked up a square pint bottle and approached his son. As he did so his son raised up and Moore beat him over the head with the bottle and kicked him. There was true evidence after the young man had been carried in the house his father struck him with a chair. Before young Moore died he told his sister that his father had killed him. The evid net is very strong and convincing. Moore was a high-tempered man and it is thought that he did the act in a fit of temepr. He pulled a gun when Sheriff Sharp arrested him, but saw it was useless to resist and surrendered. The solicitor asked that the hearing be continued until next week so physicians could make post-mortem examination. Bail 8 was refused Moore in the meantime. The prisoner did not go on the stand or offer any witnesses. Superior Court meets next month and then the case will probably be called then. There is a great deal of excitement over the murder.

Safe . Robbers . Sentenced at Davie Court.

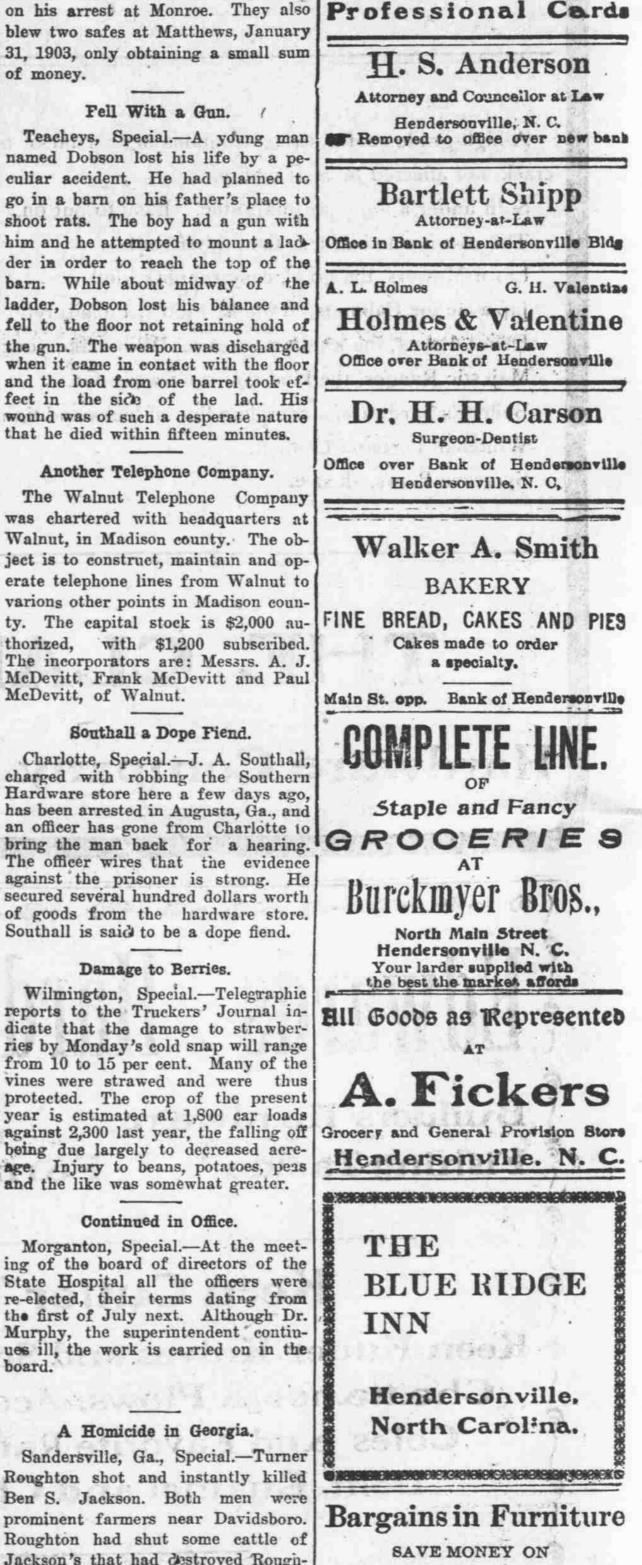
Winston-Salem, Special. - Sheriff Sheek, of Davie county, carried three white men-Wood, Rogers and Wilson,-convicted in Davie Superior Court last week for the robbery of the bank at Mocksville, to the penitentiary. Wood and Rogers are to serve two and a half years each and Wilson fifteen months. Investigation shows that these men were tried and sentenced at Greenville, S. C., for robberies of the postoffice at Greers on January 16, 1903. They appear also to have been implicated in the safe blowing of the Bank of Benson on January 30, 1903. On January 30, 1903 they blew the safe of W. G. Sheomaker, of Charlotte, securing \$250 and two marked nickles afterwards found in possession of Wilson on his arrest at Monroe. They also blew two safes at Matthews, January 31, 1903, only obtaining a small sum of money.

#### Fell With a Gun. /

Teacheys, Special.-A young man named Dobson lost his life by a peculiar accident. He had planned to go in a barn on his father's place to shoot rats. The boy had a gun with him and he attempted to mount a lack der in order to reach the top of the barn. While about midway of the ladder, Dobson lost his balance and fell to the floor not retaining hold of

SIGNIFICANCE OF COLORS The news that a European has been noticed in Jamaica wearing white as mourning for a relative lost in the recent catastrophe recalls the fact that that color was originally employed in many countries to indicate reverence for the dead. In fact the custom obtained in Europe as late as the reign of Charles VIII. of France, and in Italy, too, it lingered, though for women only, the men wearing brown, In Ethiopia the white soon changed to gray, and in Egypt to yellow. China. however, employs it to this day. Other colors have had their vogue-blue, for instance, which even now is used in Turkey, Armenia, and Syria. The latter signifies the heavenly region: white stands for purity; gray and brown typify our Mother Earth, and black, most repellent of mourning colors, would seem to suggest an eternity of night .- London Chronicle.

A missionary in the Hudson bay territory travels in a box which is strapped to the back of a hardy native.



## True Democracy.

Possible Only When Men Come to Regard Their Work as a Public Function.

By G. Lowes Dickinson.



HE reorganization of property will be neither practical nor fruitful except in so far as it is accompanied by a moral revolution in the community at large, and especially in those who control capital. At present business men regard business as a private function; and while, by their operations, they are in effect determining the destinies of individuals and nations, dealing out prosperity or ruin, happiness or despair, health or disease, throughout the

civilized and uncivilized world, their only conscious motive appears to be to accumulate in their own hands wealth and power. They, not governments, really rule society; yet they rule it without caring, almost with knowing, what they are doing. To inquire into the ultimate social effects of their operations would seem to them irrelevant and beside the mark. They regard business as a battle, government as the keeper of the ring, and the prize of victory as simply and barely the acquisition of wealth.

A society so controlled, whatever it may name itself, is oligarchic through and through. I There can be no true democracy until men come to regard their work, whatever it be, as a public function; to view it in those far-reaching consequences and interactions which alone give it significance and nobility; and to care more about performing it well than about the material benefits by which it may be rewarded. That attitude of mind' implies an individualism not only compatible with, but essential to, socialism. Independence, self-reliance, initiative, these qualities so justly prized by Americans, would be fostered, not suppressed, by a properly organized social democracy. Only their inspiration and goal will be not individual aggrandizement, but the wel fare and the greatness of the whole community. There is no antithesis be tween socialism and individualism. On the contrary, the one conditions the other in the only sense in which either is of value .- The Century.

# Labor Parties in America

By Arthur Bennington.



ERE is something about the word "Socialism" that seems to be distasteful to the average American, who has ingrained ideas of individualism and who is inclined to associate it in his mind with "Anarchism." And the professed Socialists in trying to remove this prejudice have scattered their fire and warred among themselves.

The New York World opened its columns a few months ago to a discussion of Socialism, and most of the leading Socialists of the country rote letters on the subject. From these letters it became evident that scarce

#### Three Killed, Fourth May Die.

Alexandria, La., Special.-Three men killed and one probably fatally injured is the result of what is believed to be the work of train-wreckers at Cheneyville, 30 miles southwest of here on the Texas & Pacific Railroad, when a westbound passenger train plunged into an open switch. while running at a high rate of speed. The wreckage caught fire and the mail car, baggage and express car and two passenger coaches were burned.

#### Ex-Governor Chamberlain Dead.

Charlotesville, Va., Special .- Daniel H. Chamberlain, who was governor of South Carolina during the turbulent times of the Reconstruction era, died Saturday at the home of William C. Chamberlain, near the University of Virginia. He was taken i'l of cancer of the stomach last fail upon his return from a trip to Egypt. He liad recently disposed of his propertics in Massachusetts with a view, to locating in Virginia. He was a graduate of Yale and of Harvard law

#### Will Build Again.

Enfield, Special .-- It has been decided to rebuild the Enfield Knitting Mills, recently burned. The company will erect a one-story structure of brick and cement, 40 x 160 feet, with firewall in center, making two rooms 40 x 80 feet each; dyerooms, 20 x 50 and 20 x 30 feet; engine room, 20 x 20 fect; boiler room, 20 x 20 feet; each department cut off by automatic firedoors. There will be installed to begin with 100 knitting machines for the production of double-knee ribbed hosiery, 400 dozen pairs daily. The company will issue \$20,000 of common stock and \$10,000 preferred 6 per cent stock.

#### New Hotel in Kinston.

Kinston, Special .- On or about June 1, Mr. J. A. McDaniel will open. in his splendid three-story building near Caswell monument, a modernly equipped hotel which will be run on both the American and European plans. The name selected for this hostelry is "The Caswell," in honor of Richard Caswell, North Caroilna's first governor.

#### Firebug in the House.

Salisbury, Special .-- The home of

Another Telephone Company. The Walnut Telephone Company was chartered with headquarters at Walnut, in Madison county. The object is to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines from Walnut to varions other points in Madison county. The capital stock is \$2,000 authorized, with \$1,200 subscribed. The incorporators are: Messrs. A. J.

that he died within fifteen minutes.

#### Southall a Dope Fiend.

McDevitt, of Walnut.

Charlotte, Special .- J. A. Southall, charged with robbing the Southern Hardware store here a few days ago, has been arrested in Augusta, Ga., and an officer has gone from Charlotte to bring the man back for a hearing. The officer wires that the evidence against the prisoner is strong. He secured several hundred dollars worth of goods from the hardware store. Southall is said to be a dope fiend.

#### Damage to Berries.

Wilmington, Special.-Telegraphic reports to the Truckers' Journal indicate that the damage to strawberries by Monday's cold snap will range from 10 to 15 per cent. Many of the vines were strawed and were thus protected. The crop of the present year is estimated at 1,800 car loads against 2,300 last year, the falling off being due largely to decreased acreage. Injury to beans, potatoes, peas and the like was somewhat greater.

#### Continued in Office.

Morganton, Special .- At the meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital all the officers were re-elected, their terms dating from the first of July next. Although Dr. Murphy, the superintendent continues ill, the work is carried on in the board.

#### A Homicide in Georgia.

Sandersville, Ga., Special.-Turner Roughton shot and instantly killed Ben S. Jackson. Both men were prominent farmers near Davidsboro. Roughton had shut some cattle of Jackson's that had destroyed Roughton's crop. Jackson demanded their SEWING MACHINES & ORGANS release. Roughton refused unless the damage was paid. Words followed. Jackson shot but missed. Rough- Full line of Baby Carriages. Select

ton returned the fire and killed Jack- stock of new goods. Call at our store

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ly two men agree as to what Socialism means, what its aims are and what it could accomplish if it had an opportunity. Is it any marvel, then, that the Socialist parties have made little headway among the intelligent workingmen of America? \* \* \*

There is not a laboring man in America, except he be very old, who expects to remain a laboring man all his life. There is not a laboring man who does not hope his children will be rich. This ambition makes for individualism and selfishness, and few men are willing to surrender for the common weal what they regard as their own chances of rising in the world.

The east side of New York city contains thousands of rich Jews who own factories or blocks of tenement houses, and who a few years ago were working hard as cigar-makers, peddlers, rag-pickers and old-clothes dealers.

Many rich contractors and builders in New York began life in America as immigrants from Italy, wielding the pick-axe and the shovel. Every employee in America hopes some day to be an employer .- From the New Zealand Red Funnel.

Amir Didn't Come Back. Walking in the Taj Gardens at Agra one morning recently the Amir took special notice of a little Euro- to keep abreast of the scientific adpean child.. He lifted the little one vance of the age. "For instance." he in his arms, and as a token of his said, "I don't know at' all how the royal favor clasped a necklace of dia- incandescent electric light which is monds and emeralds round his neck. now used in some buildings is pro-Next day the Taj Gardens were full duced."

of children and expectant parents, but "Oh, it is very simple," said the Ceylon.

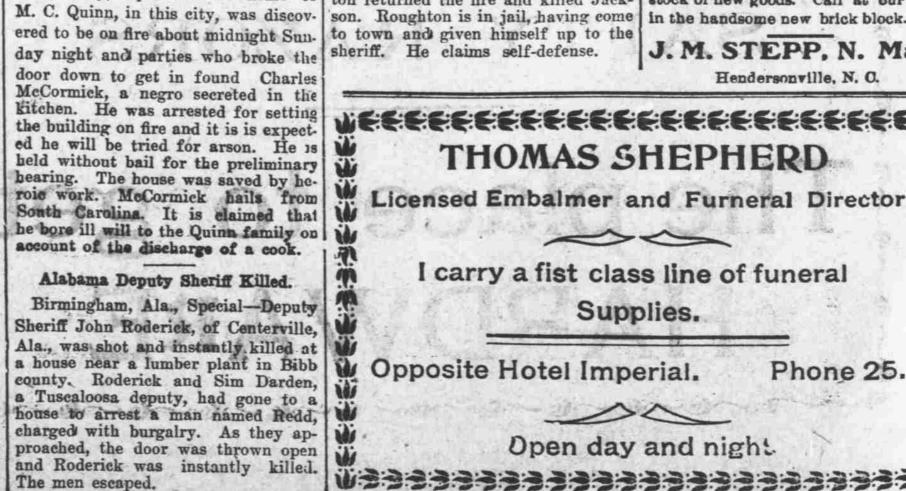
Easily Explained: Speaking with a young lady, a gentleman mentioned that he had falled

the Amir was not there .- Times of lady. "You just turn a button and the light appears at once."-Tit-Bits. school and was 72 years old.

Peary to Start on Second Epedition July 1.

Portland, Me., Special .- Commander Robert E. Peary, who has announced his intention of starting from New York on July 1 for another voyage to the far North in another attempt to reach the Pole, left for New York, after passing two days at his summer home on Eagle Island, Casco Bay. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peary.

Birmingham Has Mid-Winter Frost. Birmingham, Ala., Special-Heavy frost was general throughout north Alabama Sunday morning. Reports from Huntsville say there was ice and all vegetables, early strawberries and much of the fruit was killed. The thermometer registered 27 in Decatur and all grapes were killed in that tion. In Birmingham the frost was as heavy as ever seen gere in midwitter.



to town and given himself up to the J. M. STEPP, N. Main, sheriff. He claims self-defense. Hendersonville, N. C. WEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE THOMAS SHEPHERD Licensed Embalmer and Furneral Director 200 I carry a fist class line of funeral Supplies. **Opposite Hotel Imperial.** Phone 25 Open day and night

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