

# This is a Time for Honest Self-Examination

By Grover Cleveland.



THREE months before his inauguration as first President of the republic which he had done so much to create Washington wrote a letter to Lafayette, his warm friend and Revolutionary ally, in which he expressed his unremitting desire to establish a general system of policy which is pursued would "ensure permanent felicity to the commonwealth," and he added these words: "I think I see a path clear and as direct as a ray of light which leads to the attainment of this end. Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy people. Happily the present posture of affairs and the prevailing disposition of my countrymen promise to co-operate in establishing those four great and essential pillars of public felicity."

Such considerations as these suggest the thought that this is a time for honest self-examination. The question presses upon us with a demand for reply that will not be denied: Who among us all, if our hearts are purged of misleading impulses and our minds freed from perverting pride, can be sure that today the posture of affairs, and the prevailing disposition of our countrymen, co-operate in the establishment and promotion of harmony, honesty, industry and frugality?

The self-examination invited by this day's commemoration will be incomplete and superficial if we are not thereby forced to the confession that there are signs of the times which indicate a weakness and relaxation of our hold upon these saving virtues.

Our country is infinitely more than a domain affording to those who dwell upon it immense material advantages and opportunities. In such a country we live. But I love to think of a glorious nation built upon the will of free men set apart for the propagation and cultivation of humanity's best ideal of a free government, and made ready for the growth and fruition of the highest aspirations of patriotism. This is the country that lives in us.

Perhaps you have suspected what I am willing to confess, that we all can and that I have said there is in my mind a sober conviction that we all can and ought to do more for the country that lives in us than it has been our habit to do; and that no better means to this end are at hand than a revival of pure patriotic affection for our country and minds, of the virtues which Washington regarded as all that was necessary to make us a great and happy people, and which he declared to be "the great and essential pillars of public felicity"—harmony, honesty, industry and frugality.—From a Washington's Birthday Address.

**Economy that Costs Too Much**  
By Orison S. Marden.

PARIS bank clerk who was carrying a bag of gold through the streets, dropped a ten-franc piece, which rolled from the sidewalk. He sat his bag down to look for the lost piece, and, while he was trying to extricate it from the gutter, someone stole his bag and ran away with it.

I know a rich man who has become such a slave to the habit of economizing, formed when he was trying to get a start in the world, that he has not been able to break away from it, and he will very often lose a dollar's worth of valuable time trying to save a dime. He goes through his home and turns the gas down so low that it is almost impossible to get around without stumbling over chairs. Several members of his family have received injuries from running against half-open doors, or stumbling over furniture in the dark; and once, while I was present, a member of the family spilt a bottle of ink upon a costly carpet in passing from one room to another in the darkness.

This man, although now wealthy, tears off the unused half-sheets of letters, cuts out the backs of envelopes for scribbling paper, and is constantly spending time trying to save little things which are utterly out of proportion to the value to him of the time thus consumed.

He carries the same spirit of niggardly economy in his business. He makes his employees save strings from bundles as a matter of principle, even if it takes twice as much time as the string is worth, and practices all sorts of trifling economies equally foolish.

True economy is not stinginess or meanness. It often means very large outlay, for it always has the larger end in view. True economy means the wisest expenditure of what we have, everything considered, looking at it from the broadest standpoint. It is not a good thing to save a nickel at the expenditure of twenty-five cents' worth of time.

Comparatively few people have a healthy view of what real saving, or economy, means. I have seen a lady spoil a pair of fine gloves trying to rescue a nickel from a mud puddle. Several people have been run over by street cars or teams in New York while trying to rescue a dropped package, a hat, an umbrella, or a cane.

I know a young man who has lost many opportunities for advancement, and a large amount of business, by false economy in dress, and smallness regarding expenditures. He believes that a suit of clothes and a necktie should be worn until they are threadbare. He would never think of inviting a customer or a prospective customer to luncheon or of offering to pay his car fare (if he happened to be traveling with him). He has such a reputation for being stingy, even to meanness, that people do not like to do business with him. False economy has cost this man very dear.—Success Magazine.

**Household Economics in Club Work**  
By Mrs. Mary Moody Pugh, of Prominent Club Women of Nebraska.

HOUSEHOLD economics as a department of club work has been accused of being vague and impractical. We admit that in a sense the name is a misnomer, and while intended to be broad enough to include all phases of home life and interests, one often gets the impression it has to do only with household economy and the servant problem. By giving to the housekeeper an intelligent study of her work, showing her that a knowledge of sanitation and hygiene, food values, decoration, these, the manifold interests of the home, become a science to be studied and loved rather than drudgery to be avoided. Women are becoming more and more willing to listen to the voice which says: That which elevates citizenship must find its source and abiding place in the home, and he whose fingers are on the pulse of the nation tells us our civil life, in the long run, will rise or sink as the average family is a success, or a failure. Let us add a fourth R to our system of education—that of right living—and bring it about by club study and programs by personal effort and a course in the household economics, through the raising of dietetic standards and free kindergartens. By these means women would be fitted for the fullness of life. She would eliminate drudgery and much of the sickness and unhappiness caused by complex living, and would create the long-sought-for and yet unfound simplicity of living which would grant to every woman time for leisure and time for pleasure. The members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs believe that home-making should be regarded as a profession, and that the most profitable and the most interesting study for woman is the home, wherein center all the issues of life, and whose problems may be made of no less cultural value than the study of literature or history. The interests which center round the home are, after all, the most vital and however far afield club women may wander, they find themselves reverting to the commonplace questions of food, clothing and shelter.—The Home Magazine.

**Evils of High Hats.**  
A French physician has been making experiments to prove that the wearing of high hats is injurious. They cause an abnormal temperature in the head. To carry out his tests he has had thermometers inserted in the crowns of the high hats of a number of his friends, and also carried one in his own hat. The observations he made of the records of his own thermometer were borne out almost invariably by those in the hats of his friends.

In the early morning, when the doctor was walking in the Bois de Boulogne, while the shade temperature was 77 degrees, the instrument inside the hat registered 90 degrees. At noon, when the outer air was at 90 degrees, the temperature inside the hat was 108 degrees. In the evening, with a cool breeze at 68 degrees blowing, the top hat temperature was 88 degrees. The doctor asserts that this unnatural heating of the head causes

## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

### MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

**Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.**

#### Tar Heel Notes.

There was another negro shooting scrape in Statesville Tuesday night and as a result Tom Ferguson a hack driver is dangerously wounded.

Charters are granted the Clarkton Planning Mill Company, Capital stock \$25,000, O. L. Clark principal stockholder. Another charter is granted the High Point Machine Company, capital stock \$250,000, which is to take over the High Point Machine Works and the Dixie Motor Company E. W. VanBrunt and H. A. Meagraw of High Point being the chief stockholders. The company will make numbers of articles, including bicycles.

The King Whiskey Distilling Company, Salisbury, has changed its name to the H. J. Summers Company.

A charter is granted the Montreal Concrete and Building Company, to make blocks, brick and tiles, capital stock, \$50,000; Fleming Ramsey, of Shelby and others stockholders. Another charter is granted to the Newton Purdie Lumber Company, Elizabethtown, \$40,000; F. A. Addington, of Wake and other stockholders.

The county superintendent sumpson informs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that contracts have been let for seven new public schools and that four local tax elections in school districts will be held in a few days and that a favorable result is sure. When the board meets next Monday three more petitions for such elections will be presented. A first-class county high school is to be established at Salemburg, and besides this more rural schools are to be built.

B. C. Beekwith of the State board of internal improvements sold the State arsenal in the corner of capital square by order of the Legislature for \$155. The building is 90 years old.

The penitentiary authorities announce that John Bailey, a mulatto, aged 22, sentenced for Mecklenburg last December for 25 years for murder, escaped from the convict camp near Godwin. A reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses is offered.

A new company of the national guard has been organized at Shelby to take the place of the one disbanded last week for failure to appear for inspection. It seems that the failure to appear is owing to some local trouble. In a few days the new company will be mustered in and will take the old place in the regiment.

State Superintendent Joyner is notified by Superintendent Giles of McDowell that local tax elections were carried in two school districts in that county and that another is pending with good prospects.

The agricultural department is making very complete arrangements for its summer series of county institutes for farmers. These will cover more than two-thirds of the State, and very great care is to be taken in making up a strong corps of field workers to conduct them. The department is very much gratified by the fact that from year to year interest in and attendance at these institutes has increased. The work of arrangement is entrusted to State Veterinarian Butler.

Two lives were lost on the Seaboard Air Line at Norlina, Engineer N. S. Efferson drove his fast freight train northbound into the tender and some cars shifting engine in the yards a quarter of a mile the other side of the station. The engineer and his fireman B. F. Johnson were instantly killed and their engine utterly wrecked. Strange to say the engineer and fireman on the shifter were unhurt.

#### George Fox Kills Fred Muse.

Spencer, Special.—Fred Muse, colored, was shot and killed here early Thursday morning by George Fox, a fellow laborer at the Southern Railway cinder pit on the Spencer yards. It is learned that Fox, who worked on the night shift went to sleep on duty and that Muse attempted to awaken him by holding a lighted rag under his nose. This enraged Fox and a quarrel followed, which was renewed at intervals during the night.

#### A Big Real Estate Deal.

Wilkesboro, Special.—One of the largest real estate sales took place here that has ever been made by any individual in this section of the State. Mr. T. B. Finley sold to the Giant Lumber Company over 10,000 acres of fine timber lands. This land has very fine white pine oak and chestnut on it and lies at the foot and in the coves of the Blue Ridge mountains on Reddish river.

## TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

Condition of North Carolina Crops for the Past Week as Given Out by the Department—Conditions for Week Ending Monday, April 29th.

The weather has been much more favorable, the temperature for the State averaged about normal, and while there was considerable rain, the sunshine was about normal. The temperature rose from the beginning of the week to the 26th, which was the warmest day, and then fell somewhat. The highest temperature was 86 degrees on the 26th in Madison county, and the lowest was 32 degrees in Burke county. Light frost was reported in only two places on the 25th. The rainfall was considerably above normal and most of the rain fell on the 23rd and 27th. On the 23rd severe thunderstorms accompanied by high winds were general; hail occurred in some localities, but only slight damage was done. Southwest of Chalybeate Springs at 4 p. m. of the 23rd a destructive tornado occurred damaging considerable timber and some buildings. Pine trees 16 inches in diameter at the stump were broken off in great quantities. The precipitation on the 27th consisted of light showers.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

#### Must Connect at Selma.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided in effect that the railroad commissioners of North Carolina can compel a railroad company operating in that State to so adjust its schedule as to accommodate passengers on other lines from any particular part of the State. The opinion was delivered by Justice White in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company vs. the corporation commission of North Carolina. The case arose out of an order issued by the commissioners directing the railroad company to make connection at Selma at 2:25 p. m. with a train on another line running from the eastern part of the State, with the object of accommodating passengers whose destination was Raleigh. The railroad company resisted the order on the ground that it could not be complied with without putting on a special train which would involve extra expense. This, it was contended, amounted to taking property without due process of law. The commission justified its course on the ground that compliance with the order was necessary to accommodate a large part of the public. The Supreme Court of North Carolina held against the railroad company, and its decision was affirmed by the action of the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that the order of the commission does not affect the rates but is a proper act of State regulation.

#### A Tragic Sunday Event.

Statesville N. C., Special.—Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock on the Catawba river, near Lookout Shoals, and near the Iredell-Alexander line, a boat containing two young women, a girl and two young men overturned. The young woman, one daughter of Mr. David J. Fullbright, of this county, the other the daughter of Mr. Jacob Goble, of Alexander, were drowned. The others escaped.

#### Tar Heel Topics.

Governor Glenn consents to an exchange of courts by which Judge Peebles will hold Chatham court May 6th, Anson 13th, Moore 20th, Scotland June 3d, Anson 11th; Judge Council to hold Catawba May 6th, Mitchell 20th and Wilkes June 17th.

To help men to see God you must see them through Him.

## THE Ladies and Gents' Cleaning and Pressing Club

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