

Let's Us Good Folks Stick Together



I'm mighty glad I was born a real Southerner. Just suppose I had been an Eskimo, or a Hottentot, or something, with rings in my nose and ears!

Yes, sir—I am good and proud of my Southern birth. My mother is from Virginia and my father is from the Carolinas. I was born and raised down here among you all.

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A press report from Philadelphia says that within the past six months twenty-five thousand negroes from the Southern States have located in that city, and that they are still coming every day by both train and boat. We question if so many negroes as represented have gone to Philadelphia. They have not been missed from this immediate section, but possibly a hun-

dred negroes on the streets of the City of Brotherly Love may look like a thousand to the inhabitants, who know the negro only as they have read of him. But at any rate, Philadelphia is now securing a notable addition to its population, and we are mighty glad to transfer that much of the negro problem to our Quaker friends. They are going to come into more intimate relations with the colored man and brother, and whether their long-distance

love for him will wear off with this closer relationship remains to be seen. Philadelphia's concern for the welfare of the negro is now a front-door affair with that town. It will now have an opportunity to study the negro at short range.—Charlotte Observer.

A new apparatus for filling automobile tires automatically cuts off the supply when the overinflation danger point is reached.

FRANCE WILL FIGHT THROUGH TO THE END.

Far From Being Worn or Even Fatigued, Says Speaker at Washington Dinner.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The French Government was represented at the Washington birthday dinner of the American Club tonight in the person of Rene Besnard, under Secretary of State. M. Besnard recalled the words of Washington to Congress in 1789:

"The highest ambition of every American should be to look beyond his own fireside, to reflect that his conduct interests not only himself, his country, and his posterity, but that its influence may extend to the world and prepare the political happiness or misfortune of generations and of ages to come."

America consequently, said M. Besnard when brought face to face with a people led by the most monstrous folly of violence and tyranny the world has ever known, could not remain for long a simple spectator. After reviewing the developments of events connected with the war and involving the United States and paying tributes to the individual Americans who had volunteered for service in France with the army and flying corps, M. Besnard sketched the present situation of the French army, and declared that, far from being worn out or even fatigued, France was still ready to go through to the end.

"It now is thirty months," said he, "that we have had before us the most formidable adversary any nation ever encountered, the most formidable war machine of all ages, prepared in deep mystery and perfected during forty-

years by a prodigious people. We have before us that nation, of which Mirabeau said that was its national industry. . . . We resisted the brutal shock; we escaped its grasp, and since then we have held our enemy in check.

"Our allies are with us. We have made in a few months an immense effort, that is known to you, and now our army is complete. We have the men and the material. We have the confidence that arises from a just cause, and the consciousness of duty accomplished. . . . Around us arise exclamations of hope of millions of men crushed for the moment under the German yoke, and, who beyond the lines of trenches, listen to the sound of our cannon coming nearer and nearer.

"All those that German barbarism has put in mourning; all those that mourn innocent victims in Belgium, Serbia or Rumania, or their kin disappeared at the bottom of the seas—all are awaiting our victory as reparation for the past and guarantee for the future. We are determined that their hope shall not be disappointed and that their voices shall not remain without an echo.

"Our determination to vanquish is as tenacious as on the first day. We will not allow the Germans, by a peace that would be deception to maintain their dominion over the allies, exploit as German territory half of entire Europe, to train anew entire peoples for war with a view to attacking with more assurance of success and to enslave forever those whose fathers have written upon their banners: 'The French people aroused against tyrants.'

M. Besnard referred to the ancient custom in France when husband and wife, with their relatives assembled, exchanged their wedding rings on the fortieth anniversary of their wedding. "On such a day one hundred and twenty-two years ago," he said, "in the

City of New York, five hundred guests American and French, assembled, to celebrate the birthday of the great man who founded the Republic of the United States and whom the national assembly of France had made a citizen of the French Republic. To the sound of cannon from the forts, a fraternal toast was exchanged. The text has been transmitted to us.

"It is that toast I would now propose to you as the most evident proof that our reciprocal attachment has remained, after so many years always quite as faithful and quite as profound—to the President of the United States; may the day that gave him birth mark an epoch in the annals of liberty!

"To the French republic; may she triumph over her enemies and obtain the tranquility of peace founded upon justice and reason!

"To the memory of the heroes of all nations who have gloriously fallen for the defence of the rights of man!"

DEMOCRATS WILL TRY TO ORGANIZE THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Speaker Champ Clark has requested Representative Small, as dean of the North Carolina delegation, to notify all the North Carolina members to be present every day of the remaining session. This request will extend to a special session, if it is called, the purpose being to enable the Democrats to organize the House. Similar requests have been given the deans of the other State delegations here.

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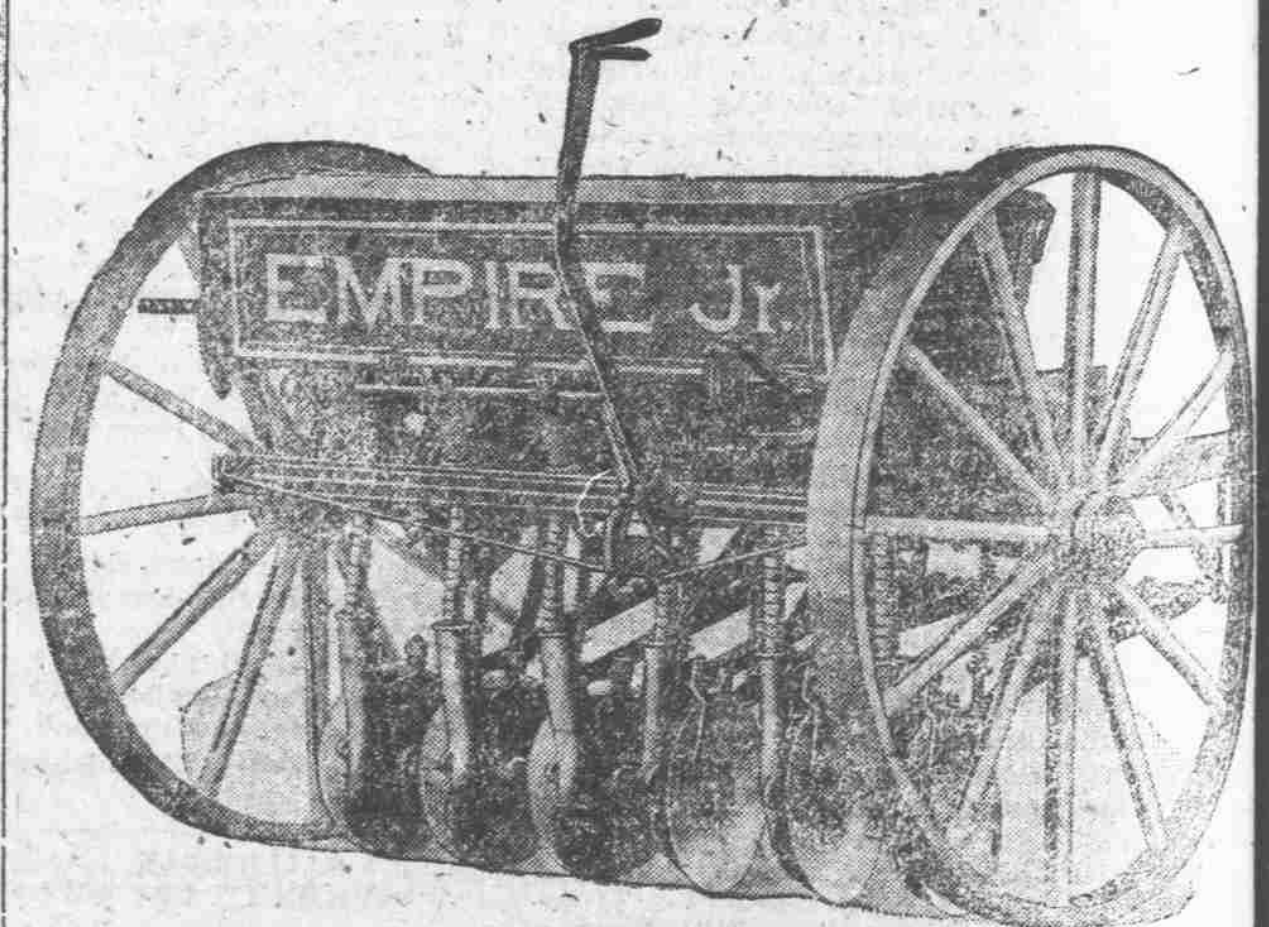
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