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WORK.

Let me but do my work from day to day—
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say
"This is my work—my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live I am the only one by whom
This work can best be done, in the right way."
Then shall I see it not too great or small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful runs, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

VIOLETS, A FLOWER OF THE PAST WITH THE "SMART SET."

"Violets? Dear me! Don't get those!" said the city florist last winter, with a prescient glance at my country-cut coat. "They're way out of style; no one ever buys violets any more. They're too modest—too small." She pointed to a few meagre bouquets that looked very modest indeed, drooping on their wilted stems. "They're not gay enough, not quite correct. Oh, yea, sometimes men—the old-fashioned kind that say 'thank you, madam,' and call little girls 'Sissy'—buy a bunch for 'mother'; but of course they lived in the age when flowers were distinctly emblematic, deep with esoteric meaning, and to this day they can't pay their wives a greater tribute or compliment than to present them with a bunch of violets. Then, too, when a girl is in mourning and can't wear anything else, there is a slight demand, but to wear them from choice, or for a young man to send violets to a girl!"—She held up her hands in horror.

The little violets nodding their lowly heads by the great patch of haughty orchids had a mystical meaning to me other than their quiet plea for dollars and cents. Modesty, sweetness, innate gentility—these glowed in the deep blue of each fragrant messenger that wafted a song on my heart-string of memory. Between the flower-stand and counter, childhoods paths, bordered with violets, stood out in their beauty again. Across the Roper field with Brown Eyes, she loved the green country; would loiter to gather the violets, press them to her cheeks and say, "emblems of the world's simplest and best"; the O'Brien path that led through violet-land when curtains of fuchsia began to drape her branches; in the crisp, cool spring, the path down by the meadow-brook, when the icy fetters are loosened to ripple on to the "Fairly Old mill." There, with friends and playmates, I plucked the peaceful little flower, blooming with butt-recups and daisies in flower-land.

I insisted on violets, and the florist smiled and said: "Of course they are pretty, sweet, fragrant and all like that, but people don't want them now,adays."
"What do they like?" I asked.
"Like?" echoed the sharp-eyed lady. "Why anything that stands out, shows off, lets everybody know you are wearing them. Flowers that can speak or themselves is what they want. There!" she exclaimed, with a definite finality, "that's the kind that makes the hit—just look at them!" pointing to a patch of orchids and chrysanthemums. "There won't be one left after the theatre and ball tonight. If I have to fall back on the roses to help out, it will be those flashy ones there"—she pointed to a crimson bunch against some snow-white hyacinths in the case beyond. "Violets!"—she shook her head—beautiful, fragrant, emblematic and sincere, if you care to clasp with its old reign, but its dreadfully old-fashioned now—not even to be considered by the

CHARLOTTE INVITES GOVERNORS.

Chief Executive of Each of the Thirteen Original States to Participate.

Special to the Exchange.

Charlotte, April 14.—The committee which is directing the program of exercises to be held on the 20th of May in celebration of the 134th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, has invited the Governors of the thirteen Original States to come to Charlotte for the three days' festivities.

The people of Charlotte are preparing to give Mr. Taft the greatest reception ever accorded a President of the United States in a Southern city. Local officials of both the Southern and Seaboard railroads have given the assurance that ample train accommodations will be provided and that reduced rates will be offered. Special trains will be operated into the city on the 20th—"Taft Day"—from all directions.

smart set, you know."

Violets! How different the little flower appeals to the country bred—for once having plucked the dainty little flower amid the rustle of leaves, tufts of grass, and the hum of bees in blossom, it is through life an undying part of happy memories not to be linked with the vanishing of the violet in the passing of zephyrs of society. There is no social code to govern the working of Nature, for out here in the country the earth is yielding up the same old creation of years—moss and flowers—where the violets reign in their quiet significance. Here we drink every quickened sense the cup that Nature fills for us, when, by the style and country road, we greet the tremulous flower all roofed in by sunny blue sky. In springtime, to be awakened fresh and bright by the Bob White's whistle on the dewy dawn, to go violeting and dream through days that are long-spun threads of gold, linked by starry nights of silver—that, and all other attachments to the little flower, must be cast aside if one would fall in line with the unstable ideas of "the smart set."

How we would miss the modest little flower from our farmhouse dining table; the flower we send to the sick, the flower that runs riot over the graves in country churchyards. In the city cemetery, too, it nods its lowly head beside the finest vault, as if to chide any beauty not adorned by the soul.

"God calls us all alike to the crowd of common things
And from our dust the humble violet springs."

Poets the world over have rhapsodized over the significance of its quiet fragrance. From the nursery rhyme about the "mossy dell where the humble violet grew," to Napoleon's humble tribute as he plucked it as the springtime emblem of his return from Elba, and also of Josephine's devotion. Everywhere, from turret to throne, it has nodded its lowly head with a success to be followed by gayer garden flowers, for it has outlived its sister flowers and is no longer considered a flower of poetry and song.

F. H. G.
Bordeaux Cottage, Pender County

The wisdom of the owl is all in his eye.

You cannot always gauge the importance of a man by the angle at which he wears his hat.

There is quite a difference in the doorjamb and the jam that mother used to make.

"There's the wreck of time!" exclaimed Jones, as his close-fel from his second-story window

TOWNSHIP BONDS FOR PUBLIC ROADS

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF SCOTLAND COUNTY TO ISSUE TOWNSHIP BONDS TO BUILD PUBLIC ROADS, IF VOTED FOR BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

(Continued from Last Week)—Conclusion.)

Sec. 14. That the persons named herein shall be the township road commissioners for said county, until their successors are elected and qualified, to-wit:

Springhill Township—J. M. McLean, Fairley Murray and J. A. McKay.

For Laurel Hill Township—D. Z. Hardin, J. McN. Patterson and R. E. Warwick.

For Stewartville Township—R. R. Covington, L. D. McKinnon and E. J. Hester.

For Williamston Township—J. C. Mason, A. Hugh McDonald and T. G. Gibson.

Said commissioners name I for such townships as shall be found in the election provided for to have cast a majority vote in favor of good roads, shall meet and organize for each of such townships, within ten days after the election provided for, and shall elect one of their number chairman and another secretary. The three township commissioners shall determine by lot and name one of their number whose term of office shall expire the first Monday in April one thousand nine hundred and ten, and one of their number whose term of office shall expire the first Monday in April one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and one whose term of office shall expire the first Monday in April one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and shall certify up the same in writing under the hand of the chairman and secretary, to the board of county commissioners, who shall cause the report thereof to be spread on the minutes of the board of county commissioners, and thereafter the several road commissioners' terms of office shall expire in accordance with said report; Provided, always that the term of each and every commissioner shall extend until his successor shall be elected and has qualified.

Sec. 15. The township road commissioners may cause signposts to be placed at all intersections of public roads giving the name of the most important points to which such roads lead in such direction, with the distance, and the said commission may cause mile-posts to be erected along said roads, giving distance to most prominent points to which road leads.

Sec. 16. Any person obstructing, disfiguring or rendering any public road unfit for travel, or who shall cut up the same, or make deep ruts in same by means of log carts, plows, or by the process of "sinking" logs, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days, and it shall be the duty of the county attorney to prosecute all violations of this section; Provided, that any one hauling logs or "sinking" logs over any road, who shall, within forty-eight hours, repair fully and completely such injured road, shall not be subjected to the penalty herein provided. Any person obstructing any drain made by the road commission, or the supervisor under their direction, by which said road is drained, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Sec. 17. In case of extremity and necessity, caused by wind, floods, or forces of nature, it shall become necessary to clear and repair the public roads immediately and there be not sufficient force of laborers available,

then the township road commissioners, or any one of them, shall have full power to order out such number of persons as in his or their judgment may be necessary to clear and repair the roads within the township, and the supervisor shall notify such persons and summon them to work on the public roads not exceeding three days at any one time, and they each who attend and work, shall be paid the usual and standard wages for such work, provided, that only persons able-bodied and between the ages of eighteen and forty-five shall be subject to duty under this section, and suitable substitute may be tendered in lieu of personal service. Any person so ordered out and refusing to attend and work, or to send a suitable substitute, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined five dollars.

Sec. 18. That annually, beginning with the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, the two road commissioners of the township road commission, whose terms of office do not expire during the then current year, shall, on the first Monday in March of each year, meet at the court house and sit with the board of county commissioners of Scotland county in their regular monthly meeting to be held that day, and if no such meeting be held on said day, notice of the time for the next meeting thereafter shall be served on such members of such road commission entitled to sit with said board of county commissioners, and they shall attend said meeting, and, sitting in said joint meeting the said joint board shall proceed to elect a successor to such road commissioner for the township then represented, whose term of office is about to expire. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall preside, and each member of the joint board shall have one vote. A fair record of such proceedings shall be made as a part of the minutes of the said board of county commissioners, and notice shall issue to the person elected as such road commissioner. Such action shall be repeated for each of the townships having such vacancies occurring in its road commission. All vacancies shall be filled in like manner, the two remaining members of the township board sitting and acting with the board of county commissioners. The election in case of vacancy shall be for the remainder of such term as has not expired. Resignations, if any, on the part of the road commission for any township, shall be handed into the board of county commissioners and notice shall issue to the other road commissioners of said township to attend the first regular meeting of the board of county commissioners held thereafter. Said joint board shall be legally constituted when a majority quorum is present, and a majority vote shall be necessary to a choice or election. Said joint board may adjourn to another day, without action, but shall meet again within ten days thereafter, at the court house, for the purpose of transacting the business properly before the same. A minority of said joint board, meeting, may adjourn until another day and issue notice thereof to the other members of said joint board. Mailing notice three days in advance thereof, to the usual address of each member, with postage prepaid, shall constitute sufficient notice to those members of the joint board whose presence is expected at any meeting, and to whom notice is required to be given, unless it shall be shown that such notice has not been delivered in the due course of mail to the member addressed.

Sec. 19. That this act shall apply to all incorporated towns

and villages of the township of said county, and in the townships voting for good roads as herein provided, there shall be levied upon the property and polls, within such towns and villages, such taxes and assessments as are levied on property and polls of other parts of said townships as provided for under this act; and the main thoroughfares or streets which run through said incorporated towns or villages, or portions of the same, and on into the country, shall be worked, graded and improved in every way by said township road commissioners in the same manner as the roads of said townships lying outside of incorporated towns and villages are worked, graded and improved; Provided, that they shall not work side streets and alley ways in said incorporated towns which begin and terminate in said towns.

Sec. 20. That the roads herein provided for shall be open and clear of all obstructions and ditches not less than twenty feet, and not more than forty feet wide.

Sec. 21. That nothing in this act shall change or alter, repeal or amend the present road law for Scotland county until the qualified voters of a township or townships, shall vote for good roads as hereinbefore provided for, and then only in such townships so voting shall the present road law for Scotland county be repealed and in such township township or townships it shall be repealed.

Sec. 22. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are repealed in so far as the operations of this act affect same.

Sec. 23. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this 22 day of March, A. D. 1909.

W. C. NEWLAND,
President of the Senate.

GEORGE L. MORTON,
Speaker pro tem. of the House of Representatives.

EXHIBIT AT OPERA HOUSE MAY 19.

Messrs. Phillips & James wish to announce that they have just signed contracts for the appearance of the Ethel Morton Opera Company at the Opera House, Wednesday, May 19. A more pleasing attraction could scarcely be imagined. Though Miss Morton tours the country annually, this will be her initial appearance in this city. Miss Morton's management has sent Manager Phillips & James a clipping, which is hereby reproduced verbatim:

The comic opera classic "Dorcas" was the attraction at the Academy of Music last night, and it was greatly enjoyed by the audience, which gave frequent applause. The opera was very bright throughout, and in it Miss Ethel Morton, as the charming "Dorcas," was as attractive as could be, her singing being delightfully sweet and captivating. The company is a clever one throughout and gives a bright and happy performance that is certain to be enjoyed by all who see it, and theatre-goers should not miss it. The pretty costumes and the scenery add much to the presentation of the merry opera.—Raleigh News and Observer, March 28.

Judging by the favorable criticism given this attraction at Raleigh, local theatre-goers will do well to avail themselves of an opportunity to witness one of the most pretentious entertainments ever given in this city. The company this season is augmented by a most attractive chorus, and for each opera produced there is a full scenic equipment carried, to say nothing of the gorgeous costumes, some of which have been imported at great expense. There will no doubt be an unusual demand for tickets, so Managers Phillips & James have made arrangements to have the reserve seats on sale at the Benton Clothing Store at least a week in advance of the usual time.



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