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And bazon your name to the world;
All obstacles passed by the strength of your will,
Your banner triumphant unfurled,
You'll fling to the breezes that flow from the sky,
All never earth-tainted, you say;
'Tis noble and grand and delightful; but why—
But why don't you do it to-day?

The good that you think and the good that you do
Are millions of long miles apart;
What good to the earth, if you're good and you're true—
But never outside of your heart?
The generous deeds you intend to perform
Are all very lovely; but say:
While your soul is so high and your heart is so warm,
Why don't you perform them to day?

—Lowell O. Reese, in San Francisco Bulletin.

OUR BIRDS AND FISHES.

American Homes and the American Press.

There is no more potent influence upon American homes than that of the press. In the far greater number, the morning paper is more eagerly sought and perused than the Holy Bible, which in Puritan times furnished the first reading of each day as the family assembled for morning prayers.

Over Three Hundred Species of Birds in the State and a Fishery Product of a Million and a Half Dollars.

(H. H. Brimley, Curator State Museum)
(Continued from last week)
SOME NORTH CAROLINA BIRD NOTES

North Carolina occupies a peculiarly favorable position in respect to its fauna and flora. Its high mountain peaks abound in the life that seems more properly to belong to such northern localities as some of the New England States, or even Canada, while the southern corner of the State takes in a zone of life that is almost semi-tropical in its significance.

It may be that we have no more striking representative of a specialized form of bird life than the great "war" loon, representing in powers of diving and swimming. Although a fairly good flier this bird's true home is on the water and there he knows how to take care of himself to a supreme degree. With his handsome black and white plumage he is, what in spring dress, one of the most striking in appearance of our native birds. Many are killed by the fishermen and salted down for future reference, but as his chief diet is fish he is not usually esteemed as food.

The numerous species of wild fowl—the duck, goose and swan family—winter all along our shores in incredible numbers but practically none spend the nesting season this far south. With the exception, possibly of a few black ducks in certain localities, the only wild duck that is a regular resident in this State is the wood or summer duck, the male of which is one of the most beautiful and gorgeously plumaged birds imaginable. This beautiful duck nests in a hollow tree, often many feet above the ground and quite a long way from water.

The great whistling swan is the most imposing of the above group. Its pure white plumage, great spread of wing—about eight feet—and sixteen to twenty pounds of weight put it easily at the head of the duck family as it occurs in North Carolina. We get some five species of wild geese and twenty five to thirty kinds of wild ducks on our shores in winter, and the numbers of some of them are beyond intelligent comprehension.

The nesting of the snow bird in the North Carolina mountains is a point of importance, as showing a much more Northern phase of life than one might expect who had not realized how much high altitude modifies a low latitude. The presence of the so-called pheasant (ruffed grouse) in these regions is another instance along the same lines, and so also is the nesting of a number of smaller birds, such as the American crossbill, black throated green warbler, gold crowned kinglet, black throated blue warbler, yellow bellied sapsucker, &c.

Noticeable among the birds of the mountains is the golden eagle. This great bird of prey is now very rare in the Eastern United States and is probably found more abundantly in our North Carolina mountains than in any other locality in the Eastern part of the continent. The bald eagle, too, is not infrequently seen in the Western part of the State, although the true home of this species is along the shores of the sounds and estuaries of the coast line, where it is very commonly seen for so large a bird. This eagle is chiefly a fish feeder, in

The Multicaulis Mulberry and Silk Culture.

(From the Fayetteville Observer)

About fifty-five years ago there was quite an excitement in regard to silk culture. In almost every garden in New Bern morus multicaulis, or white mulberry, was planted, the leaves from which were fed to the worms. There is no more trouble in raising this, than there is in raising fig bushes. It grows very similar to the fig bush. It can be raised from the roots or from cuttings. An ordinary bush will furnish a large number of cuttings. The first and most important thing to do is to start the planting of the bushes so that they have food for the worms.

There is but little skill required in raising the worms. They only require attention to feed them by placing the mulberry leaves near them. Any child of ten years old can attend them. At the time alluded to above there was no demand for the cocoons which were made by the worms, and consequently the business ceased. No one went into it extensively, but a great many persons had more or less of them. Now silk mills have been established and a demand has sprung up for the cocoons, and it will be a source of profit to go into the business. Possibly some of the morus multicaulis bushes may be found growing in the State. If so, they will furnish cuttings for a large number of plants. I think every eye in the bush will furnish a cutting to be planted.

Mr. McCarthy of the State department states that after the worms have been fed for some time on morus multicaulis then they can be fed on the leaves from the otabeites as there are many of the otabeites now growing and ready to furnish an immense quantity of leaves. This is a most important advantage. Fayetteville now has a silk mill, and in my opinion, at least one thousand persons can make a support by paying some attention to the raising of silk for the mill. There is no experiment in it as the above is from my own personal knowledge and experience.

WILLIAM H. OLIVER,
New Bern, N. C.
(REMARKS BY GERALD MCCARTHY)

There is nothing better for feeding silk worms than the leaves of the Chinese or "multicaulis" mulberry. Wherever this tree grows it should be diligently propagated and planted as a hedge around a rich dry yard or along the farm boundary—away from the road. Dusty leaves are not suitable for silk worms. The mulberry must have a rich and dry soil.

The chance sprouts may be planted out at once, or the very long roots of old mulberry trees can be cut into lengths of about six inches and planted in a furrow 4 to 6 inches deep; nearly every piece will grow. Cuttings of the two-year old wood will also grow if made ten inches long and planted so deep that only one eye remains above ground. Keep the cuttings and plants moist and free from weeds.

The "multicaulis" mulberry produces no seed in this State as we have only the male plant. Seed of the white mulberry, morus alba can be bought of most of the larger seedmen in New York and Philadelphia and may be sown up to May 15. One ounce of good seed will produce about 5000 plants which if grown in rich garden soil will be fit to set out when one year old. Cover the seed one inch deep. Soak 48 hours before sowing. Set rooted plants in a row 4 to 6 feet apart to form a hedge. Cultivate clean and make the ground rich with barnyard or fowl house manure. When the hedge is 3 years old staple 2 or 3 strands of wire to the main stems and you have a good fence as well as useful silk producing hedge.

Spring Goods.

Having greatly enlarged my store and stock I am now better prepared to serve my patrons than ever before. My friends and the public generally are cordially invited to visit my store whenever you are in Jackson whether you wish to purchase goods or not.

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WHAT IS IT?

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WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL MERITS OF THIS PROPOSITION?

Briefly its merits are these: The property owned is in the midst of a district proven to be of immense richness. It has passed the most rigid possible examination and is pronounced an absolutely first class mining property. It has already developed far enough to demonstrate its immense value. There is an abundance of high grade ore in sight. It is within easy reach of transportation.

WHERE AND WHAT IS THE PROPERTY?

The property consists of the Pedro group of mining claims, and covers 103 acres of land, equal to five claims in the United States. It is situated on Canyon creek, seven miles southwest of the foot of Trout Lake, in the Lardo division of the West Kootenay mining district, of British Columbia. The Kootenay produced last year \$10,000,000 worth of ore, averaging \$12.00 per ton. The average yield for the Lardo division of the district was \$125.00 per ton. The property is located on the best belt of this high grade district, and is surrounded with high grade producing mines.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ASSAYS?

Following are a few of the assay reports in the office of the company. The first three were made by Mr. T. R. Davey, M. E., from specimens gathered at the time of his very careful inspection of the property. The fourth one is made by Prof. C. W. Drew, of Minneapolis, the company's official assayer. Assay No. 1 ran \$549.00 in gold, silver, copper and lead; Assay No. 2 ran \$281.54 in the same minerals; Assay No. 3, ran \$102.09; No. 4, ran \$338.96 in silver and copper. No test made for other metal.

WHO WILL MANAGE THE COMPANY?

The directors thus far chosen, are as follows: Dr. Eugene May, of Washington, D. C., one of the leading clergymen lecturers of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also president of one of the most successful mining companies in British Columbia.

Dr. M. V. B. Knox formerly president of Baker University in Kansas and 8 years president of Red River Valley University at Wahpeton, N. D., is another of the directors. He is a well known educator and author as well as a practical financier. He has visited the Lardo district, and is familiar with its immense richness.

Judge J. M. Miller of Roseland, B. C., president of the famous Old Gold Mining and Milling Co., whose property is located in the Lardo district, one of the pioneer mining men as well as one of the most successful mining men of the Lardo district is another director.

Dr. Charles Drew, analytical and consulting chemist and assayer formerly Professor of chemistry in the medical department of Hamline University, and formerly chemist to the state of Minnesota, and now chemist to the city of Minneapolis is on the board of directors, and is the official assayer of the company.

Dr. W. E. Gifford, L. L. D. who has made a success of the business, and is now a director in various mining and lumber companies, is on the board of directors and is the managing director of the company.

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New Steamboat Company.

The Weldon and Norfolk Steamboat Company has been reorganized, doubled its capital, extended its service, and is now known as the Petersburg, Norfolk and Weldon Steamboat Company. Officers for the first year, are Paul Garrett, of Chockayotte, President; W. A. Pierce, Weldon, Vice President; J. W. Phillips of Petersburg, Secretary and Treasurer; W. P. Ashburn, of Norfolk, General Manager. The consolidation of the Weldon Company and the J. W. Phillips line of steamers will enable the new company to give the people living along the route between Weldon, Hamilton, Plymouth, Elizabeth City, and intermediate points, a much improved service. A regular semi-weekly schedule will be put on and maintained, and if necessary, boats will make three round trips a week.

The company has been giving a low rate on cotton all during the winter and now it asks the support of all shippers in every line promising quick service and low rates to and from all points within its reach.—Roanoke News.

Take Courage

We make an unfortunate mistake if we let failure and disappointment of the past cloud our horizon. Many lives are like century plants; they burst into bloom only after a long and tedious interval. The hard work, the patient endurance, the courage in bearing losses and trials, at length some favored day bring forth their results, and the man is suddenly overwhelmed at the transformation of his life in the fruit of long cherished hopes. No one of us can tell when we are standing on the verge of such a crisis. Many a man, like Saul at Gilgal, has become discouraged just too soon and, lo! a little after he has committed himself to a false and weak policy the prophet has come and he finds that he has missed the prize that was at most within his grasp. No matter how dark and discouraging the outlook may be, have faith in yourselves and in the good providence of God.—Watchman.

A \$5,000 Cash Prize Offer.

The Atlanta Constitution offers \$5,000 in a new cash prize contest upon the number of bales in the total United States cotton crop, 1901-02. provided the estimates are received during April, 1902. There are four prizes, \$2,000, \$1,250 and \$750 for the best three estimates, and \$1,000 for general distribution among all estimates coming within 500 bales either way from the exact figure. Every estimate must be accompanied by a yearly subscription to The Weekly Constitution, \$1.00 per year, and double estimates are allowed on all Constitution and Sunny South combination subscriptions, both for only \$1.25 per year.

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