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SPRIT OF OPTIMISM NEEDED.

When the individual loses hope—becomes discouraged—sees things only through a darkened glass, failure is dangerously near at hand.

And this same spirit of optimism is needed in a community, as well as in the individual. The town or city whose citizens are willing to discredit all advances...

No city in the country has brighter opportunities for growth than our own, and nothing will forestall that development unless it be that we lose hope in our possibilities.

Speaking along this line, the Tradesman has this to say about the importance of this spirit of optimism in a community:

"While optimism is a most valuable asset on the credit side of the account that stands for the life-record of an individual or a community, pessimism is a distinct debit to that account and one that often overbalances all other credits...

"How many lives are wrecked from the one cause of neglecting to value properly this asset of optimism? How many towns and cities are not only retarded in their progress but actually shorn of most brilliant prospects through the pessimism that has been permitted to grow among their citizens?"

"It is not unusual to hear the expression from some citizen when appealed to in behalf of his town or city: 'What's the use? I am tired of giving my time and money towards public advancement with nothing done and I have therefore determined to work for No. 1 hereafter.' This is not only pessimism in concrete form but is the height of selfishness, such as blights all on whom it falls.

"It is thus with the south at the present time. There are young men coming into control of this section who need the leadership which the generation just preceding them has learned so well, as shown in the marvelous progress everywhere apparent, and if the destiny of this section is to be what that older generation now passing away hoped for and struggled for the young men of the south must be taught the value of optimism and the dangers that lurk in pessimism."

Probably no class of our citizens have suffered so little from the effects of the recent financial trouble as the cotton farmer. The reason for this is obvious. Believing in the old adage that, "in union there is strength," cotton growers have conjointly demanded of the world a fair price for their cotton, and they have gotten it.

It is a pleasure to observe that Congress is planning to have restored the sacred motto, "In God We Trust" to our coins. This done, one of the "mistakes of Roosevelt" will have been corrected.

Editor John Temple Graves thinks "women should receive men's wages." Has any one ever heard of their failure to do so?

In measuring up the worth of most Counts it is well enough to remember the prefix "dis."

"Persistent rumor" did all it could to have the Shah of Persia killed, but he still lives.

MILL CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

The work of improving conditions affecting laborers in our cotton mills and other manufactories, mines, etc., is not confined to the United States. The spirit of humanity is being heard the world over and during recent months much has been done to make the life of the day laborer freer of hardships.

From the daily Consular and Trade Reports of the 18th we take the following, which is significant of the work being done along this line in other countries:

"The German textile newspaper, Textilarbeiter Zeitung, devotes considerable space to a review of recent legislation of Germany. The new regulations provide for improved sanitation of workshops, the use of wage books, compulsory instruction of female workers in schools of domestic economy until they have reached 15 years of age, the prohibition of female night work, the ten-hour day for women (all of these with a few exceptions to come into operation in 1910), together with regulations for controlling home industries.

The Manchester Guardian says: "Though this is a material advance in the right direction, there is as yet no legislation for the ten-hour workday for men, and no provision for the co-operation of the workers with the factory inspectors. It is also a matter for some regret that there is still no prohibition of female labor in mining and smelting works. In all these and other matters the English factory code maintains a good lead of the Continent."

It cannot be expected to remedy all the evils affecting operatives in the factories, mines, and foundries at once. There is much to be done yet, but from indications of recent months the next few years will find many of the hardships now endured by laborers removed. The work is gradual but it is in the right direction and will not end till great good has been accomplished.

THE UNDESIRABLE CITIZEN.

Says the New Bern Sun: "One good turn deserves another, so will the Charlotte News please answer this question: 'What is an undesirable citizen?'"

An undesirable citizen, inquisitive contemporary, is the person who objects to bull fights in the White House; who refuses to say "me too" when the president expresses himself; who fails to call his brother a liar at least once a month; who puts accent on the last syllable when pronouncing de-lighted; who uses his knife with his left hand; or asks too many foolish questions.

These are only a few of the attributes that combine to make an undesirable citizen. There are many others, but we are in a hurry.

Congress appears to be longing for another injection of special message dope.

Maj. A. G. Brenizer has so far recovered from his recent illness to be at his post again.

Comments.

A Small Business. The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligence says:

"About this time every four years certain papers in this state that pretend to be democratic, but that never lose an opportunity to stab the party in the back, commence to bewail the fact that the party is going to pieces; that its leaders are bent on ruining the state; that if the 'conservatives' are not put in charge and the 'radicals' relegated to the rear, the business interests of the state will suffer irreparable injury and the entire body politic will go to deminution bow-wow."

The particular form of this activity just now is a studied and continuous attempt to belittle Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kitchin, the latter a candidate for governor. These flings at these men are unworthy of some of the men who make them, being in many cases unfair statements, unreasonable deductions or downright dishonest arguments. They are belittling to the men who employ them. The same methods, perhaps, with less venom, have been used against every man who lays himself liable by antagonizing the interests in whose service these methods are constantly used, whether conscious to the agents themselves. It is a small business, too small for some of the men engaged in it. Of course, nothing better could be expected of professional toadies.—Monroe Journal.

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SHAKY CREDENTIALS

Chaldeans or Armenians Ought to Have Their Cause Well Certified.

Periodically there comes to Charlotte and to other towns in the state, Turkish, Chaldaic and Armenian ministers, seeking help for the spread of the gospel in their country, and they cause many people to think along certain lines that cause doubts to arise.

"They always bring credentials written in Chaldaic or kindred languages, with what seems to be an English translation, but who knows if either are what they purport to be? Our people endorse these credentials by saying: 'We have examined and suppose they are correct; have given them something, and others can do so, too.' This is equal, on final analysis, to no real endorsement and does not prove that they are gathering funds for any authorized work.

I would not be understood as saying these men are impostors; far from it. But I do submit that if they are doing a legitimate work, their credentials ought to come from some known mission board.

What account are credentials, the language of which and the signers to which no one in this country knows? I hope you will give this place, just as a precaution. C. W. H.

City Should Remedy Evil.

Editor Kickers' Column: I have noticed the different kicks in your column and don't think there has been one that is not worthy of attention, especially the one in reference to the school, which appeared in last week's issue.

Little children's lives should not be imperiled and mothers made miserable when "Queen Charlotte" can sway her magic wand and make things bright and beautiful for all; but these good people are not the only law-abiding tax-paying people that have been a long-enduring suffering citizen for no less than six families in Ward One on Ninth street, from the railroad crossing down, that have and are still suffering from the flooding of their lots by the bursting of the city water-pipes.

The sufferers appealed to the city for help, but the city continues deaf to all appeals. And, by the way, what is that pipe doing there anyway? It should be on the city property out in the street, or else the city should repair it when it becomes a nuisance to the property-holders.

One of the sufferers, a gentleman who owns property and deals in real estate, has had his back lot knee-deep in mud all winter, and another has his back yard flooded, water even rises to his dining room; and another, a lady whose only maintenance is the renting of her house, has had two large places washed out in her lot. The first wash-out occurred in the summer, the city then promising her that the matter would be attended to at once; the second occurred during the heavy rains this winter and carried off two of the brick pillars under the dining room, the shock of which cracked the wall from top to bottom. And still the city contends this worn-out, bursted pipe is an improvement to these suffering citizens and continues to send in their tax notice for damaged property.

What do the citizens wish to pay the city for if their wishes are disregarded and set aside as of no consequence? The lady, for instance, will have to consume about three months of her rent on the taxes and still the city does not adhere to the promise made her in good faith in the summer. The other three families also are sufferers. This reminds me: I saw in your paper a few weeks ago Charlotte on crutches, old and decrepit, and now I am sorry that she is suffering from Bright's disease in the First Ward; and, poor thing, she is not able to buy her medicine and have her doctors remedy the evil. "God save the Queen!" SYMPATHIZER.

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BELK BROS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WRITING MORE INSURANCE IN 1908

Mutual Life's Head Speaks of Big Improvement Over Last Year. (From New York Tribune, Feb. 15, 1908.) Charles A. Peabody, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, in commenting yesterday upon the company's business for 1907 and the prospects for the coming year, said: "The new insurance written so far this year greatly exceeds that of any corresponding period of 1907, and the ratio of increase is advancing every week. This is owing to several causes, chief among them being the increase in the agency force which the company has built up. The cash and loan values of the company's policies have also been largely increased."

"Not the least of the changes contributing to the return of confidence is the improvement of the annual dividends of the company. In 1907 the Mutual Life paid out for dividends the sum of \$4,321,493.34, while \$3,311,092.92 had been appropriated for the purpose of 1908. The increase in this item is the case of the Mutual Life is due, among other causes, to a material advance in the dividend scale, to a larger number of maturing twenty-year distribution policies, etc.

"In respect to the dividends paid in 1907, it is noteworthy that the sum of \$2,322,429.66, or more than 65 per cent, was applied to the purchase of paid-up insurance, indicating the confidence of policy-holders in the company. To the same effect may be mentioned the circumstance that one-fourth of the new insurance written in 1907 was applied for by existing policyholders. "The new premiums received last year amounted to \$6,362,380.62, and the renewal premiums to \$50,276,819.58, making the total premium income \$56,639,200.20. The commissions to agents were \$992,285.28. This item amounts to less than 2 per cent. of the total renewals premiums collected."

A letter received by friends today stated that Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ross, who have been spending some time in Cuba, have arrived in Miami, Fla., where they will spend some time before returning home.

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