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Spring has crawled. Spring is giving us the "merry widow waltz."

That Cannon boom begins to look like, "The morning after."

Mr. Tillman appears to have lost none of his old time fondness for the president.

Charlotte should decide on some appropriate place for keeping that pennant on exhibition.

Russian high military officers are robbing the modest bomb-throwers of their honors.

Atlanta has found her "affinity" in the form of a Miss Fluffy Ruffles. Modest Charleston is shocked.

Rockefeller declares he is "charmed" with Augusta, thereby showing his extreme modesty of taste.

Raymond Hitchcock perhaps realizes, with us, that even the great must sometimes suffer because of their greatness.

No doubt some of them had rather see Bryan defeated just to be in position to say, "I told you so," than for any other reason.

The world is attempting to pry into the affairs of Cupid, Duke Ambuzzi and Miss Elkins. The world should be ashamed of itself.

It is a pleasure to learn that out-estimated afternoon contemporary, the Raleigh Evening Times, is solvent. We trust its troubles may soon blow over.

Mr. Lilley seems to be one of those limelight blossoms representing the original only in the ability to "flourish in the morning and in the evening fade away."

For the simon pure article in the way of optimism, commend us to the editor of the Mt. Airy Leader. That gentleman is making "the weikin' ring" for Cannon's nomination.

Replying to the query, "Do we dream?" the Washington Herald pertinently replies: "Some of us do evidently. At least a western newspaper declares that Secretary Taft is his own man, and not a mere Roosevelt legatee."

The Durham Sun remarks: "Charlotte is 'it' this year. She is getting all the good things. In April she will have the North Carolina Press Association, and now she is to have the State Democratic Convention in June. Charlotte is a city with wide-awake people, and she will do the handsome thing by all the meetings that may go there."

Handsome compliment. Couldn't have done better ourselves.

"We greatly fear the News and Courier is getting real cross because South Carolina voted for Bryan," observes the Columbia State. If we are not greatly mistaken there are several persons afflicted with the same complaint in this state—in fact it's chronic. They've had it so long they have really forgotten why they ever took it. And despite the opposition—based solely on prejudice and supported now by a sort of strange pride, the Bryan sentiment has waxed stronger and stronger in this state.

Shortly after the mandate from his royal highness, the president, that the inscription, "In God We Trust" be forthwith and immediately struck from the American coin, a cartoonist pictured the president removing the motto and entitled his production, "The only trust he ever busted." Even that glory is now robbed him, for congress, by an overwhelming vote, has ordered the restoration of the motto. Congress expressed for the country at large the indignation felt at the president's unwarranted action.

WORK FOR EACH CITIZEN.

Two articles appear in today's issue of The News, to which we desire to call the special attention of every citizen who claims to be in the least interested in the improvement of Charlotte and the county. One is by the pen of Prof. C. A. Keffer, and it tells in striking manner how every citizen may aid in beautifying his or her home city. Knoxville, Tenn., is the city referred to in his article, but that which holds good for Knoxville applies with equal force to Charlotte. The other article in question is relative to the coming here, in April, of the noted speaker, Hon. Enos A. Mills. Mr. Mills is touring the country in the interest of national forestry, and his appearance here, under the auspices of the Woman's Club, will be in the interest of forestry. Too many people have the idea that the question of forest preservation is something foreign—a something which can not affect them individually. The impression is erroneous. It should be of interest to every citizen, for there are none but who will be affected. Neither is it some intangible, speculative, foreign subject. The right sort of interest in his work will not bear fruit solely by the reservation of large tracts of mountain forests. It's near-fruits will be found in the setting out, of trees in towns and cities; in the proper care of those already growing—in the beautification not only of our towns and cities with handsome rows of shade trees, but of our country roads. In this article the example of a Mecklenburg farmer, who has planted a row of trees along the road side on his farm, is cited, and others are urged to copy his example.

Surely this is a work in which every one must be interested. A glance at the streets; at the front and back yards of our houses, convinces us that there is a vast amount of work to be done. There are a few premises in our city well kept. Flower gardens have transplanted tin cans and refuse matter as back yard decoration and close-cropped grass plots, and systematic rows of flowers have claimed the place of advertisements, newspapers and trash in the front yards.

This has meant work, but the beauty of the accomplishment is pay for the slight labor it cost.

What a field for every citizen in the city and every person living in the country. Picture to yourself a drive over our macadam roads—the best in the country—with the constant view of miles of beautiful shade trees. How much better would our public highways be shown off. How little cost it would mean, if every land owner would take it upon himself to decorate his road frontage with shade trees. The value of his property would be enhanced. He would lose nothing, but a few hours work once a year. Is it not worth while? Who will start the work? Why can not our schools have an Arbor Day, as schools do in some states? A small prize for the prettiest roadside would start a competition that would result in the beautification of our magnificent highways. The public school teachers and county superintendents can do a service invaluable in this line, and is it not worth while? What lesson could a child be taught of more real value than the worth of tidiness and beauty in all its surroundings.

The business man wants a boy who appears well. The boy who was taught in the schools that there was something besides the multiplication table and the Latin conjugation worth while—that God as well as man delights in the beautiful—that boy brought up in surroundings where aesthetics were a part of his education, will put the lesson in practice in his personal appearance; his dress, his manner. It is worth while.

And how much more urgent is the need that confronts the city in this respect. Some people have the idea that civic improvement means heavy taxes; big appropriations. This is wrong; that is, wrong to a large extent. True, before the work needed is accomplished a city must expend money—parks, shade trees, and the like cost. But, in our present condition, there is a world of work to be done whose cost is only the expenditure of a few hours that all of us have to spare. It is, also, a work for each individual. The property owner should be interested in making his property show up to the best advantage. The renter must surely prefer a neat, tidy, well-kept home and grounds, to a condition of slovenliness and untidiness.

How many citizens are willing to help in this work? Prof. Keffer refers to the "Daughters of Rest," who while away hours each day, pinning for diversion, when their back yards are pregnant with tin cans and trash of all kinds. An hour's work, in his opinion, by each householder

each day, would make Knoxville look like a different place. Did you ever reflect that it was as altogether suggestive of slovenliness, laziness, to live in ill-kept premises as it is to appear with unbrushed hair; untrimmed nails; unwashed face?

What a reformation could be wrought here if every one would once appreciate the need of a little sweeping around home doors! Some one must start every movement. How many people are going to take the initiative in this work? The members of the civic department of the Woman's Club are working faithfully in this respect, but they cannot perform the whole task. Nor should they be allowed to. There should be too much civic pride for the necessity of some one else being forced to do the house-cleaning for others.

Are you a member of the "Sons of Rest" fraternity; or the "United Daughters of Rest?" Show that you are not by making attractive and beautiful your homes and your grounds, and when each one does this what a place of beauty our city will be!

UGLY THRUST AT CRAIG.

Sometime ago The News expressed its opinion on the unfair and unworthy thrusts and insinuations preferred by several papers against Mr. Kitchen. The News does not favor the candidacy of Mr. Kitchen, but it believes in giving him a square deal, and it, along with hundreds of anti-Kitchen men, has little patience with such small and dirty politics.

Now, in the face of equally unworthy flings at the character and political integrity of Mr. Craig, this paper takes occasion to denounce, with equal fervor, the conduct of several parties who have just launched a set of false charges against Mr. Craig.

In the course of an editorial on the gubernatorial fight, the Madison Herald, charges, among other things, that it is a fight whether, "the wing of the democratic party, backed by the Southern railway, and other special interests and calling themselves conservatives shall control the politics of the party or whether the people that stand for the people and with the people against the wrongs and encroachments of these special interests shall still continue to administer the affairs of North Carolina. This is the fight and no man dares to deny it. You take the backing of these special interests from Craig's candidacy and he would withdraw tomorrow. In fact, we are satisfied that if he had not been assured that he would receive the solid support of this he would not have entered the race."

To the above insinuations Mr. Craig has given the lie. What facts does the editor who made these charges offer in their support? He makes the statement, without the least semblance of fact to back them up, and attempts thus to cripple a man, whom even his political enemies recognize as a man of integrity, honesty and character. The suggestion that Mr. Craig has received assurance from corporations and "other special interests" is unworthy any man who lays the slightest claim to fairness. The other editorial in question, from the Mocksville Courier, contains, among other things, this statement: "Craig stands for the good of railroads and other corporations that swindle the people."

Naturally Mr. Craig has given this statement the lie. Such dirty politics will only result in stirring sentiment for Mr. Craig, and should not be noticed, were it not for the fact that some people may be deceived.

The News, along with hundreds of other thinking, fair-minded democrats, has urged conservatism in legislation affecting railroads, for the interests of the people were at stake. It is a poor out that any man may not stand for fair treatment for all parties—whether they be corporations or individuals—without some narrow and biased fanatic dubbing him as being "bought off." If Mr. Craig may be termed a "conservative" he has earned a title that is priceless in this day of fanaticism.

Give every man a square deal. Let us cut out this measly little campaign of false-accusation and dirty insinuation, and wage our campaign on issues, in a clean and decent manner. The News resents these slanders against Mr. Craig. It knows that he is an honest man personally and politically, and it hopes and expects to see him elected governor of North Carolina.

The Greensboro Record intimates that Mayor Brandt has taken a quiet little sneak out of town for the purpose of "signing Ty Cobb, champion batter of America, who asks \$5,000 a year." As a member of the Carolina League we demand that an investigating committee be appointed at once and hereby brand that alleged conduct as "pernicious activity."

The stork is a staunch disbeliever in the "curtailment of production."

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