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THAT BELHAVEN RIOT.

Press dispatches of Saturday carried information of the arrest of two more of the alleged "white caps," who, some days ago, made a deadly assault on a colony of Greeks, at Belhaven, in the eastern part of the state. These Greeks were living quietly in homes furnished them by their employers, the Interstate Coopers Company, which runs a big plant at Belhaven. This brings the number of arrests, growing out of this race riot, to fifteen, and these fifteen, save one who gave bail, are now being held in Washington, N. C., jail, pending trial.

It will be recalled that this riot was one of the bloodiest, as well as one of the most cowardly ever occurring in the state; that Governor Glenn was forced to order out the Washington militia; that two of the Greeks were killed (we believe this report is correct) and that a number were beaten unmercifully.

Late reports from the scene of this race riot are to the effect that all is again quiet. The trouble which caused this cowardly attack was the company's action in supplanting negro labor with that of foreign help. Following this action, on the part of the company, a mob of seventy-five masked men, (mostly negroes according to reports) set upon the Greeks in their homes at night, with the results, above described.

That such an occurrence should have taken place in any part of our state is to be sorely regretted. Mob violence always brings a state into ill repute, and especially where the display is so altogether brutal and cowardly as this.

Citizens of Washington and the Belhaven section lost no time in coming to the aid of the authorities and by their prompt action further trouble was ward off, and the alleged leaders of the band have been arrested.

If evidence is sufficient to connect them with this outrage, no time should be lost in starting them on the severest sentence the law provides for violations of this case.

INCREASE IN WEALTH.

The report which has just been issued by the state tax commission, showing increase in state wealth during the years 1905 and 1906 is altogether encouraging. The increase of 1906 over 1905 is shown as being over twenty-seven million dollars. This is a fine showing and this same ratio of growth has kept up through 1907, as the report for 1908 will show. Following are the main facts in the report just issued:

"The total assessed value of all property in the state for the year 1906 was \$488,662,568.18, against \$461,520,688.32 for the year 1905, an increase of \$27,141,889.86. The number of polls listed in 1906 was 287,171, as against 281,076 in 1905. The total tax levied on polls and property for municipal purposes for the year 1906 was \$814,078.92, which amount \$108,965.32 was reported uncollected. The total amount of tax levied for state, county, school and municipal purposes was \$5,907,263.56. To show the increase in the taxing and assessing of property which has been made in the past few years it is stated that the total assessment of all property for taxation in 1900 was \$309,709,300, as against a total assessment in 1906 of \$488,662,568.18, or an increase of \$187,958,268.18 since the establishment of this state tax commission."

There are about 300 insurance companies doing business in North Carolina. A large number of these are home companies, and according to a report just issued by the insurance commissioner, they are all enjoying a healthy business. The News has always encouraged home companies, and it is a pleasure to note the success these companies have met with in the past. Our people have at last decided that home companies are as altogether reliable as foreign companies; also that it is a great deal better to patronize home enterprises, thereby keeping money at home to build up home business, than to send out mon-

ey to foreign parts, where we do not share the benefits of its use. Charlotte is the home of a number of companies that are enjoying splendid success.

THE DEATH OF SENATOR BRYAN.

The death of Senator William J. Bryan, of Florida, the youngest member of that body, removes a very able man for that eminent place to public service. Mr. Bryan was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Mallory and now is cut off after 73 days of service. His death will be keenly regretted here, where Mrs. Bryan's people have come to make their home. Mrs. Bryan was Miss Janet Allan, of Lexington, Va. Her mother and brother have lately become residents of Charlotte.

Senator Bryan was in this city on his way to Washington just before he was taken ill. He gave The News a striking interview, which showed that he had already plunged into the study of the momentous questions of the hour, particularly the pending currency legislation, and that he had a strong grasp upon these subjects.

In Mr. Bryan the senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth congress on March 4th, a year ago. They were the two late senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory of Florida; Mr. Latimer, of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor, of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. The last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. White was 84 years old and Mr. Bryan less than 32.

MUTUAL PLEASURE.

The papers are still expressing pleasure over the decision to hold the democratic convention in Charlotte. The following is taken from one of the exchanges:

"Many of our exchanges are most heartily congratulating the city of Charlotte on winning the state democratic convention this year. While all this is well and good, we think that the convention is also to be congratulated on winning Charlotte as its place of meeting. Charlotte will entertain the convention royally, and all the candidates and their friends will receive a 'square deal' so far as the city is concerned. As we understand it, Charlotte wanted the convention merely for the honor and pleasure of entertaining it, and not for the purpose of furthering the interests of any particular candidate."

Your understanding, contemporary, is entirely correct; Charlotte wanted the convention for the pleasure of entertaining it, and had no scheming motives.

The extent to which the divorce infection is spreading is illustrated by the New York World. That paper contained a story yesterday, telling of the action of a woman, aged 87, in bringing suit against her 85-year-old hubby for separation. She was probably figuring on the "better late than never," theory.

Those who contend that a woman cannot do one thing at a time over ten minutes, are called upon to read the account of the "Woman's six-day bicycle race," which started to-day in Kansas.

The Jacksonville Times-Union thinks "spring has sprung"—"a leak" was no doubt accidentally omitted.

The Man And His Position

By Herbert J. Haggood.

Some employers expect a whole lot for little money. A clerk who is working for a petty salary is often responsible for things that should come up before a competent executive. An inexperienced man is not capable of handling a high grade selling proposition and you can't hire an expert accountant for \$10 a week.

A young man I know holds a position in a factory, where his duties are to keep the books, fill orders, pack and ship, charge and make out bills, and handle all the correspondence. Furthermore, at certain seasons of the year he assumes full charge of the factory and is responsible for everything that goes on. For these services he receives only \$11 a week.

In Jamaica, high school graduates are hired to work in one of the general merchandise stores at the ridiculously low salary of \$5 a month.

The other day I heard about a young clerical man who applied for a position in the New York office of a well known importing house. He asked for \$45 a month and said he thought that his experience would make him worth it. The manager threw up his hands in horror and said he expected to get a good office man for about \$25 a month.

Good employees cannot be secured at such low prices. The concern that hires cheap men cannot expect first class work. You can't construct an efficient engine out of rusty wheels and scrap iron, and a profitable business can never be built up by underpaid employees.

Those melancholy persons who are always prepared for the worst seldom get the best of it.



What of Our Laws?

We would like for some one to explain why it is that the freight train are puffing and snorting and smoking all day on the Sabbath, while the railroads are turning off thousands of hands on account of the scarcity of work. What is the matter with our laws? OBSERVER.

As to Cement Work.

Editor of the Kickers Column: I have been kicking for several years to convince engineers and cement workers that the ground will not freeze under any large slab, if it is only two inches thick. I have even challenged the cement workers of the United States to show one yard of cement work, even if it is only three inches thick, that has been bursted up on account of freezing. At one time we had a reward of \$50 offered to any party that would show one yard that had bursted on account of freezing, not one has been able to show us that yard. It is gratifying after so long a time that all are coming our way.

We see in the Concrete, a publication published in Detroit, Mich., a full account of the convention just closed, of the National Association of Cement Workers, four hundred strong of the leading cement men. The old time plan of digging out good solid earth from six to ten inches then fill it with trash or cinders was heartily condemned. The proposed standard specifications for cement sidewalks were from three to six inches, six inches were there is traffic and three to four in the suburbs. You will see by this specification walks can be made much cheaper than to excavate eight to ten inches. I admit there has been bad work here as in other cities, but you will find that where there are defects it is on account of the mechanical work. You will find as good four-inch walks in this city as you will find anywhere, even if they are eight inches thick.

We need more study on this subject of concrete, our city is getting far behind in this line, everybody (in their own minds) knows how it should be done, but still there are only a few who can do the work. There is the drawback in the use of concrete block, if you go to an architect and ask him to draw you the plans for a nice house built of blocks he will put on a long face, look wise, shake his head and tell you "you had better go slow." Mr. Jones, in Kalamazoo built a house of blocks and it fell down, we cannot blame them for they have a reputation to sustain, and if they should draw a plan they have no one to execute it. Let us work up on this line, get in the front ranks. Concrete is all right if we can only get men who will do the work.

Yours truly,
J. C. HERRING.

Nell—"I admit that she is homely, but she is good."
Bell—"Yes, I have frequently noticed that the girl who looks good is seldom good looking."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR GIRL.
By Helen Rowland.
A man's shoulders are not always as broad as they're padded.
You'd think every man was a beauty show from the critical way in which he sizes up the women.
Men say they hate anything loud about a woman; it must be disgust that makes them always turn around to stare after a peroxide blonde.
The saddest sight on earth is an old bachelor trying to sew on a button with a blunt needle and a piece of string.
There are some men who, before marriage, will risk their lives to pick up your parasol from in front of awlazing automobile who wouldn't get off the sofa after marriage to pick up anything you might drop, from a hint to the baby.
A husband gets so used to his wife's conversation that after a while it doesn't interrupt his reading of the newspaper any more than the punking in the steam pipes.
Of course men admire a circuspect woman above all things, but they seldom invite her out to supper.
Nothing bores a man worse than the devotion of the girl before the last.
Love letters lead to all sorts of complications, but post cards tell no tales.

STOMACH ILLS WILL DISAPPEAR

Very quickly if you will only resort to the Bitters as soon as you notice the first symptoms of distress. Thousands of persons, similarly afflicted, can tell you of its wonderful merit. But try it yourself and save a lot of unnecessary suffering.

HOPSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

is unequalled in cases of Spring Fever, General Weakness, Colds, Grippe, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Costiveness and Malaria. Refuse all substitutes.

Silk Sale Continued ONE MORE DAY

Don't Miss This Golden Opportunity.
Remember it Only Occurs Twice a Year.
Hundreds attend Sale Today notwithstanding the bad weather.
Tomorrow we expect a record breaker as the good news will spread all along the line.

BELK BROS

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

EFIRD'S Spring Millinery Opening Starts Wednesday Morning

A Most Cordial Welcome is Extended to all to Come and Enjoy the New Things that will be Shown.

A Strong List of Specials Has Been Arranged for Wednesday and Thursday in Every Department in the Store.

<h4>A Special 5c Counter</h4> <p>Yard-Wide Bleach. Beautiful quality White Lawns. Standard Calicoes. Dress Gingham. Best Grade Gingham Checks. Bleached Cambric. Bed Ticking. Yard-wide Percalcs.</p> <p>Fine light Shirting Goods and a variety of other 7 1-2 and 12 1-2-cent Goods in Short Lengths, all to go at..... 5 Cents a Yard</p>	<h4>Long Silk Gloves</h4> <p>150 Dozens, 16-Button length. Pure Silk Gloves, in Blacks, Whites, Beautiful Browns, Tans, Copenhagen Blues, etc. All sizes. Gloves worth \$1.50 to \$2. a pair, all piled out on counter for Wednesday and Thursday, at 69 Cents.</p>	<h4>Lonsdale Cambric and Bleach</h4> <p>The Genuine Lonsdale, the original tickets on every bolt, full yard wide. Special 10 Cents a Yard.</p>	<h4>Fruit of the Loom Bleach</h4> <p>Special Wednesday and Thursday, Full Yard Wide Ticked Goods. Efird's Special Price Wednesday and Thursday, 7 1-2 Cents a Yard</p>
<h4>Embroideries Wednesday</h4> <p>The largest and Finest lot ever put on Sale here at one time, will go on Sale Wednesday morning. Beautiful quality Swiss, Nainsook, and Muslin Edges, and Insertions to match, at..... 10 Cents a Yard.</p>	<h4>Ladies' Ready-Made Wrappers</h4> <p>The best Percale Wrappers, nice assortment of colors, all sizes. Regular \$1 Wrappers. Special Wednesday and Thursday 59 Cents.</p>	<h4>Big Special in New Summer Hose</h4> <p>Ladies' Fine Lisle Thread Gauze Hose. Also Lace Hose. Lace all the way up and Boot Lace style. The very best Blacks and Tans, regular 20 and 25 Cent Hose. Special Wednesday and Thursday, 12 1-2 Cents a Pair</p>	<h4>Big Special in Silks For The Opening Days</h4> <p>Yard-Wide Guaranteed Black Taffeta Silk at a Record Price Wednesday morning. Positively the Greatest Bargain Ever Sold here. Full yard-wide, Every Fibre Pure Silk. Colored Self-vedges. No better silk being sold. Special in stores we know at \$1 a yard. Efird's Price Wednesday, 59 Cts.</p>
<h4>50c Real Lisle Thread Gauze Hose, 23c</h4> <p>Our Buyer picked up a Case of Genuine Lisle Thread Hose. Thin, Summer Weight, the best made. They will go on sale Wednesday morning at 23 Cents a Pair, 2 Pair 45 Cents.</p>	<h4>Boys' Knickerbocker Suits</h4> <p>The latest out in Boys' Suits, Belts on the Coats, Buckles on the Pants. Right up-to-date in Cut. The Newest and Prettiest Patterns out. \$1.98 a Suit.</p>	<h4>Yard-Wide China Silk 25c a Yard</h4> <p>Full Yard-Wide Pure Silk, China Silk, China Natural Cream. Actually 40 to 50 Cent Selling Silk, Special Wednesday, 25 Cents a Yard.</p>	

Efird's Department Store

Charlotte's Under Price and Spot Cash Store

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