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EDITORS ARE WELCOME.

Charlotte throws wide her doors to the visiting editors and her citizens with one accord extend them a welcome.

From every part of the state members of the honorable fraternity have come. Controversies during the past year, differences of opinion are forgotten and the spirit of good fellowship and fraternity is dominant.

The News trusts the sojourn of the editors in the Queen City will be pleasant as well as profitable. It has been a long time since some of them were here, and, no doubt, many of them have never before visited the best city of the state.

To these a fair idea of the growth of the state will be shown by the bustle and progress going on here.

The program arranged for the press convention is unusually interesting, and it will not do to miss any of the proceedings.

The meeting this year will be the best in the history of the association and again we express, for the city, a hearty and sincere welcome to every mother's son of the editors.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL BANNER-MAN.

Press dispatches of the early morning announce the death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who has for many years stood as one of the foremost figures in the political life of Great Britain.

In the year 1868 he entered parliament and from that time his has been a powerful influence in shaping the policies of that august legislative body. It will be recalled that only a few weeks ago Sir Henry was forced to resign from the premiership because of failing health.

For years closely affiliated with Gladstone and the brightest lights of England, and with a grip on the confidence and love of the people almost unprecedented, Sir Henry long ago won a place in British political life which it will be difficult to fill.

In his death England loses one of her ablest and most worthy sons.

The esteemed Spartanburg Journal has a decidedly novel and altogether inexpensive way of giving its readers the benefit of pictures of men prominent in the public eye—it simply runs the same cut for each one, merely changing the name under the photograph. The Journal is a genius.

The Queen City apologizes to the editors for her recent rather disheveled appearance. She had ordered a new bituitic gown, a merry-widow-skeraper and numerous other accessories to her wardrobe—but the blooming dressmaker delayed the whole thing. Gentlemen, you'll simply have to come again.

Says the Augusta Herald: "A thief in Charlotte who stole a pair of trousers, escaped by running through police barracks. Charlotte cops must be slow to get into action." But, to their credit let it be said, they do "get into action," which is not, always the case in some other cities we might name, if we chose.

No doubt Senator Simmons chose the subject "The White House and Democracy" for his New York address for the contrast the term suggested.

The New York Mail wants to know, "Why are they called Merry widow hats?" Entirely too easy to waste time on.

The death gasp of the ant is as the roar of cannon to the noise emanating from the big stick just now.

With the Brownsville muddle it is another case of "The Longer you chew it the bigger it gets."

You can sometimes judge a man by the noise he makes at a ball game.

Victory 2 for the Hornets.

AN INDIVIDUAL WORK.

Almost every day we run across articles in the various exchanges urging the work of civic improvement.

The agitation is becoming widespread and there are very few towns and cities in this section that have not caught the infection.

From the batch of articles on this subject we take the following from the Union Republican, published at Winston-Salem, which is worthy of close consideration:

"A great deal is being said in the papers just now about civic improvement clubs, whose object is to improve and beautify the appearance of a community. Talk is cheap and suggestions too frequently fall into unheeding ears. Let us look at the matter in a practical business way, whether we live in a town, a city or the country. The object of civic improvement is general in its nature and while it may be frequently applied to places more or less public let us get nearer home and make it individual and applicable to every property owner. The spirit is contagious in its nature. When one person begins to tidy up his premises, plant shrubbery, flowers, etc., his neighbors are pretty apt to soon follow suit and the result is neater and more attractive looking homes, and to the Republic, is civic improvement in its broadest sense. The above applies not only to Winston-Salem and Forsyth county, but to every home and community where the Republic is read, and while civic improvement has all seasons for its own, in the happy spring time nature sets us an impressive example as in response to warmer weather, gentle breezes and refreshing showers it assumes its dress of buds and blossoming flowers and robe of living green.

The esteemed Richmond News Leader quotes a Kansas paper as saying, "We want eggs and we want them bad." Must be enjoying a season of bum shows.

The "merry widow" hat may aid in supplying the much-to-be-desired "merry widow" feeling.

Nothing faulty in the general appearance of that bunch of editors.

How would you like to be the umpire?

Blessed is the un-cursed umpire.

THE MAN AND HIS JOB.

By Herbert J. Haggood.

We have heard a good deal of talk not only lately but for years past about the cigarette fiend. He is pointed out to us as a horrible example for the rising generation, and a fit synonym for failure itself.

Everybody knows that too many cigarettes are bad for a man. They decrease his physical efficiency, lessen his capability, and tend to lower the standard of his moral ideals. Strange to say, however, we have centered our attacks on the "cigarette" rather than upon the "fiend." As a matter of fact, if a man is a cigarette fiend the chances are if cigarettes—through some miracle—were eliminated, we would find him some other kind of fiend. A man can do himself just as much harm eating too many cream puffs or chocolate eclaires, as he can by smoking too many cigarettes. It seems to me that the evil lies not so much in the use of cigarettes, as in the abuse of the habit by carrying it to excess.

Aside from the virtue or vice which lies inherently in the cigarette habit, there are certain obligations expected from every man on the assumption that he is a gentleman. If cigarettes are offensive to the people with whom he would associate, it is no more than courtesy to resist the desire to smoke. If your employer objects to it, it is only discreet that you give up the habit.

Cigarette smoking, like everything else, resolves itself into a question of common sense and courtesy. By the application of one, and persistent striving after the other, you will find that all of these problems will solve themselves.

The Vaudeville Show Was a Great Success

The high-class vaudeville entertainment at the Academy of Music last night, which was given under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Register and Mrs. James L. Sexton, was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience which nearly filled the playhouse. Each feature of the show was enthusiastically applauded, and many rounds of hand-clapping came from the veterans scattered through the audience. The entertainment was a source of great pleasure to them. They enjoyed it from first to last, especially the camp scenes, which took their memories back to stirring times of the war which they had bravely struggled.

The young ladies who took part in the play acquitted themselves splendidly. Many of them showed natural talent, while every feature of the entire performance portrayed thorough training. The solos and chorus numbers were unusually good. The entire program was meritorious and the appreciation of the audience was evidenced by many encores. The proceeds derived from the performance will be devoted to the veterans of the city and county who are in "needy circumstances."

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Politics And Politicians

Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, is said to cherish an ambition to close his career as secretary of state.

Friends of James G. McGuire, who was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of California in 1898, are endeavoring to persuade him to become a candidate for congress in the Fourth California district, in opposition to Julius Kahn.

In the recent elections in Texas three women were elected to important offices. One of them was elected assessor and collector of taxes for Palestine, and the two others were elected members of the board of education of Dallas.

The campaign is already under way in Vermont for the election of a United States senator by the legislature next October. The two most prominent candidates are Congressman David J. Foster and ex-Governor Carroll S. Page.

The University of Michigan has the first student Taft Republican Club in the country. It has been in existence since April, 1907, and now boasts of a membership of 500 men, representing every state in the union.

Friends of John W. Kern, who was endorsed by the recent state convention in Indiana for the nomination as vice-president, are sending letters to democrats throughout the country urging them to get instructions for Kern at their state convention. He is represented as a close friend of Bryan and certain to make a favorable impression.

Judge E. K. Cheadle has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor of Montana. He is a Spanish war veteran and well known as a jurist. Not having been entangled in any way in the copper war, he is regarded as a particularly strong candidate. His home is in Lewiston.

J. E. Swearingin, a blind preacher at the South Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, has announced his candidacy for state superintendent of education of South Carolina. Professor Swearingin is a nephew of Senator B. R. Tillman and is said to bear a striking resemblance to his uncle.

Several score of well known democrats of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland have formed the George Gray League to work for the nomination of Judge Gray of Delaware for president. The promoters of the league believe that the four states they represent with the addition of West Virginia, will vote on the first ballot at the Denver convention for Judge Gray.

Seaborn Wright, who, it is said, will be nominated for president by the prohibitionists at their national convention in Columbus next July, is one of the leading advocates of prohibition in the south, though a democrat. For 20 years a member of the Georgia legislature, he drafted the state prohibition law and led the fight that resulted in the law's adoption. In 1896 Mr. Wright was the populist candidate for governor of Georgia.

Richard T. O'Connor, the manager of Governor Johnson's campaign for the presidential nomination, is 50 years old and a native of St. Paul. After attending Notre Dame University for a year or two he began his career at the age of 16 as a collector for James J. Hill, who was then in the coal and wood business in St. Paul. This connection with the great railroad magnate continued until three years ago, when there was an open rupture between the two over a matter that concerned both the business and political interests of Mr. Hill. Though active in politics for a number of years, Mr. O'Connor has never held any important public office. He is as shrewd in business as in politics and his friends estimate his wealth at a million dollar or more.

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Drastic Policy of Curtailment in Mills
By Associated Press.
Fall River, Mass., April 22.—Practically all of the cotton mills in Fall River have decided to adopt a drastic policy of curtailing production in the effort to offset the adverse market conditions and it is estimated that the output this week will be less than normal by nearly 125,000 pieces.

The Gem's Bulletin Board.
A large bulletin board has been placed in the Gem restaurant. It will be posted daily with baseball results, the time of arrival and departure of trains and various other information for the benefit of the partons.

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