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CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

The Laird of Skibo, noble soul, believes the world is in a hole while war drums throb and cannon crash, and so he gives a wad of cash, to end the reign of blood and woe, and give the White Winged Dove a show. He dug ten million from his shoe, and sprung it with a howl: 'Far be it from a grassed hard to say things critical or hard, about a princely gift like this, designed to further human bliss. But where will all this money go? And will the White Dove have a show? Methinks I see the highbrows meet, and make long speeches and repeat; I see the long-haired, four-eyed sports hold congresses of divers sorts; they'll file reports that no one reads, they'll junket here and junket there, and write peace anthems, full of thrills, while he of Skibo foots the bills. Methinks that when Peace does appear, and earth has lost the battle of fear, 'twill be because men grow more wise and gentle as Time onward flies; 'twill be the harvest of the tears that men have sown in bitter years. This boom will have no branded hide; no Skibo cost mark on its side.

WALT MASON.

Friday the thirteenth. Ugh.

There is a difference of several cents per pound on quotations of meats in Charlotte, and in Washington City. Is this difference due to the fact that the larger cities share advantages in purchasing opportunities and lower freight rates, or is there some other reason why consumers in this city must pay far more than the prices required in larger cities? Nor is this excessiveness of prices charged for necessities confined to meats alone. We are sincerely enquiring for light. The problem is one which affects every household. It is one which well might make the wage-earner despair of the task of making a small pay envelope cover a multitude of costs which have forged steadily upwards during recent years; and recent months particularly? Are consumers being victimized by dealers, or is the season or inflated prices on meat, eggs, groceries, fuel, etc., due to general conditions over which local handlers of commodities have no control?

PRESERVE THE FORESTS.

'Woodman spare the tree,' is the text of conservationists, and it is a good one. The legislature, we understand, is to be asked to provide safeguards for our forest wealth. Ravages upon our rich forests by fires have amounted to many thousands of dollars. It is said that many of the fires which have raged in timber sections of the state could have been prevented. The object of the bill, then, is to provide a system of forest preservation which shall spare the state heavy losses from avoidable fires. It is proposed to employ a corps of fire wardens, whose duty shall be to combat the flames, and not only this, but who shall be expected to play the role of sleuth, and ascertain causes of fires, and bring to justice any fire bugs who may be enmeshed in nets of evidence. Many fires have originated through carelessness. It is hoped to teach the lesson of vigilance. Many have been of incendiary nature. It is hoped to track down the parties responsible for such extensive damage.

And besides this, it is proposed to adopt methods and means for reforestation—for timber conservation to forestall the danger of a forest famine in future years. Only the short-sighted would be content to see our forest wealth recklessly destroyed, if, by scientific policies, it is possible to provide a continuous supply of timber for generations to come.

The forestry bill, in short, is for the protection of our forests of today and our forests of the future. It should receive the careful attention of legislators interested in preserving one of the state's most prolific and valuable resources.

UNFAIR SYSTEM OF TAXATION.

There is food for serious thought in the assertion of the state treasurer that if taxable property was given in at even two-thirds value there would not be a county in the state but what would be self supporting. No doubt this a fair estimate. And to bring the application closer home, it is also true that if property in the city was given in at anything like its true value, there would be ample funds not only to operate the city, but to provide for the improvements being agitated, and so badly needed. The outrageously low valuation placed on valuable up-town property must be corrected if we may hope to arrive at a fair system of taxation, and if we hope to share the advantages which should accrue from equitably fixed assessments. The fellow who owns the small piece of property comes far nearer paying his pro rata of taxation than the owner of valuable up-town real estate. This fact is so well known as to need no support in comparative figures.

So if it is true that the inauguration of a fair system of tax assessment would benefit all counties, and make them self sustaining, it is equally true that the principle carried into the cities would eliminate many of the financial barriers confronting municipal administrations.

KIND WORDS.

The state press has been profuse in its compliments to W. C. Dowd, publisher of The News, over his selection to the speakership. Almost every paper has indulged in praise of the choice. Not a few have been kind enough to commend the course of The News.

From the batch of flattering expressions of approval, we take the following compliment to Mr. Dowd and the work of The News, from the French Broad Hustler, and graciously offer thanks: "The caucus of democratic representatives, held in the hall of the house in Raleigh on Tuesday evening of last week, made a happy selection for speaker in the person of William Carey Dowd, who presided, with ease and ability, over the Baptist state convention recently held in Hendersonville and was re-elected to succeed himself as president. Mr. Dowd is an experienced legislator, having served his county of Mecklenburg three times before in the general assembly, once as senator and two terms in the house. He lacked less than half a dozen votes of election to the speakership at the last session of the legislature and but for a belated train, carrying a number of his ardent supporters would have succeeded at that time.

"This newspaper feels to congratulate Mr. Speaker Dowd personally for the high honor to which he has attained through the efforts of his numerous partial friends. It is a deserved recognition of the sterling worth and splendid intellectual attainments of a very worthy man, an able editor, a loyal and devoted son of North Carolina. Mr. Dowd is held in affectionate regard by his brethren of the editorial fraternity and his election is especially pleasing to them. He has held the highest positions in the gift of the State Press Association and is a leading spirit in the life of that important organization. Mr. Dowd's most excellent afternoon paper, The Charlotte News, is a strong exponent of democracy, temperance, education and industrial progress, and he is the 'power behind the throne.'

City Is Offender In "Chicken Coop" Law

The "chicken coop ordinance" was designed to move all obstructions from the sidewalks. Then citizens of the Fourth Ward and especially citizens on Tenth street, have a just kick coming when they complain that workmen for the city leave tools, material, etc., on the sidewalks and allow them to remain there indefinitely. A citizen on Tenth avenue avers that a quantity of city tools, etc., have been allowed to lie on the sidewalk of that avenue for nearly ten days, a fact which contributes to the inconvenience not to say danger—to pedestrians, and is, furthermore, very unsightly.

Power Company Prosperous.

Special to The News. Lenoir, Jan. 13.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders' and directors of the Citizens' Light and Power Co., held Tuesday afternoon, the annual statement showed a prosperous condition of the affairs of the company and a 6 per cent dividend on the capital stock was declared. The old board of directors and officers were re-elected.

Accept Offer of Glenn Curtiss.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The war department has accepted the Glenn Curtiss offer to instruct a number of army officers in the operation of aeroplanes and has instructed General Bliss, commander of the department of California, to detail as many officers as he can spare for instruction.

James A. Farrell to Take Charge.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 13.—It is announced that James A. Farrell, newly chosen as president of the United States Steel Corporation, will formally assume his new office on February 1st.

From Other Sanctums

One Governor Who Did Not Tell Them All About It.

Governor Harmon is a man of few words, speaking only when he has something to say. He prefers to be judged by what he does rather than by what he says. Most governors seize the opportunity at the beginning of a new term of reviewing the past, extolling the present and picturing the future in the light of rosy promise. They cannot refrain from "pointing with pride" to their own accomplishments, congratulating the people on electing such able and patriotic executives and pointing out what horrors the state has escaped by not electing their opponents.

Judge Harmon has made a decided innovation. He has just completed two years of service as governor—a two years in which, in spite of a hostile legislature, he has managed to secure substantial results and institute reforms that have attracted the attention of the entire country. Yet he began his second term on Monday without any formalities whatever. For the first time since governors were created, here was one who did not even deliver an inaugural address. He merely stopped his regular work for a few moments, stepped from his private office into the executive reception room, there took the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Spear, and quietly returned to his work.

There was no need of his telling the people of Ohio what he had done. They had followed every step of his administration and knew his record. They did not require from him any pledge as to what he will do. They showed their confidence in him by giving him the largest majority any governor has received in many long years. He manifests his appreciation by not inflicting upon them any thirty thousand-word inaugural address.—Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Dowd Speaker.

It is now Mr. Speaker Dowd. The state is fortunate in having Mr. Dowd as speaker of its house of representatives for the ensuing term of the general assembly. As Mr. Koonce said in his nomination speech, Mr. Dowd is a "gifted editor, loyal democrat and gracious churchman." In the responsible position in which he has been placed he will reflect credit upon himself and upon his state. In his speech accepting the high honor placed upon him, the new speaker struck a lofty note in his appeal to the legislators to co-operate with him in the reformation of the state's "educational, industrial and agricultural interests." It is safe to say that if Mr. Dowd's counsel is followed the state's interests will be admirably conserved and advanced in so far as legislation can accomplish that result.—Daily Free Press.

Felicitations.

Our felicitations are hereby extended to our esteemed friend, Hon. William Carey Dowd, editor of The Charlotte Evening News, who was yesterday elected speaker of the house of representatives of the general assembly of North Carolina.—Mooreville Enterprise.

Sentiment Applauded.

When Speaker Dowd appealed for legislation for the state without regard to politics the first man to clap his hands in token of endorsement was Judge Ewart, of Henderson county.—Greensboro Daily News (Republican).

Every man in North Carolina should echo the hand-clapping. It is a fine sentiment, and will be a much finer rule to adhere to.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Pleased With Selection of Dowd.

Nothing done at Raleigh since the legislature assembled has pleased us more than the election of W. Carey Dowd to be speaker of the house. He was the logical man for the place. In other deliberative bodies he had shown himself a prince among North Carolina presiding officers.—Fayetteville Index.

Million Dollar Bond Issue.

The Charlotte people are now talking about a million dollar bond issue in order to provide public utilities of various kinds. The bond issue plan is steadily growing throughout the country as a result of counties and municipalities are making improvements much more rapidly than ever before. A few years ago the average citizen was afraid of almost any move that contemplated a bond issue but that time has passed.—Winston Sentinel.

Will Develop Coal Mines.

(From Twin-City Sentinel.) Mr. J. W. Payne, of Donahoe, who has had much experience in the coal mine business, has located at Walnut Cove and is endeavoring to effect an organization to develop the coal mine near the Cove.

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