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IDLE TEARS.

His are transient, woes are fitting, soon they'll all be with the past.

Let the statesmen paw and thunder, in their ancient, foolish way, till the welkin's torn asunder.

WALT MASON. (Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams.)

THE "TWO-PARTY SYSTEM."

Before the South Carolina Bar Association Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh took occasion to chide the South because of the fact that it has clung tenaciously through the years past, to one party.

We are stirred with even greater wonder when we reflect how our advisers discriminate in our favor, and have never a capsule of advice to administer the North, which is suffering equally from the blight of "one-party" rule.

It somehow never occurred to Mr. Taft, Mr. MacVeagh and their associates that perhaps in deciding the "one-party" system the South was equally conscientious, sincere and intelligent with the North which long ago espoused the same system under a different name.

The average southerner does not vote the democratic ticket simply because his "daddy" did. Nor is his vote inspired by "sectional narrowness."

Mr. MacVeagh is an able gentleman and an expert upon matters pertaining to banking and finance. It is rather surprising that he should take the occasion of a barristers' meeting to disseminate a package of political advice.

Frankly, this counsel is becoming tiresome. The South is not going to disregard its political convictions.

When this lesson is learned we may be excused from these gentle ministrations of long distance advice. Our good friend Morehead, having caught the infection from Mr. Taft, sought to coax Tar Heel democrats from the ancient moorings.

Some day our friends will learn that a conviction based upon reason and honesty of purpose cannot easily be uprooted.

Two splendid stories appear in today's issue on industrial undertakings in the Piedmont. On is illustrated and has to do with the tremendous work at Great Falls by the Southern Power Company.

Think of it—a deadlock in the D. A. R. election!

RADIANT REFLECTIONS.

By Henry Blount. The man who cut his throat with a scythe is no mower.

Yes, Pansy dear, at the grave the high and the low come to a "dead level."

When they formed the coffin trust it really did seem they were "running the thing in the ground."

And now, the brilliant and pungent Pansey says that it is indeed a "wake up, lame river that cannot 'take up its bed and wail'."

The most beautiful sign of wisdom is that joyously painted rainbow of perpetual cheerfulness and contentment with your lot which spans your life and makes it lovely.

Flowers are the alphabet of angels, and with their fragrant letters they form those eloquent words that describe in their voiceless vernacular the beauties and the glories of Paradise.

Did it ever occur to you what great and tremendous changes can be wrought by the very smallest things. A little comma can change horrid manslaughter into man's laughter, and the dropping of one letter can make a smile a mile.

There are various in-centives for expressing the deep inward emotions of the heart and translating their throbbing into poetic ripples of enchanting beauty. Sometimes it is the outgushing of sweetest sentiment, and then again it is not, as will be seen from the mournful refrain of that unfortunate fellow who stepped upon a polecat and is his scent-imental mood thus wrote, the flowers will blossom o'er the little green grave, where my coat and trousers now lie, and an old farmer tells me he thinks I can save, by digging for them in July.

If music is the heart throb of heaven, then the rare, sweet exquisite, soul lifting music that was heard in the Methodist and Episcopal churches on Sunday must have been the sweetly mellow and divine creations, and so pure and so sweet and so heavenly were the strains that we almost fancied that the angels in glory—the nursery of melody and song—turned away from the strains their own God tuned harps were making, and listened with ecstatic rapture to those sublime melodies that came rippling in such entrancing waves from those music lined lips on earth that could rival theirs in the sublimity of song.

Tuberculosis. To the Editor The News: The fight is now on against the ravages of this disease and the outlook is indeed hopeful.

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idly as the result of education and the work being done against the disease. The establishment of sanitary laws to control its spread and the teaching of hygienic living, has cut down in the last several years its mortality greatly and restored to happiness thousands of lives who otherwise would be lost to the world.

It is a germ disease, contagious, and transmitted by infected air, infected food, infected clothing, and in houses and rooms that are not kept clean and thoroughly ventilated.

People who work in crowded shops and dark, stuffy rooms are more susceptible to infection. The germs reach in through infected food, and infected air and the streets, but the most of the disease is from close personal contact with a diseased individual in the home, boarding house, and dust-laden shops or offices.

The spitting habit should be abolished, also the public drinking cup, and forbidding the sale of milk and other food stuffs from infected localities and infected persons or animals.

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