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It has been said by some great man that "duty is the sublimest word in the English language." Indeed duty is so sublime a thing that some very conscientious people have an exaggerated idea of it...

But this little narrative is becoming tedious. To me it is lengthened sweetened long drawn out, for it did not take me long to fall deeply, desperately, devotedly in love and my opinion was then and still is, that Cupid shot us both at once with the same arrow...

I remember, oh yes, I remember, how one moonlight night, when we were taking a walk with a party of young people and I had ventured to take her hand in mine as I recited some pretty verses from Goldsmith's "Hermit," I said: "And now, my dear girl, why should you love each other and mate and marry like the birds..."

Oh love, delicious, angelic love, the boon from heaven, the comfort of the soul! When I was young my father made me commit to memory the "Hermit" and "Genevieve," "The Song of the Shirt," "Gray's Elegy," "Marco Bozaris" and many other pathetic pieces...

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Such sweet courtesies help to restore the equilibrium between the joys and sorrows, the ups and downs of married life. We can make it happy if we choose, but one cannot make it so alone. It takes two—for happiness was born a twin.

A NATION'S DOINGS.

The News From Everywhere Gathered and Condensed. Fourteen buildings were burned at Spotswood, N. J., Tuesday night, causing a \$120,000 loss.

Forty-seven warrants were issued at St. Louis, Mo., Monday, for violation of the Sunday liquor law. Four men were caught under a falling platform near Alexandria, Va., Tuesday, and fatally injured.

The seats of four Democratic members of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress will be contested. A number of Kentucky farmers were drowned last week in crossing streams which were swollen by unusual floods.

The explosion of a can of glycerine instantly killed George French and Harry Carmichael near Cairo, W. Va., Monday. The New York city authorities have decided to root out Chinatown by widening Mott and Pell streets to 100 foot boulevards.

The Utah Legislature, which had a large Democratic majority, adjourned Saturday without electing a United States Senator. Many of the reindeer belonging to the Government's reindeer relief expedition to Alaska have been shot by Indians in mistake for game.

The body of J. W. Woodward, a traveling salesman of Parkersburg, W. Va., was found Friday frozen to death near Elk Garden, W. Va. A sitting angel statue in Italian marble will be erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy over Miss Winnie Davis' grave at Richmond, Virginia.

A dynamite explosion occurred on the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Oakvale, Va., Tuesday, instantly killing Section Foreman J. H. Pettit and fatally wounding five of his crew. A blinding snowstorm was the cause of a collision on the Burlington Railroad near Lincoln, Neb., Saturday evening, resulting in the death of three trainmen and the injury of four others.

Fire at West Point, Miss., Sunday night, destroyed the Mary Holmes College for Colored Girls, cotton press sheds and a large stock of cotton. Loss, \$400,000. R. C. McDaniel was burned to death. Ten men were drowned by the sinking of the tug James Bowen near Hog Island, Va., Wednesday, and another was drowned in efforts to save the crew of the dredge Admiral, which the tug was towing.

The County Bank at San Luis Obispo, Cal., closed its doors Thursday, which caused the suspension of the Commercial Bank of the same place, and also the closing of the Bank of Paso Robles, at Paso Robles, Cal.

Foreign Affairs. The adherents of General Wever are strongly opposed to the new Spanish cabinet. At Tientsin, China, 200 persons fell through the ice on Sunday and 106 were drowned.

The Filipinos near Iloilo are pursuing the same guerrilla tactics as those near Manila. Oppressive heat continues at Manila, and the American troops are greatly inconvenienced. Severe earthquake shocks startled the residents of Yokohama Tuesday, and some loss of life occurred.

Heavy loss of life and property is reported as a result of a hurricane on the northeast coast of Queensland. The Americans at Manila have taken German, Austrian, Dutch, Italian and Portuguese subjects under their protection.

It is reported that China has offered to apologize to Italy for the terms in which the refusal to lease San Mun Bay was couched. Mrs. Cordelia Poirier and Samuel Parslow were hanged Friday morning at St. Scholastica, Quebec, for the murder of Mrs. Poirier's husband.

Col. James F. Smith, the new American Governor of the Island of Negros, in the Philippines, will establish an autonomous government there. Gen. Maximo Gomez had a conference with General Brooke at Havana, Thursday, regarding the details of the payment of \$3,000,000 to the Cuban army. The money was shipped from New York on the transport Meade, Saturday.

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National Capital Matters.

WASHINGTON, March 14th, 1899. The republican leaders are laying the wires for a financial fake that is expected to tide the party over the Presidential campaign. The caucus committee of Representatives elected to the next Congress, chosen to prepare a financial bill for the republicans, met in Washington last week and agreed to meet again in Atlantic City the 17th of next month. How this thing strikes a veteran political observer may be judged by the following words of ex-Congressman Dooliver, of Mo., in relation thereto: "The republican caucus committee is now engaged in making a pretense of doing that which they have no intention of doing—the framing of a measure for currency reform. They will do their best, and I guess will succeed in staving off any change in the financial statutes until after McKinley has been a candidate for another term. Their heroic and vociferous assertion that they will do anything at all, does not fool me."

It is probable that the committee will get up some sort of a bill, but it will be purposely made meaningless. Mr. McKinley has no idea of allowing any real financial legislation before the Presidential election. Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has had a second attack of heart trouble, similar to the one that laid him up several weeks before Congress adjourned, but neither his physician nor his family regard his condition as dangerous as it has been represented to be in telegrams sent from Washington. The doctor thinks the Senator will be all right, if he will remain perfectly quiet for about a month and not attempt to attend to any business whatever. Those who know the energetic make-up of the Senator will understand how difficult it will be for him to meet the doctor's wishes.

Gen. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, under whom Gen. Hale, who is making a fighting record in the Philippines, served from the time he graduated from West Point with the highest standing in studies ever attained, until he resigned from the army to engage in private business, at Denver, Colo., said of him: "He was the most remarkable man I have ever known, both in his studies and in his abilities and I am delighted to hear that he has made out so well. He is young enough to attain almost any rank if he should stay in the army." Gen. Hale entered the volunteer army as Colonel of the First Colorado Regiment, and was promoted to Brigadier General last August. He is only 37 years old.

It is reported and generally believed in Washington that Secretary Alger has offered to resign, provided Mr. McKinley will allow him to name his successor. How is that for gall? That such an offer should have been made indicated that Alger has a hold upon Mr. McKinley that compels the latter to defer to him. It would not change the situation a particle for Alger to retire from the Cabinet, if he were succeeded by a man selected by himself to continue the administration and to cover up all its past defects. Mr. McKinley's wisest advisers are trying to get him to defy Alger, force him to resign, and put a man in his place whose name will convince the country that he will not allow a continuance of Algerism. This advice would have been adopted long ago, only it has failed to get the endorsement of Boss Hanna, who alone knows how many damaging secrets connected with '96 Alger could and doubtless would tell, if not let down easy.

The report that the Attorney General of the United States was about to begin proceedings against the Standard Oil Company for violating the Anti-Trust law was too good to be true. There is no doubt that the Standard Oil trust and a score of others are constantly violating the Anti-Trust law, but the obligations of the present administration to trusts, as well as the close business relations existing between some of the men who now dominate the republican party with trusts, are such that nothing short of actual conviction of them would convince anybody that any serious prosecution of trusts will take place under this administration. When the Presidential campaign opens there may be a bluff made towards prosecuting trusts, for the benefit of the very dubious voters.

Mr. O'Leary, chief factory inspector of New York, testified before the Industrial Commission, now sitting in Washington, that he had reported to the War Department some time ago that clothing for the United States Army was being made in the sweat shops of New York city, which shows how much sincerity there is in the claim of the republican party to be the friend of the working classes. Mr. O'Leary said the prices paid for work were about as follows: coats 32 cent, infantry pants 22 cents, cavalry pants from 26 to 25 cents, and vests from 11 to 14 cents. Nice friendship, to be a party to making men and women work for such prices, isn't it?

ALL OVER THE STATE

A Summary of Current Events for the Past Seven Days. Two more cotton mills will be built at Concord this year. William Cass, of Iredell county, fell from a foot-log into Brushy creek and was drowned. He had been drinking. As the result of an old grudge, Woodfin Horton shot and killed his first cousin, E. J. Horton, in Yancey county, Saturday. During a drunken row in Alexander county, Tuesday, Robert Hines struck Keener Luckey with a club, inflicting fatal injuries. George W. Duncan was killed by a passenger train near Conover, Catawba county, Sunday evening, while attempting to steal a ride. Daniel B. Brown, aged 38, of Hamlet, committed suicide at Charlotte, Wednesday morning, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. The Durham correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer notes the death of a citizen 104 years old, and now Henderson comes to the front with one 106 years.

Thomas Jones, aged 40, of Cary, was killed by a Southern train near Raleigh early Sunday morning, while on his way home. The engineer says he was sitting on the edge of the track. President Patrick and his board of directors refuses to surrender the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to President Bryan and his board, and the matter will be contested in the courts. Members of the Tenth Immune Regiment, colored, indulged in great rioting during their passage through North Carolina Thursday on their way home from Macon, Ga., where they were mustered out.

The new director of the State Board of Agriculture met at Raleigh, Thursday, and organized by electing John S. Cunningham, of Person county, president, and Thomas K. Bruner, of Rowan county, secretary. North Carolina will have an exhibit at the Paris exposition and T. K. Bruner will be in charge of it. An old law gives the Board of Agriculture power to make such exhibits. The materials are in hand, in the magnificent museum.

In Yadkin county, Saturday, a 13-year-old daughter of Robert Martin was accidentally shot dead by Walter Benze, a 15-year-old negro boy, who was fooling with a gun, pointing it at the girl, who was standing in the door with a baby in her arms. The business men of Wilmington, through a committee of two, on Friday, turned over the sum of \$600 to the several negro lodges who owned The Record building, which was accidentally burned the 10th of last November when the plant of the infamous paper was demolished.

The Wadesboro Messenger says the barn and stables of J. C. McRae, of Montgomery county, were destroyed by an incendiary fire a few nights ago. Two good mules were burned to death and a lot of fodder, shucks, etc., were also destroyed. Two young white men by the name of Harris have been arrested charged with setting fire to the barn. They are now in jail at Troy.

POINTERS TO FARMERS.

A Richmond county farmer raised 740 bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground last year. This should be a pointer to those farmers who think cotton the only money crop. Potatoes are now retailed at 75 cents per bushel. But if the Richmond county farmer sold his crop at 50 cents per bushel, he would have realized the neat sum of \$370 from a single acre of land.

Now, if the Richmond county man's neighbor who planted cotton had made a bale to the acre and sold it at \$25 per bale, it would have required fifteen acres for him to have realized \$370, the sum the potato man made on a single acre. Besides, the cost of cultivating one acre of potatoes is much less than the cost of fifteen acres of cotton. Of course every man who plants potatoes cannot expect to make 740 bushels per acre, nor can every farmer who plants cotton expect to raise a bale per acre, or sell his crop for \$25 per bale.

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