

# For People Who Think Everything For People Who Think

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## GOT OFF LIGHT

### Thomas Should Have Gotten More



**A** GREAT many people are wondering, as indeed, we wonder, how the fellow Thomas, of Charlotte, who attempted to assault a lone woman in a Pullman car at Raleigh so easily escaped. He got one year on the roads. The evidence was that he had gone to the berth of the unprotected woman—a young lady not twenty years of age; that he was in her berth and kissed her and her cries brought some passengers to her rescue and the fiend was dragged out.

The jury recommended that the wretch be fined, but Judge Bond sent him to a year on the road, and he should, in our opinion have given him the full limit, which was two years. But why the fellow was not charged with assault—criminal assault, we do not know. If the printed evidence is the evidence adduced, he lacked only opportunity from accomplishing a design that was absolutely manifest. He should, in all justice, have been sent to the roads or to prison for fifteen years.

Had he been a nigger the mob would have materialized in five minutes. It would have taken him and torn him limb from limb and shot his carcass full of holes and then burned the junk.

Letting men off so easily as Thomas was let off is what causes mobs. It is what causes men to wonder why some are so severely punished and others so lightly dealt with. The crime which Thomas unquestionably attempted is the blackest in the catalogue of criminality. He should thank his lucky stars that he escaped with his life—and why he didn't get what was coming to him we cannot imagine.

#### California.

We have been trying to get doped on California and the "situation" out there. We have asked three or four "astute political observers" of both parties what they thought; we have made inquiry among friends who have ordinary powers of observation, and we'll be switched if ever we heard so many conflicting and contradictory estimates as have come to us. Those who want one thing put it their way, and those who want another put it their way, so we are forced to conclude that it is about the same all over the country.

In California the Progressives were strong. Hiram Johnson, who was their bellowing leader, has come into camp, but whether he brings the Progressives with him is the question. It was reported that Hughes didn't even see Governor Johnson; that he kept away. Now comes the report that the democrats think Wilson should go there in order to give strength to the cause; that Hughes made a great impression. Then comes the report that the republicans want Teddy to journey thitherward, and that he will go. So it seems that confusion is on in the coast country, and to make an estimate would be folly. We all can guess, but guesses are merely the expression of individual belief backed by the wish of the individual. In this election the Pacific coast vote will be of much worth, and whether it is going as a land slide to one party or the other, or whether the different states will divide is problematical. In California, Oregon and Washington the women vote—and they think, and that, perhaps, is what makes the waters muddy. And even that is a puzzle. Some of the women's clubs are insisting that Wilson will receive the women's vote and others are insisting that Hughes will get it.

Certainly the man who would bet on the general result in California would take a long shot on any proposition submitted on the track. And there is where the surprise may come to both parties.

#### As To Standing.

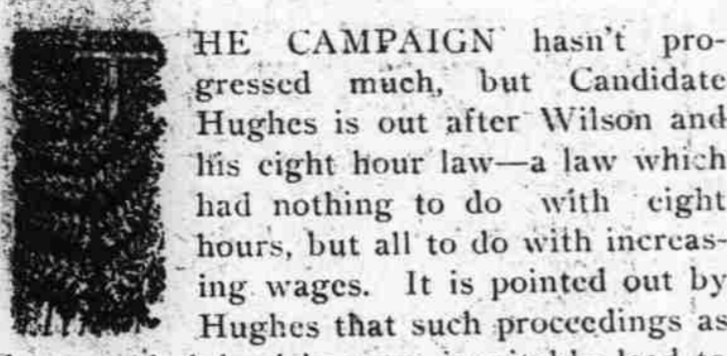
Judge Webb called attention to the grand jury that there is a law in this state which makes it incumbent upon those who employ boys and girls and women to furnish them with a resting place—a place where they can sit down when they feel like it. It appears that this law has been found necessary for the conservation of health, and many states have adopted it. In the big store and factories where boys and girls and women were forced to be on their feet all day, humanity suggested that to sit down once in awhile would help some—and therefore the law followed. And it is a good law and as we understand it it has not been violated in this city.

We guess again, and with deliberation, that Bickett will be elected by at least thirty thousand.

If this isn't suggestive of the weather when the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock—then what is it?

## OBJECT SURRENDER

### Is Opinion of Many Southern Editors.



**T**HE CAMPAIGN hasn't progressed much, but Candidate Hughes is out after Wilson and his eight hour law—a law which had nothing to do with eight hours, but all to do with increasing wages. It is pointed out by Hughes that such proceedings as Congress indulged in must inevitably lead to a civil war, if often repeated. The Manufacturer's Record, this current number, reproduces several pages from the Southern newspapers, and it is wonderful how Congress was arraigned for what it did. Men like Watterson—the best of our thinkers and writers, denounce the surrender as cowardly and abject. It is on this issue that Hughes is now appealing to the laboring man, whose friend he is, and what he is saying will have telling effect. The man who looks back and sees how this country sat down and surrendered its rights to the threats of four hundred thousand men—well, it was abject and cowardly.

That is the long and the short of it. We had better have had a strike—a general strike all over the world and then allowed the majesty of the law which hitherto had been held supreme to assert itself if it could—and if it could not then we had better have crawled in our holes and pulled the holes in after us. We take it that Hughes, if he had no issue before, now has one that will count big for him in November.

#### Indigo.

Colonel Thomas Beall, of Greensboro, has been in Washington some several weeks, aye, months, showing the solons then there assembled why indigo should not be taxed out of sight. It has been stated that Mr. Beall was representing the Cone interests, the largest users of indigo in this country. Mr. Beall, according to all reports made it clear to the committee that to tax indigo as much as was proposed would not result in establishing in this country indigo plants, but would result in increasing the cost of each pair of overalls worn by the laboring man. His argument was not based on theory, but upon the fact that indigo is made ready for use by a patented process and that patent is controlled abroad.

But what we want to do is to congratulate Mr. Beall upon his successful mission. For a young man of Greensboro to go to Washington and by persistent effort and unanswerable argument prove to the Senators and Congressmen that his side of the question was the right side, despite all the theories of those who wanted to do something else, is something worth thinking about. But we all knew Colonel Tom carried the stuff under his hat.

#### Military Training In Schools.

We have been asked if we favored military training in our public schools, and we answer that we do. Waiving all other arguments, the mere matter of discipline is worth the price. The young man who has military training which means strict military discipline, makes a better man. Viewed as a health measure, from all points of view having to do with his physical and spiritual being it is worth while. More necessary than many other things taught in public schools.

#### Always A Good Subject.

We are glad to see that many papers of the state are writing and still writing about the mail order blindness. The citizen who will take time to figure; to understand that the dollars sent to the North do not help us in any way, will hesitate before he sits down with a catalogue before him and sends his good money away forever. If the dollar is kept here it works all the time—means just that much more prosperity and prosperity helps us all. The mail order business grows larger, they say, despite the fact that there is a campaign against the practice. The time must come when public interest must be aroused concerning this feature of our extravagance.

#### The Amendments.

We have recently made it our business to talk with some intelligent farmers we know concerning the four amendments to be voted on this general election and all with whom we talked said they didn't see why the Constitution should be changed. But they did insist that there were too many laws, and if the legislature was given a free hand to pass general laws and wasn't obliged to fool with local legislation the good Lord only knew what we would have on the books. And in that there is some good horse sense. The amendments may carry. As they are not vicious—as they are simply a change to give law makers a chance to make more general laws maybe they will carry. But your Uncle will swat 'em when he votes. And that is one against them.

## BEEN A BIG WINNER



**T**HIS YEAR will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Trinity College in its location at Durham, and naturally the quarter of a century of such wonderful success will be appropriately celebrated. We recall when Trinity College first came to Durham—we were there then, and we remember what a big thing it was. We remember when it was dedicated—the Duke Building, and can today recall seeing the Hon. Thomas Jarvis, ex-Governor of the state making the principal speech. Durham was a small town then—and the Duke Building was no great thing—but those who look back over the twenty-five years and see what Trinity has accomplished: look at the magnificent buildings on the grounds—many of them given by the sons of Washington Duke, J. B. and B. N.—well it is an institution of learning as great as any in the South. And it will be greater.

President Few was called upon to succeed the gifted Kilgo, and he, too, has made good—exceptionally good. There was J. Franklin Crowell, there was Kilgo, and there is Few. Great men these were and are—and Trinity College will endure.

#### A Commission.

President Wilson announces that right away he will appoint a commission, one that will be acceptable to the railways, the trainmen and the public, to fully investigate the eight hour law recently passed by Congress—that he will have the facts in plenty of time to correct anything that is wrong, if anything is wrong, before the new law goes into effect. The new law does not go into effect until January. In the meantime a competent commission can gather data and reach a just conclusion. Congress meets again in December and if the findings justify the law can be amended. This, in a great measure, will remove the thunder and lightning from the Hughes campaign charges about the surrender.

#### Local News.

Ye editor-reporter went down the main street of the town today and he looked about for some items of interest, and he saw several funny things—or, rather odd things in the way of what Dame Fashion does or doesn't do. The morning was a trifle chilly—just a breath of rare old autumn was in the air, and Dick Milton came down the street jauntily attired in his palm beach, limited, suit and a panama hat. Dick looked as cool as a cucumber on ice—and said the pants were no hotter now than in August. Across the street a lady tripped along wearing furs, and on this side of the street Mon Rees, Commissioner of Public Safety, glided by in a pair of low cut shoes. The redeeming feature of these shoes was the fact that they were black, and not sorrel. Your Uncle looked further and saw men with light overcoats; men without vests and men with vests and he concluded that after all, it was "fitten" for a man to appear just as he wanted to appear, and that style or fashion had really nothing to do with it.

#### After Business.

Uncle Sam is going to start an armor plate factory costing something like eleven millions of dollars and some hundred odd towns have bid for the location. Eleven North Carolina towns were ambitious enough to put in bids. This shows decided progress. Twenty years ago and many North Carolina towns didn't have the enterprise, nerve or ambition to put in a bid for a blacksmith shop. Different now and gets a little more different all the time.

Of course they say it, but Hugh Dorsey, of Georgia, has other things to his credit beside the fact that he prosecuted Frank. Dorsey is a young man of fine ability and excellent character. Harris was too old a man to handle the business in a progressive state.

And now comes the county fair. And the Central Carolina Fair as well—the biggest show in the state. This with due reverence for and appreciation of the State Fair at Raleigh.

## CLAIM TERRY INSANE

### Big Murder Case Being Tried In Greensboro.

**I**T APPEARS that the defense in the Terry trial, on as we go to press, is trying to prove that Terry was insane before he shot John Stewart. It has been brought out in evidence that Terry was drinking a great deal; that he had been sued for libel and signed the libel and had to pay money for what he had said. This it is claimed made him despondent. And the trial proceeds. When a man is on trial for his life, when it looks like the electric chair was waiting for him, naturally there is much sympathy excited. Men look at the woman who is to be left behind—they allow sympathy to control them to some extent, and it is for this reason that so many men escape the chair.

What the verdict will be in this case no one knows as we go to press. But those who look calmly at the case; recall that John R. Stewart was one of the best citizens of the county; a kindly disposed man and a good neighbor, it seems incomprehensible that the man who took his life should be allowed further liberty. We are opposed to capital punishment. But we are in favor of restraining such men as Terry no matter whether sane or insane. When they commit as desperate a deed as he committed, then their liberty for life should be forfeited. No doubt about that. Society must demand it.

#### But Not So Wet.

Talking in Oregon, recently gone prohibition, the National candidates urged federal assistance. Dr. Landrith, the candidate for vice president, said: "This state is not now dry and will not be as long as there is one wet spot in the United States."

Possibly true. But prohibition by states helps wonderfully. National prohibition must come, and we believe will come, by 1920. It is in the very air we breathe. But until we get that all of us know that prohibition states are dryer, much dryer, than saloon states. North Carolina isn't dry. She has her blind tigers and moonshiners, but she hasn't as many drunkards. The boys are not looking into bar rooms and making up their minds to enter them. Prohibition by states does not cut out all the strong drink, but it helps in a great degree. National prohibition is certain. It may be delayed. Mighty interests are behind opposition to it and the vast revenues derived from alcoholic drinks stands like a wall before the march of temperance. But the wall will be scaled—and finally John Barleycorn will be routed. There will be no legalized wet spot in the United States.

#### The Income Tax.

It appears that the income tax has been doubled on the people with modest incomes—they must pay more money if they receive more than a certain sum—this coming year twice what they paid last year. Our law makers think this quite the solution of the tax gathering problem. The republican party thinks that protective tariff laws which take care of the revenues are better. The democratic party thinks that people with money should pay this freight. On this issue the election will be settled in November. The New York Times points out in a column editorial that the poor man under the present law from his modest income pays much more than the rich man, and suggests that the way to beat the income tax is for all people to get very rich. This is an excellent idea. A most happy thought. Perhaps this is what the paper manufacturers have in mind.

#### Wonder Where?

Wonder where Old Man Villa really is making headquarters. The Grand Old Man was reported to have lost legs and arms and lungs and, if we remember distinctly, had his head shot off a time or two—and he kept on going, being located at many different places at the same time. Wonder if there ever was such a person as Old Man Villa. Guess he was just a myth—an imaginary person wearing Seven League Boots and riding clouds.

#### A Year Old.

The Daily Record, of Hickory, is a year old, and lusty yearling at that. Sam Farabee went to Hickory and talked about a daily paper and some of the boys thought he was joking. But the year just rounded out shows that he has made good—and made a good paper. Next year it will be better. And Hickory should stand behind such a paper and such an editor to the limit. Here is hoping for a hundred years of prosperity for our namesake.

Cole Bleasie may be wondering if lightning struck anybody else—but he certainly got a shock that ought to convince him that South Carolina really doesn't need him in her business.

## FRIGHTENS THEM

### Literature About Great White Plague



**W**E REGRET to note that the State Board of Health is already booming the National Tuberculosis Day. Regret it, because it means much to so many people—means that the National wide movement does great harm. In all the medical journals we are able to get hold of, and in all the books on tuberculosis, written by what they call "authorities," we find so many divergent opinions, that we shudder to think that people are so grossly imposed upon. In the last number of the Medical Journal published at Charlotte the leading article is a paper read by a Texas doctor. He says so many things that many of the books do not say; he contradicts many things that the books boldly assert, that we read his article and pass it along as a well expressed guess. And a guess is the sum and substance. There have been in Greensboro men pronounced in the last stages of consumption who have recovered from whatever ailed them. There have been other men treated for some disease or other and when they were almost dead it was found by outside physicians, that they were suffering from tuberculosis. Names are not necessary. The books will tell you that you must be examined even before there are any germs to indicate tubercle bacilli—they insist that the "first symptoms" are a lot of things that are also the first symptoms of other diseases.

The great national examination day is only a chance for the doctor to have his inning. If you do not feel well consult your doctor, but for the love of God don't get excited over the excitement of a Tuberculosis Day and conclude that possibly you are marked for the grave. Remain at home on this great National Day—keep away from the whole programme. If you are ill; or if you think you are sick, go quietly and have your family physician examine you and tell you what he thinks. But do not join in this great hubbub—this set apart day to frighten people under a tombstone. Even Dr. Grady who writes some lurid stuff in his syndicated "Health Talks" now refers to the much exploited tuberculosis ghost as a three ringed circus of the Great White Plague. The State Board of Health should reconsider. It is doing incalculable harm when it sends out this literature that frightens, but does not restore nervous and hysterical people.

#### Fire Protection.

The city has its officers around just now looking at stoves and searching for what might aid in causing a conflagration. People are too careless, altogether too careless; and it is a wise thing for the city to take a hand. This morning an officer pointed out to one citizen a veritable fire trap—something alarmingly dangerous, and the citizen expressed great surprise to know that such a condition existed. All of us should make a search on our premises. It takes but a little time and it might save a disastrous fire. And before starting up the winter fires is a good time to get busy looking around.

#### United.

Judge Clark, of the Statesville Landmark, refuses to endorse Judge Bond in his talks on woman suffrage from the bench, but it does endorse Judge Bond on his platform concerning blood hounds, and this brings together two distinguished citizens. We are glad, ourselves, although we have occupied an entirely neutral position on this blood hound business, to see Judge Rufus Clark judicially endorsed. This, in a great measure opens the pasture bars for Editor Johnson's pair of mules to be used in pursuing escaping fugitives. In other words the blood hound cannot hope to remain Paramount much longer. To employ the last words uttered by General George Washington, the distinguished Virginian, as he passed from the field of earthly action, "It is well."

#### Marshall Accepts.

Vice President Marshall has been notified of his nomination and in a strong speech accepted it. All speeches of acceptance are alike in many ways, but Marshall was original. His closing paragraph is a gem. It reads: "I may not be an additional hour, but in the hope that I may assist in the re-election of Woodrow Wilson, who has not walked where the path has led, but who has walked where there was no path and who has left a trail, I accept this nomination." This is a new way of putting it. Marshall is a man of great ability; a gentleman of the old school without the years. He is quaint—and will do his best to carry Indiana.

Each day gets us closer to voting time in November, and doubtless all of us will feel better when the election is over. However this presidential campaign is not tying up business; it is putting money in circulation.