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The winner of the late Louisville Derby, "Montrose," is a Cincinnati horse. By his triumph, he is said to have won \$50,000 for his owner and backers.

WHAT a pity for all concerned that there is anything in the country like labor troubles. Strikes seldom do good—it is rarely that the desired end is attained, whether it be an increase in wages or a decrease in working hours that is wanted. The only remedy for such evils is for employers to pay a reasonable price for the service demanded. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and his pay should be proportionate with the work done. In that case we would not so often see such news items as the following in the prints: "Forty shoe manufacturing establishments have shut down at Haverhill, Mass., on account of labor troubles. Three thousand employees are idle."

ABOUT BASE BALL. Interest in the "National game" does seem to be losing its hold upon the public mind in the North and West, although it may have died out to some extent in the South. And this leads us to a few reflections on this subject. Base ball is a good thing in its way. It is a healthy sort of amusement, and as long as it is kept out of the hands of those who would like to use it in an improper way for making money there can be no particular objection to it. But even a healthy and harmless amusement may not be without its drawbacks. Too much of it may be demoralizing, and there are indications that we are having too much base ball for the good of young men and boys who haven't either the money or the time to enable them to gratify their appreciation of the game.

Employers in many cases find it difficult to get their employees to give proper attention to their duties. The minds of youths especially are so wholly taken up with base ball matters that their services in many cases are almost valueless. Neglect of duty is not the whole of the demoralization that is noticeable. Young men who have small incomes are often forced to make debts, and to put off paying overdue bills, in order to meet the base ball demand upon their purses. Of course this demand is not heavy in the estimation of those who have well-filled purses, but there are many, very many, among those who make it a point to witness every game who frequently find some difficulty in getting the necessary admission fee.

We haven't anything to say against the game, or the way that it is conducted, but people who think about such things can hardly fail to see that base ball players in three or four months can earn more than the best teacher in the public schools, more than college professors and even more than the average professional man in a year. Too many of the boys and young men of the country have their attention drawn away from the occupations in which they are earning their living and directed towards the career of a base ball player. Of course, there is only a limited demand for good players and hundreds of young men who are neglecting their duties for base ball are only preparing themselves for an idle and profitless life.

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## THE QUESTION OF LOCAL OPTION.

Bar-rooms or no bar-rooms, that is the question—whether it is better to endure the ills that we now have (more imaginary than real perhaps) or return to the old order of things that we know full well of. "Shall local option prevail, and whiskey be restricted to the channel through which it now flows, or will the liquor traffic be sanctioned by public opinion and bar-rooms be again open on our public streets?" is the question that agitates the public mind just now. And this question is to be decided at the polls next Monday. This is a matter for the people to determine, and it will be done, one way or the other, by a majority of the voters of the town. And this should be done deliberately and dispassionately, each man weighing the matter carefully and considering it in all its different aspects and then acting upon principle and the dictates of his conscience. If you believe whiskey is a blessing to mankind, and its sale morally as well as legally right; if you believe bar-rooms are a benefit to a community, and the town has not prospered under local option, no man should question your motives in voting to continue them. On the other hand, if you think the liquor traffic as at present restricted has a tendency to check drunkenness and preserve order; that the town has been benefitted by local option, then you should vote to sustain it.

As is well known the GOLD LEAF has never been "red-hot" on the question of local option. Upon general principles we do not favor purely local measures. Still, it is no friend to whiskey, and when it comes to deciding between right and wrong, between good and bad, between justice and injustice, between that which tends to protect the public morals, elevate society and benefit the human race, it has no difficulty in making up its mind what to do; and so we were willing to give local option a trial, and voted for it last year. And now we are fair enough to accord to it all the credit that belongs to it. Last year it was claimed that if the town went dry it would be killed—trade would fall off, provisions would be higher, and general stagnation and depression would result. Then many of our citizens honestly believed, that to close the legalized saloons would seriously injure the business of the town, without accomplishing the good intended. They plainly foresaw, they thought, that to close the bar-rooms in town, would be only to drive them to the outskirts beyond the corporate limits and away from under police regulation. This result would not bring any good that they could see. Believing this, they cast their votes against local option, and were just as honest in doing so, and entitled to just as much respect, as the peace-loving, God-fearing prohibitionists who cast their ballots against the saloons compelling them so close up business. Yet, in so voting they did not mean to join themselves with any lawless element, or those who vote for personal aggrandizement or as their appetites dictate. They simply intended to express the conviction that the law would work no good and would hurt the business of the town.

But has this been so? We think not. It was argued that prohibition would not prohibit—that people who drank whiskey would have it, bar-rooms or no bar-rooms. Very true, to a great extent; nor do the friends of local option seek to prevent men from drinking, if they want to. None of these objections are pertinent to the question at issue. The matter simply resolves itself to this: whether it is not better to have local option than licensed bar-rooms. What the local optionists seek is simply to prohibit the indiscriminate sale of liquor within the town—to keep the public dram-shops away from our midst. We have experienced the working of local option for one year, and while it cannot be denied that the law has been violated; that there has been whiskey drinking and drunkenness; that the system is not without its imperfections and objections; still, we believe, looked at fairly and impartially, the scales turn in favor of the law as it stands.

ELECTING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. Next Monday the Justices of the Peace are to elect a member of the Board of County Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George H. Yancey. We have heard the names of several gentlemen mentioned in connection therewith, any one of whom would no doubt serve

acceptably. The GOLD LEAF has no favorite—we want to see a good man elected, and out of the abundant material from which to select no other need be chosen. As the Board now stands the lower part of the county has two representatives—Middleburg and Nutbush township having a member each, while there are two from this (Henderson) township. Mr. Yancey was from the Middleburg section, while in the old Board, Townsville township had a representative. Now our Kirtell friends in the upper end of the county think they are entitled to representation, and Mr. Charles H. Williams has been put forward as their candidate. A good man in every particular and one that would make an efficient member of the Board if elected and would serve. The GOLD LEAF knows no charge of sectionalism can be successfully made against the Board. As County Commissioners they are elected, and as such they discharge their duties for the good of the entire people of the county, but it seems to us but just and reasonable that the representation should be as evenly distributed as possible when good and available men can be found to serve on the Board. However, that the Board of Justices will discharge their duty next Monday as shall seem to them good and wise we have no doubt.

[AN INSCRIPTION.] "MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS." By "The Southern Critic." Gentle reader! Did you ever hear the above expression used? Do you know what it means? It certainly means a great deal. But there are lots of people in this wide world who seem not to know its meaning, or to know the value of giving heed to it. To mind one's own business generally, includes letting other people's business alone. It seems to be a peculiarity of human nature for some people to be always meddling with other people's business. There may be several reasons for this. One is, that some folks haven't much business of their own to mind, and others meddle with their neighbor's business some times, to get an unjust advantage of him, and some times they do it out of a spirit of pure "cussedness."

Minding one's business and letting other people's business alone, is strictly legitimate, and honorable, and pays handsome dividends on the investment; in fact men have been known to make fortunes and die happy by minding their own business. And yet there are people, who are continually meddling and interfering with other people's business in unfair, underhanded ways. Some people seem to have plenty of time on their hands for this sort of thing, always trying to take or gain an undue advantage over their neighbor one way or another. We have always found that we had our hands full minding our own business. "Mind your own business," is a maxim that could be studied with profit by a great many people, especially by the editors of the Greensboro North State to whom these lines are fraternally inscribed.

AN UNWARRANTED ATTACK. While we endorse our contemporary, the Greensboro North State, in what it has to say in regard to Northern "advertising sharks," yet we must strenuously condemn what we deem an unwarranted attack upon an honorable enterprise. If our brethren of the North State have never seen the scholarly pen strokes of Mr. A. Roscower, or the high compliments paid him, now and then, by our State press, we think that they are somewhat of a "Rip Van Winkle" pattern, when addressing him as "some man." His name as a fluent writer is too well known to require our comments or endorsements. "Literary Chat," if our recollection serve us right, was started a year ago for the sole aim and purpose to stimulate, encourage, and develop literary talent in the South, and to aid such writers as are proven worthy to gain recognition in the world of letters. During the past year we have noted the names of many Southern writers ranking prominently upon the list of authors, which only could have been accomplished through the literary enterprise of Mr. Roscower. If our contemporary is desirous of knowing their names, we will cheerfully furnish them. In every instance, we know of, not a single cent has been charged, where the manuscript of an unknown Southern writer has been sold to a Northern Magazine publisher. "Every laborer is worthy his hire," so the proverb says, and we think that such an enterprise should be extensively patronized by Southern papers especially. Since the article in question appeared in the North State, we are informed by reliable authority, that not a single cent is contributed by book or magazine publishers, to sustain that enterprise, save the information of their respective forthcoming works, furnished to the resident correspondents of the "Literary Chat" Syndicate. It is sustained by newspaper patronage entirely, and we are glad to state that its future success is an assured fact. The editor of "Literary Chat" has his headquarters in New York, he being a member of the Century Club, he

comes in contact with every author of note. There is no enterprise in bringing an honorable and legitimate business into disrepute, and it should be the aim of every editor to "know when to speak." According to our estimation, "Literary Chat" is a complete and interesting literary department for any respectable newspaper, and the matter contained therein is written in a bright and readable manner. There are few young men in this country who are held in higher esteem in the literary world than Mr. A. Roscower, and there are very few who possess such high endorsements as the man who is known as the "Southern Critic." It would be only proper for our contemporary to make amends honorable—to right a wrong—to give honor to whom it is due.—Snow Hill Enterprise

THE CASH SYSTEM. The merchants of Danville Va., have started out to do a strict cash business, so we learn from the Register. In the first place, if the merchant has the ready cash in hand, he can buy his stock cheaper than when he buys on time. If he buys cheaper, he can sell cheaper and the customer gets the benefit of the discount. Again, if he sells for cash, he does not have to employ collectors and this reduction in expenses will enable him to reduce prices and all the time the customer gets the benefit of the reduction. Again, if he sells for cash he has no bad bills and does not have to charge up anything to profit and loss; and it is evident that if no money is lost the merchant can sell cheaper than when a large part of his profits must go to cover losses from bad bills. Please observe that the customer all the time gets the benefit of the reduced prices. Thus it is clearly seen that the merchant is better off if he sells for cash, and there can be no questions that the customer saves the difference in cash and time prices. But there are other advantages to the cash purchaser. He does not buy as much when he pays the cash as when he runs an account. Every man who has tried both plans knows this to be true. It is such an easy thing to step into a store, make a purchase and "charge it,"—put it on the slate"—frequently without asking the price. Moreover, as we have said above, he can buy cheaper with the money in hand than when he runs an account on time. And then, he knows exactly what he is buying, never has any errors in his bills, never has a collector to drop in on him unexpectedly with a bill he had forgotten all about and which he had not included in his liabilities, and he saves the annoyance of being "dunned," and saves time in making one transaction of purchasing and paying cash, for the two transactions of purchasing at one time and settling at another.

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