

THE GOLD LEAF.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 1907.

A Municipal Overflow. Of the facts that have swept over the country...

The city would have M. O. barks shops To furnish municipal bread...

We'd have a municipal dentist Who'd put on municipal crown...

A million municipal silkworms Would weave our municipal silk...

We'd have a municipal barroom. Municipal whisky and gin...

When out in municipal snowstorms You'd wear an M. O. macintosh...

You'd have to be full of M. O. love To please your municipal wife...

Your dear M. O. heart would be aching. You'd have a municipal sigh...

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

In M. O. the Latter Generally Exposes the Falsity of the Farmer...

The theory of municipal ownership is that municipal corporations can do for the public at cost the service now done by private corporations...

In the common practice of municipal ownership the city does for the public at increased expense, but for a lower price, what private corporations have been doing for a profit...

By the time the plant first installed is worn out the city, unless very rich and strong, is apt to be at the end of its credit...

In many cases, like that of the Philadelphia gas works, a private corporation gets the city plant for a song and makes money out of it faster than ever...

It, therefore, is to take the money of taxpayers to render service to non-taxpayers for less than the service costs—Editorial in Minneapolis Tribune.

M. O. IN MILWAUKEE. Unwarranted Action of the City Council in the Wisconsin Metropolis.

If you authorize an agent to purchase a piece of property for you at \$5,000 and he finds that it will cost \$12,000 and goes ahead and buys it without consulting you on the ground that you had said that you wanted the property, your words would probably not look well in print...

The city fathers found that the estimate was \$800,000 too low and passed a resolution to issue bonds to the extent of \$1,300,000. The city comptroller at first refused to sign the necessary papers on the ground that in view of the great difference in cost the matter should be again submitted to the people...

How delighted are all now that we are the happy and contented and immediate participants of this golden and triumphant age of perfect reconciliation to peace and Christianity.

Now the way is clear, the whole world, especially America, is upon a permanent, wide-awake and broadening basis. Look at the great array of interests beaming up before us...

The favorable omen of the different seasons of the year; the prophetic signs as transmitted to us through the days and nights as they come and go and act as the time keepers of man and the universe, the increased number of sheaves of an abundant harvest; the crowded avenues of trade and business in all quarters of the land, the jammed and congested conditions of the railroads which handle the commerce of a hustling yeomanry...

The whole of the world seems to be permeated with that feeling of hope and yielding spirit of going onward and upward, of building and enlarging, of facilitating and conveniencing and of beautifying and expanding the whole realm of human activity.

Just think to what proportions our great work is being carried on by the bidders. It she continues at this rate, she will soon take in all the islands of both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The increased facilities, inhabitants and revenues from the Canal, Porto Rican, Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands, with their immense wealth and advantages, are powerfully strengthening our government.

No wonder the American nation is both revered and feared by all the powers of the earth. Her home entrenchments are so powerful, her organic and basic principles so pure, her credit and integrity and so absolute and unquestioned, her judicial ermine and statesmanship, Executive heads in State and Nation are so admired and feared, her financial and tariff discoveries and enactments have such a complete and unceasingly by all the countries of the globe, on account of which her incomes from her commercial intercourse with other nationalities amount to \$187,000,000 annually—more than enough to run our own affairs.

Her army and navy stand out pre-eminently above all others and can easily persuade any of the powers of the earth, England not excepted, that it is better to arbitrate than fight the contrary notwithstanding. In other words, she has extended her broad arms to such proportions that she can easily protect her rights and uphold the colors of her flag in every clime, on land or on sea.

This marvelous disposition of expansion is gradually riveting and finding its way into the bosom of the friends of education, especially in the heart of the philanthropist, for these agencies everywhere are at work, anxious and determined to ameliorate and mitigate the condition of our age. The colleges of the land which formerly refused to open their doors and admit to their high curriculum only the chosen few, are now anxiously trying to get more students, more necessities for education than ever, on account of the increase of population and binding responsibilities, and the growing activities of the world, also more colleges than ever before; the doors thereof stand ajar as colleges...

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Address of H. P. Cheatham,

Delivered at the Colored Normal and Industrial Institute in Henderson, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, to More than One Thousand Farmers and Others of the Race.

Following is a portion of the address of H. P. Cheatham, colored, of Littleton, former member of Congress from the Second district and afterward register of deeds for the District of Columbia by Presidential appointment, delivered to over one thousand farmers and others of his race at the Henderson Normal and Industrial Institute, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. It was an effort worthy of the speaker, full of good advice to his people, and was well received by those who heard him. The negroes do well to follow the lead of such men as Plummer Cheatham and give heed to their wise counsel and rule of conduct in life.

Among other things he said: I ask you to consider my appearance upon this occasion as an expression of real interest in this grand institution of learning and in this beautiful city and community whose citizenship is among the best people in our great State. Here, I imbibed my first impressions of manhood and life, and can say to you, the teachers and promoters of this glorious and brilliant beacon light, how lucky and how happy you are to have your lot cast with these good people of both races—a people who will not shrink from duty, but will help those who will honestly strive to help themselves.

And to the patrons of this school, you can count yourselves fortunate that you are favored with such an institution of learning and with such a God-fearing and competent corps of teachers to mould and shape and train your children to walk in the proper paths of life. Now, with the hope that this and similar institutions of the land will vouchsafe to our waiting and anxious people a successful voyage from their unhappily and unfortunate condition to the high and unclouded plains of citizenship, we greet this occasion with smiling faces and cheerful hearts, congratulating ourselves that we are a part and parcel of the wonderful expanding tide of opportunities and progress which is so beautifully flowing with silver hue and providential air in every nook and corner of the land; and amid the flow of this welcomed and blessed tide, there seems to be an unseen hand of unusual accuracy, carefully placing and replanting, planting and replanting, nurturing and inspiring in all the departments of the affairs of man, instead of leaving him and his fields of operations to overflow and ruin or to waste and rot.

Yes, the condition of the human family, nearly everywhere, is indeed optimistic. The favorable omen of the different seasons of the year; the prophetic signs as transmitted to us through the days and nights as they come and go and act as the time keepers of man and the universe, the increased number of sheaves of an abundant harvest; the crowded avenues of trade and business in all quarters of the land, the jammed and congested conditions of the railroads which handle the commerce of a hustling yeomanry; the crowding and overflowing of the colleges everywhere with men and women who are earnestly seeking a higher citizenship; all indicate and convince us that this is an age which tends toward a happy and marvelous expansion in the affairs of life.

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doors never stood before; with larger doors, wider doors, and better doors, whose sacred and outstretched arms remain extended night and day to all the peoples, even in Africa, in Burma and in the Isles of the Seas. Yes, the hills and mountains of the land are dotted with these educational beacon lights, and there seems to be a loud call, of great meaning from the heavens above and a drum corps awakening from the ground beneath us. In a word, the dispensation of this age demands that the dark and narrow cells which have so long fettered and benighted and prevented the expansion of the human mind shall be burst asunder, that the whole people shall have a fair chance to be educated and elevated to meet that impending avalanche of duty and responsibility which this wonderful age is presenting. Friends, we must educate. Education shall be a man up, draw him out, straighten him erect, to grind and chisel off his rough, uncouth and unmanly growths; yea, it shakes his mighty dungeon of lethargy, ignorance and superstition. One of its objects is to prepare man to do all his grades of work, and to dignify labor; it takes off the rubbish and leaves man a polished and polite gentleman; it snatches from the fingers of the poor sportsman his little cane and his cheap cigar; it lays at the feet of the "dude" his fantastically royal robe so folly and vanity, and enables him to roll up his sleeves like a man and engage earnestly in the gainful pursuits of life and there share in the health, happiness and fortunes of these advancing times. Moreover, its mission is to restrain and to curb the appetites of man from low to lofty ideas; and when the minds and very lives of all are acuated and filled with the proper spirit of the creation of man and matter, when the human family, all classes, all the people commence to crave to live and enjoy that high, civilized, industrious, honest and pure life which education and religion establish, the grave problems and burning questions of today, such as labor troubles, race antipathy, lynching, graft, and even railroad rates, will be solved, answered and settled one for all.

This beneficent hand of progress is seen and felt wherever the duty of man is faithfully performed. It is remarkable how busy and overworked the great paths of traffic and commerce are kept on land and sea, home and abroad, conveying and handling the products of the earth, the markets of the world the great products from the fields of agriculture, from the mines in the mountains, from the mills and factories and from the crude forests at large.

Indeed we are always happy when we see:

Fields of wheat so full and fair, Shining with a sunny air, Lightly waving either way, Gracious as the breezes play.

The building and beautifying of the mighty towns and cities, and the broadening and extending the bulwarks of the same, and the wedding of the chisel and the axe, the shovel and the pick, the ringing of the hammer and anvil, tell the tale in every community, a "busy workshop." A worthy insignia of a noble and proud people.

No longer does the old sickening, sinful, idiotic and erroneous idea prevail which once took possession of almost all classes of men in this country, that it is lowering and unbecoming a gentleman to take off his coat in public as well as in private and roll up his sleeves to do a finish whatever his hands find to be done in the line of his business. Derision and ridicule have lost their fangs; no longer will the young men of today be frightened with their opportunity, wealth and power, though hard labor it may be, drawing men with stronger cords than the pressure of his necessities can force him or the customs of pride can intimate.

We see upon the surface of the earth and feel in the very air around us that pleasant and fruitful spirit of expansion and development. Fifty or sixty years ago, the goods we wore on all occasions were carried upon the laps of the women and spun with a small spinning wheel turned by the hand and the thread thereof manipulated from the spindle with the other and then taken to a great wooden frame loom as large as a house in which the weaver would sit for weeks, shooting the shuttle from right to left, from left to right; in reality, the machine with the foot treadle below and the shuttle warping and filling as the shuttle would dart across the loom taking a month or so to card and spin and weave 8 or 10 yards of cow hair cloth; but now one person can operate a hundred or more spindles and looms, at one and the same time, and in ten or more weaving in one hour that was done formerly in 2 years. These advancements are not mere talk nor something out of your sight, for this awakening impetus has struck this, your own little native city.

Forty or fifty years ago, Henderson was a mere little hamlet on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, with five small stores: Messrs. James H. Lassiter & Son, Parry Wyche, Lewis Kittle, and Dunn, Burwell and Parham, a exchange, managed by Mr. West Weavie, a small depot, a warehouse a little larger than the tobacco and cigar stand near the railroad crossing, and Ledbetter's Hotel with a drummer dropping in now and then. Her streets and sidewalks, not as good as the public roads, had examined her today. Go into her lumber and industrial departments and tell to what magnitude she has expanded. Look at her cotton mills and electric light plant; her water works, her solid rows of brick and granite structures, her macadam streets and granolithic sidewalks, her hundreds of palatial residences of modern and costly architecture, obtruding her fine schools and flourishing churches for both races; and one of the most popular newspapers published in the United States, whose editor watches diligently the interests of the common good of his entire people. The Henderson GOLD LEAF never fails to let the world know of its people, especially when they are doing well. In a word, just think of the changed conditions.

Fifty years ago this identical spot was one of the waste places of the community, a barren thicket used by the slave to hide from his master to while away a few moments in that leisure and sport which they could not otherwise get with their fellows, enjoying a game of

luster-cap and dice; but look here at this sacred spot today. It is clothed in another garment. It has deserted its old haunts of idleness, it has in one effort leaped high upon the mountains of activity and prepared usefulness, holding high beyond the trees a light to guide the feet of the erring ones. It seems to have been quickened by some friendly and mysterious power to the end, that it is giving its time and capacity, no longer as a thicket or woods to shield the idler in his games and pastimes, but to higher and nobler purposes.

The Henderson Normal Institute stands upon this lovely hill with undiminished arms to welcome worthy young men and women to enter and prepare themselves for life's varied vocations, and for the uplifting and saving a needy and appreciative people. May it continue to grow in strength and beauty, in usefulness and in the favor of all the good people, both rich and poor, both high and low, both white and colored, until its great goal shall be felt by all and its fruit seen to multiply and multiply in all quarters of the land. Surely the great Architect of the Universe will some day bless the men and women who have saved their earnings and used them to build and beautify the waste places of His earth to the glory of their fellow-man.

Now, my people, let me appeal to you to arouse and be earnest. As I have told you this is a peculiar and rapidly advancing age. You are largely the laboring class, upon whom labor the success or failure, the rise or fall of the masses of this race in the future entirely depends, and the time will come, yea, it is almost at hand, when it will be a serious question if this opportunity to labor for the public works in the Bureau of Labor and Printing in North Carolina, reports that negro labor in 96 counties in our state is unreliable and worthless. Now we cannot afford to have this kind of our people. The herds of Europe who were once sold in the market places of England like sheep in the shambles are to come to this country to take your places, on the farms, in the shops, in the mines, in treaty positions in private families, and on the public works in life. Let us all the arduousness of our work, and do better work and more work than any other class, with an honest desire to benefit our employer as well as ourselves. Then we shall make friends and hold our own in the ranks of the public works in the market and advancing with the sweeping current of a glorious prosperity.

In order to succeed and hold our own in the ranks of men, we must not be slow in speaking out and giving credit to those who have the courage and friendship to speak out for us; the race cannot do too much hon-

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