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PRESENT DAY INDECENCY

IN DRESS, SONG AND DANCE —WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The following editorial from the Greensboro Daily News is so pertinent that we reprint it entire:

The Literary Digest recently presented a symposium on the subject of "Carnality in Song, Dance and Dress." "Considering the trend of political morals toward betterment," says the Digest, "many observers are either puzzled or critical about the backward tendency they note in social morals, as indicated in the kind of song, dress and dance now most popular."

Where formerly, we are told, songs pleasant and healthy, whether sentimental, patriotic, or humorous, were heard in the parlor, concert hall, or theater, now we have in a tyranny of "ragtime" an offensive and gross prostitution of all sentiments that customarily form the basis or the popular song. As long ago as May 24, it was recorded in these pages that a plan had been suggested for the censorship of such songs, but, although no such censorship has been legally effected, the private censorship of the press, secular and religious, is continuous. Likewise there is abundance of stricture on what is being gradually fixed in the mind of the reading public as the immodesty of woman's dress and the peril of the new dances whose peculiar steps are more or less loosely recognized by such names as the Tango, the Turkey Trot, and half a dozen more.

A writer in the New York Musical Observer presents this picture:

Is it not pitiful to look upon a little girl, perhaps seven or eight years old, snapping her fingers, swaying from side to side, and lustily singing as if her very heart were in every note, 'Ev'rybody's doin' it, doin' it." She hears her big sister sing it: her big sister hears it at a "show", and her beau buys it for her. Glance at the sheet music displayed on the piano in the "front parlor" of nearly every home in the country. Do you see any songs like "Annie Laurie," "Ben Bolt," or "The Last Rose of Summer?" No; you see "The Devil's Ball," "The Dippy Rag," "The Baboon Baby Dance," and "The Tango Twist," each one with a title-page picturing confortioned dancers partly clothed, and the printed words, "The reigning success of the day." And the worst of it all is that these songs appeal not only to the low and vicious-minded, but the great majority of our churchgoing, pious-minded people pay out their money to attend theaters in order to hear and applaud them.

George Hamlin, the tenor, says that "good songs are produced in a country where the people know and understand good poetry," and upon this text the Chicago Daily News comments that "the average American song is drivel, if not something worse. This could not be true if it were not for the fact that both composers and the purchasing public will consent to accept drivel. The young people of this country should be familiarized with good poetry. If better songs are to be the by-product of culture, hasten the day!"

Therein may be found a suggestion valuable to parents of young children anxious to guard them against not only the influence of silly vicious songs, but against baseness in general. A love of good poetry is easily inculcated in children.

Upon women's dress, the Digest quotes the Wesleyan Methodist of Syracuse, N. Y.:

If girls had a faint idea of the disgusting sight they presented, or could hear some of the unmanly, dissolute remarks made about them as they pass along the streets clad in transparent waists, or one of those short, outlandish, tight gripping hobble skirts, they would feel so ashamed that if they had a spark of virtue left in them they would go to their rooms or get out of sight somewhere till they had a sensible dress to put on. How can they expect people to distinguish them from the low and corrupt if they dress exactly like them?

A Chatolic priest puts it thus:

Never in history were the models so abhorrently indecent as they are today. One may make the closest study of costumes through the prints and drawings and sculptures of five thousand years and find nothing to equal the shameless styles worn unabashed in the crowded streets and summer resorts by hundreds of thousands of apparently respectable girls.

Many more religious papers are outspoken in condemnation of "the model of today," as, for instance, the Kansas City Catholic Register, which says, "There is no artistic excuse for some of the costumes to be seen in public places," and classifies certain garments as "designed to compel instant attention to their indecency;" while of the secular press, the New York Times, commenting on a dispatch from its Paris correspondent that women's dress models this summer are "the most audacious since the Directoire," is at a loss for an explanation:

The Directoire audacity is understandable. France had been having a debauch in the name of freedom, religion had been insulted, anarchy had just been quelled, and in the slow process of restoration of law and order old conventions had been nearly obliterated, morals were at a lowebb, and the social condition was exactly expressed in the dress of the women. But that social condition surely does not exist now. . . Therefore fashions, to express the new sense of the alarming development of evil and the need of suppressing it, should become more formal and modest, nor take on the aspect of the bacchanalia. There is no accounting for the extravagance of the prevailing Parisian mode.

"Immodest dress is responsible for many a young girl's downfall and ruin," writes Dr. Edwin H. Lewis in American Medicine; "every medical man of large practice and experience knows only too well the fires kindled by the present dress of young females."

It is pointed out that the modern dances are vigorously defended; by some professing Christians, and even some psychologists; yet police, school and church authorities are gravely concerned about them.

The Baptist Examiner, of New York, declares, "the whole tendency of these outrageous performances is toward the indecent, the immoral, the putrid."

Are these things in harmony with their times? Most men who discuss them seem to feel that they are not; that they should be resisted. Some women take an equally grave view; other women take the view that woman's dress, at least, is woman's business, and men are impertinent in their futile meddling. Some think that as all these things are matters of fashion they will soon give place, and that another extreme will soon be presented. The whole problem is essentially a feminine one. We do not believe that the resort to laws and ordinances can have any appreciable effect, especially as laws are still in a large sence reflections of the masculine view.

COMMENT

"NEAR HICKORY"

Hickory is spreading herself some. A head line in the Greensboro News states "Carl Taylor was killed near Hickory." We are aware that Hickory is growing and we rejoice in her growth but we did not know that a point that used to be 12 miles from Hickory is now "near Hickory." —Catawba County News.

What is hurting you, brother, Newton is only a surburb. The news item referred to should have been sent in from your town.—Hickory Democrat.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

The Travellers Club met with Miss Mary Geitner Aug. 19 at 4:30. The study for the incoming years is Florence, the city of flowers, especially during those glorious three hundred years when the beauty of her art blossomed fadeless forth for all time. Miss Geitner, the president, has prepared a remarkable fine program, an epitome of Florentine history and art, a study, as Hawthorn says, of "statesmen, heroes, artists, men of letters and of song whom the world claims as its chief ornament though Italy produced them all." The Club's first meeting will be Oct. 2nd, at Miss Geitner's

ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF RATTLESNAKES

On last Saturday afternoon Fred Salvo, delivery boy for Bost & Newton, killed a rattlesnake on Sixteenth street just in front of the home of Mr. J. S. Setzer. The snake measured three feet and five inches in length and had seven rattles and a button. According to Mr. J. F. Allen this is proof that the snake was seven years old.

This is something out of the ordinary for Hickory. We knew the little city was progressive, and that numbers of good citizens were coming here to live but we did not know that we were attracting the attention of rattlesnakes.

Suffered Eczema Fifty Years—Now Well.

Seems a long time to endure the awful burning, itching, smarting, skin disease known as "tetter"—another name for Eczema. Seems good to realize, also, that DR. HOBSON'S ECZEMA OINTMENT has proven a perfect cure.

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PREMIUM LIST BIG

Live Stock Show Will Be Feature of National Conservation Exposition

$14,000 IN PRIZES OFFERED

Object of Manager of Live Stock Department Is To Make Display Absolutely Clean and Stimulate Breeding of Better Class of Animals in South.

Some of the objects of the Live Stock Show to be held in connection with the National Conservation Exposition in Knoxville, as set forth by the director of that department, John A. Jones, are:

To show to the farmer and live stock man how much more economical, how much better, it is for him to breed a good animal than a scrub animal.

To show that successful farming depends, not only on the man behind the plow, but also on the weight of the team in front of the plow.

To show that agriculture and live stock breeding are closely related and car not be separated.

To prove that great opportunities—opportunities as great as exist anywhere—for the raising and breeding of live stock are being neglected and are going to waste in the South.

To prove by actual demonstration the advantages to be gained by the breeding and raising of swine and sheep in the South.

To make the show absolutely clean and high class.

To do everything possible to foster the breeding interests of the Southern country.

Fine Displays at Show.

The Live Stock Show that will be held at the big National Conservation Exposition, in Knoxville, from September 1 to November 1, of the present year, will be the greatest event of its kind probably ever held in the South. As the object of the National Exposition is to teach the lesson of the necessity of conserving the natural resources of the country, so, too, will the object of the Live Stock Show to teach a lesson—the lesson of conservation.

MISS JULIA C. LATHROP,
One of country's noted women and head of Child Welfare Department of National Conservation Exposition.

By displays and exhibits of finely-bred animals—horses, cattle, sheep and swine—and also by comparisons between these well-bred beasts with scrubs will the lessons of the Live Stock Show be taught. Noted men of the live stock world will deliver lectures from time to time. There will be other features forming a part of the show that will be new and novel and of a character never seen at a similar show in the South before.

The premium list is large. The total amount offered in premiums in all departments of the show is $14,000, and these premiums are so arranged that every owner of a well-bred animal will have a chance of being declared a winner in some of the classes.

Many Other Big Prizes.

There is a stake of $1,000 offered for the best saddle horse to be shown in the ring at the Night Horse Show.

There is an offer of an $800 award for the best pair of heavy brood mares to be shown. This offer, it is expected, will result in a better class of heavy draft animals being raised in the South.

There is also a special prize of $1,000 for the best exhibit of live stock from any county in any Southern state. This is the first time that such a premium has been offered for an event of this kind. The total premium list in connection with this one event alone foots up to $2,700.

A commodious, well-ventilated building will house the live stock exhibits at the Conservation Exposition. The ring in which the animals will be shown has been pronounced to be one of the best in the country. A Night Horse Show will be held, and this will be made much of. It is expected to attract large crowds and also a fine line of exhibits.

TO FARMERS WIVES AND DAUGHTERS

In most of the Western States the farmers wives in different counties have organized Demostic Science Clubs and farmers wives meet at the court houses once a month and hold an Institute and have demonstration days in cooking, caring for children, making the home profitable, running the home on a business basis, pin money for the farm girl and how she may earn it, solving the problem of the farm boys' social life and the needs of the rural school and the needs of the community at large.

Now every woman in Catawba county is just as bright as the woman in the west, so, farmers wives and daughters, why not organize a Domestic Science Club in Catawba county and we farmers wives and daughters get together and learn why we cook such good things to eat, for nobody in the whole world can beat us cooking? And we are known as the famous Dutch cooks, and that is a reputation to be as proud of as to be known as a famous musician or an eminent physician. But how many of us know the scientific principles of cooking and what our good cakes and fried chickens' are going to do for our boy's and girls' stomachs when they eat them. There is a reason why we should know these things and we have never had the chance to learn what certain foods do for our bodies, even though we be considered well educated, because the school is in fault and the day, I hope, is near when the public school girl will be required to take a course in Domestic Science, and if we do not want to have to learn it from our girls we must get to work, and we can learn so much more working together than we can studying separately. And it will be more interesting and Oh, ladies, you know how we have talked over and over about that trip we dread to town, because there is nowhere to take baby and rest and how we have read of Western towns providing rest rooms for country mothers, and I know Newton people will be very glad to see that we have a room for country mothers, exclusively, and good accommodations, for they are the best town people in the world just as we are the best country people in the world. And we are all the good old Dutch and are proud of it because you can depend on our thrift, integrity and honesty, so let us think about keeping our reputation as cooks. And if one lady who reads this is interested, I not only ask her to write me a card at once, but write her opinion to the county papers so the other ninety-nine may read it too. And if there is one woman who does not go to town four or six or twelve times a year she will be interested in this I know, and this would be a wonderful good excuse because you know when a woman sets her head—and you men may get good roads a little sooner if we women have to go to town oftener.

MRS. GORDON WILFONG,
R-1. Newton, N. C.

DR. HOLLER TO MOVE TO HICKORY

Dr. O. L. Holler of Taylorsville, was here Monday and after looking over the city, has decided to move here in the near future and will practice medicine.

Dr. Holler is one of Alexander county's most prominent physicians and citizens, and we gladly welcome him and his family to our city.

Claremont College.

Claremont College will open Sept. 3 at 10 o'clock.

Five weeks work on the interior of the building has placed everything in fine shape for the opening.

Some of the new teachers are already on the ground arranging the schedule of work so that there will be no delay.

Boarding students are expected to arrive on Sept. 2. Town students should be present at the opening exercises.

Prospects for a fine opening are encouraging.

J. L. MURPHY,
President.

Lutheran Church at Granite Falls to be Dedicated.

The new Lutheran church at Granite Falls, will be dedicated the first Sunday in September. Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Hickory, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Services to begin at 10:30 a. m.

At 2:30 p. m., Rev. Prof. R. L. Fritz, president of Lenoir College, will also preach for us. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

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Mrs. Beard's School to Open.

The fall term of Mrs. James B. Beard's school will open on Monday, Sept. 1, 1913. adv.

A SOUTH CAROLINA HERO

The Spartanburg Sheriff Who Stood Off a Mob When the Governor Had Refused Help.

At Spartanburg one night last week a deed was done that ought to give immortality to the man that did it.

A negro had been arrested because he was suspected of a crime against a white woman. The crime was not proven; the suspect had not even been presented to his supposed victim for identification, but about 8 o'clock the usual mob began to gather.

The sheriff saw the danger mounting and wired for help. But Blease rules in South Carolina, and all the officer got was an ironic offer to call a special term of court for the trial of the case September 1.

Within the jail were the wife of the sheriff and his two sick children; outside was a murderous mob howling for blood. They attacked the great gate of the jail yard, and it crumpled and gave way under the assault. They hurled dynamite over the wall. They knew that they were under the protection of the Governor of the State, therefore they were absolutely reckless of the lives within the jail. If ever a sheriff was justified in surrendering, this was the man.

But when he took office this man had sworn an oath to uphold the laws; and being a man he regarded his oath above all else. So, as the gate went down and the first surge of the bloodthirsty mob swept toward the opening, he stepped into the breach with his gun in his hand and swore another.

"Gentlemen," said he, "I hate to do it, but, so help me God, I am going to kill the first man that enters that gate!"

This was a new and unexpected development, and the mob, always most careful of its own skin, saused. Then came a voice, exclaiming, "He means it, boys!" And not a man entered.

That is all there is to the story. But in our opinion that short tale tells of a deed that is sublime. William J. White was tested in those few minutes with every acid that might corrode the character of a man, but he came out unscarred. Merely to face the mob took courage, even with the power of the State behind him; but White stood alone, while the Governor, on whom he should have been able to count for help, lolled in his easy chair at Columbia and laughed at his extremity. It took courage far rarer than mere physical bravery to defy public opinion by choking off a lynching in South Carolina. White knew that in all probability he was signing his own political death warrant when he halted that mob. But most fearful of all was to know, when the dynamite was raining, and the gate was creaking on its hinges, that those most dear to him were directly in the path of the flying death. Two sick children! Could man have been subjected to a more frightful test?

South Carolina must bow her head in shame over many of her sons, but she can lift it high when this man is named.—Greensboro News.

Base Ball Championship.

To decide who is entitled to the pennant as Amateur Baseball Champions of North Carolina, Red Springs, champions from the east, and Morganton, from the west, will meet in a series of games to be played on the League Grounds, at Charlotte, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 28th, 29th and 30th.

These games will be hotly contested, as pitchers representing both teams have refused offers from practically every club in the North Carolina League this season.

It is predicted that the largest crowds ever admitted to the League grounds in Charlotte will witness the games—especially the opener, as Jaynes, of Morganton, and Covington, of Red Springs, will be pitted against each other. Arrangements are being made for special rates over the different railroads entering Charlotte and side attractions are planned for the visitors.

Motor Cycle Record Smashed.

Columbus, O., Aug. 24.—What is said to be the world's record for 100 miles on a dirt track for a motorcycle was made this afternoon by Harry Goudy of Chicago when he rounded the local mile track 100 times in 92 minutes flat. The previous record for 100 miles on a dirt track was 95 minutes.

Daniels' Sister-In-Law Given Splendid Place.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Miss Ethel Bagley, sister-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and for 15 years a clerk in the government service, has been appointed a clerk in the navy library at a salary of $1,600 per year.

Remarkable Cure of Dysentery.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15th, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug Co. adv.

GREATEST OF ALL

Land Show at Conservation Exposition Will Set a New Mark

WHAT A BUSINESS MAN SAID

Nothing Like Display in This Department of Big National Exposition Ever Has Been Attempted in the Country Before—Lessons for Farmers.

E. D. Stratton, land and industrial agent of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific and the Alabama Great Southern railroads, paid his first visit a few days ago to the grounds upon which the big National Conservation Exposition will be held in Knoxville from September 1 to November 1 of the present year. He went to Knoxville with a party of other railroad men. After his visit to the grounds, after he saw what had been done and what was being done in preparation for the exposition, he expressed himself in this wise:

"To say that I was most favorably impressed would be to put it mildly. I had no idea that such a site for an exposition could be found anywhere in this country. I had no idea of the extent and character of the buildings already up, and I was delighted to see such good progress being made in the erection of the big new buildings."

"Will your roads be represented by a land exhibit?" he was asked.

"They will," he replied, positively "They could not afford to be unrepresented."

This was a hard-headed man of business speaking. He had seen. That was enough for him. His decision was made.

Greatest of All Land Shows.

At this early date this statement can be made positively and without fear of contradiction:

THE LAND SHOW AT THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION EXPOSITION IS GOING TO BE, NOT ONLY THE GREATEST LAND SHOW EVER SEEN IN THE SOUTH, BUT THE GREATEST LAND SHOW EVER SEEN ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Land primarily is the basis of all wealth. Much has been learned about land in recent years, many lessons of incalculable benefit to the tillers of the soil have been taught. Many lessons remain to be learned; there is still much in the land and in the methods of its best cultivation still to be taught. Land shows are, comparatively speaking, a new institution. They have done much to educate the people.

The conservation of the soil of the United States is one of the greatest projects undertaken in this twentieth century of progress.

And the Land Show at the National Conservation is going to exemplify the most advanced thought along these lines.

Building Is All Ready.

The new Land Building on the beautiful exposition grounds of the National Conservation Exposition is completed. It stands on a terrace; it is beautiful in design, beautiful in execution. In the rear of the building is an auditorium that will seat 3,000 persons. The building is spacious and was constructed especially for the Land Show and all that goes with it. On the lower floor of the big white building the land companies and the land departments of the various railroads will have their displays. On the upper floors will be the educational exhibits, and these will include the exhibits of the different experiment stations of the United States Department of Agriculture in the Southern states.

Mr. Farmer, here are a few of the things that are going to interest you when you pay your visit to the National Conservation Exposition and the Land Show in the Fall:

You are going to be shown in a most striking and convincing manner how best to maintain and increase the production of your land.

Lessons of the Show.

You are going to get ideas on how to improve the grade and yields of plant and animal products.

You are going to see the soil of the Southern country, and so arranged to teach you many valuable lessons.

You will see exhibits that have to do with the impoverishment of the soil.

You are going to see the best and most modern methods of crop rotation illustrated.

You are going to see actual demonstrations of the way in which you can plant and raise little known products and thus increase the earning capacity of your lands.

You are going to see—

What is the use of going farther? The sentiment that the Land Show at the National Conservation Exposition will be the biggest and best ever held still stands.

The railroads are preparing to make very extensive exhibits—the most extensive they ever have made at a Southern show.

EXPOSITION THOUGHT.

The expositions of the past were as songs of achievement at the end of a good day's work. The National Conservation Exposition will be a living and tangible promise of a still more glorious to-morrow foreordained by the wise action of to-day.

Rural Carriers to Meet.

Newton, Aug. 23.- The Rural Carriers of the Ninth Congressional District are hereby called to meet in the City of Gastonia, N. C. Monday September the first 1913. This call is made for the purpose of discussing subjects pertaining to the service, and take steps to more thoroughly organize the carriers of the District. The organization is based on fraternal principals, it is for the study and adoption of the best methods of performing the duties of the rural service, for the betterment of the condition of all its members, and to co-operate with the department for the advancement of the rural service. We desire a large attendance therefore every carrier and substitutes whether members of the Association or not are urgantly requested to attend we owe it to the service, we owe it to the department officials, we owe it to ourselves to attend these conventions whenever and wherever opportunities and circumstances will permit.

Take a day off my brother, and meet us at Gastonia and let us get acquainted, and exchange ideas, thereby enjoy the day together.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,
J. M. BALLARD.
District Organizer

Telegraph Operator is Killed at His Post.

Scottsville, Va., Aug. 24.—Richard W. Harrison, telegraph operator in the Chesapeake & Ohio railway station here was shot and instantly killed while on duty early today. The train sheets showed that he had copied a train order at 2:23 a. m. and at 3 o'clock when a freight conductor went to the office he found Harrison lying on the floor dead with an automatic revolver in his hand. The bullet entered the right shoulder and glanced downward and there was nothing to indicate that the weapon had been discharged, especially when no empty shell could be found. Nothing in the office was stolen.

Posse is Searching for Lewis Phillips

Taylorsville, Ky., Aug. 24.—A posse tonight is searching the Ohio river bottoms for Lewis Phillips, who is accused of the cold-blooded and unexplained murder of William Zurelbry, committed only a short time after Zurelbry had saved Phillips from drowning.

Phillips and several other men were pitched into the Ohio late last night when their skiff overturned. Zurelbry, an aged man, who witnessed the accident, swam in and rescued Phillips, who could not swim. Not long afterward, it is said, Phillips went to Zurelbry's home armed with a rifle, entered the house and asked whether Zurelbry were his rescuer. Upon receiving an affirmative answer Phillips is said to have shot the old man through the heart.

Phillips, though fired upon by a posse which quickly formed escaped across the river. Late tonight he had not been captured.

Primitive People of Panama.

Thirty miles north of the Panama canal, almost within sight and hearing of the industrious army busily engaged in bisecting a hemisphere for Uncle Sam, the natives are wild, though not savage, says National Waterways, these people posses a very retiring disposition, and can only be seen by coming upon them by surprise. The women and children never leave their own settlement, and the men seldom venture more than a few miles from their home to the local trading posts along the Chagres river, where they dispose of the few pigs and bananas which they raise for a living. An occasional horse may be found in their settlements. They dwell in tobanks, a thatched hut in which the living room is under the roof. On the first floor of the hut is a fireplace consisting of four stones on on which rests the proverbial kettle, and the only piece of furniture, if it may be called such, consists of two crooked sticks formed into a crude ladder reaching to the parlor and living room, under the thatched roof of the house.—Glen Mills Daily.

Lawyer Convicted of Retailing.

Fayetteville, Aug. 25.—James H. Johnson of Hope Mills, a member of the Cumberland county bar, was today found guilty of retailing by a Superior Court jury and entered a plea of nolo contendere to three additional indictments. Solicitor Sinclair accepted a nol pros in another case and refused to ask for a verdict in a sixth because the witness to whom Johnson was alleged to have sold a glass of wine testified that he was too drunk at the time to know whether the defendant sold or gave him the beverage.

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