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MEN VS. MONEY

Here is a point for every young man in Hickory and North Carolina to seize on: that whereas, we are in the habit of thinking of money as doing all the talking, the truth is that character and ability count more today than ever counted before.

Money is the most plentiful thing in existence, even though it remains with one only a few minutes. Men of ability and character, men who are trained to manage affairs, whether large or small, are more to be desired than capital.

A Hickory business man in a conversation said to us the other day that what Hickory business men desired was not outside capital so much as competent men to run new enterprises. We were speaking of manufacturing enterprises for Hickory, and this business man said there was plenty of capital here ready for investment the minute the right man could be found to manage the business.

This ought to act as a tonic to young men who imagine that there is little place in the present scheme of things unless one is loaded down with money. Men had rather risk a man with character every time than a man with money and no experience.

NEWTON IS READY

Newton business men have named a committee to confer with the Hickory Chamber of commerce and people in the country in regard to the proposed bond issue for good roads. The Newton correspondent of the Greensboro News says that no opposition has developed and as it is proposed to appoint a nonpartisan commission to handle the funds, none is expected. The proposition is to issue about \$500,000 in bonds and to improve every public road in the county. Everybody interested in the matter desires simply that the roads be kept in repair and there is little doubt that provision will be made on doing this.

Not having a battery of linotypes, a dozen assistants and a big press, we are compelled to rely on Record writers to phone in news items. Every item will be appreciated, too.

Having started something in the insurance business, Tow Watson may be able to repeat, and for that reason a great many people are listening at him.

It might not be feasible, but if the state would grant licenses to medicines as it does to insurance companies, there would be no doubt of its ability to bar friends.

Although the tendency throughout the country is in the direction of short ballots, there is no doubt that considerable sentiment in North Carolina is headed the other way.

The weather man hit it right as to Sunday and Monday, and it's a safe wager that a cold wave will hit this country before Wednesday.

Bryan and Hobson operate the tongue of the water wagon.

MADE IN AMERICA The greatest cataract in the world is the Falls of Niagara. The greatest cave in the world is the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. The greatest river in the world is the Mississippi, 4,100 miles long. The largest valley in the world is the Valley of the Mississippi. The largest lake in the world is Lake Superior, which is truly an inland sea, being 430 miles long and 1,000 feet deep. The longest railroad in the world is the Pacific railroad, which is over 3,000 miles in length. The greatest natural bridge in the world is the natural bridge over Cedar creek, in Virginia. The greatest mass of solid iron in the world is the great iron mountain in Missouri. The largest deposits of anthracite coal in the world are in Pennsylvania. The finest climate in the world is in Hickory, N. C.

The Senior Luther League of Holy Trinity Lutheran church will hold its monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. N. G. Deal tomorrow evening at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS UNKNOWN IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press)

London, Jan. 22.—Unemployment, which like the suffrage and the Irish questions, was formerly one of the most difficult subjects the government had to deal with is shown by an official chart just issued by the government board of trade to have now fallen off to the vanishing point. In 1908 the unemployed represented between 9 and 10 per cent of the working population. In 1909 it was between 8 and 9 per cent. There were the years of labor agitation which led to the law for government insurance of the unemployed. Up to the time the war began, the unemployed averaged from 4 to 5 per cent of the population, from 1909 to 1915. Since the opening of the war the percentage of unemployed has run steadily down. The official chart shows it was down to 2 per cent four months after the war started. By June, 1915, it was down to 1 per cent and at the end of 1915 had fallen to one half of one per cent. Now it has fallen almost to zero.

This is having the effect of greatly reducing the governments unemployment insurance, which was one of the main features of Lloyd George's social and economic legislation. The returns for last month show there were 2,027 claims weekly, amounting to 486 pounds, or about \$1.25 per claim.

This is a reduction of fifty per cent since last year, and a much greater reduction since the war began.

LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED

Statesville Landmark.

Three boys—aged 8, 10 and 12 years—were before Judge Shaw in Buncombe superior court at Asheville this week for storebreaking and larceny. The 10-year-old was sent home with his father and the others were sent to the Jackson Training School at Concord. In admonishing the boys, Judge Shaw declared that "improper conditions in the home and laxity of home training is the cause of these babies being in court. When I was a boy, a good thrashing would have been given, and it usually proved a cure." Eight, Judge Shaw, but rather out of date. We don't hear of much of that old-time thrashing being done by parents these days and when it is attempted in the next best place—the school—the teacher is haled into court and it costs him a few months' salary before it is over with, if he is not murdered right out by irate relatives. Your father's idea produced a judge and the other fellow's a thief. But a smart-aleck kid is bigger than a judge any time.

Baltimore has a cemetery for pet dogs. The average age of an ostrich is thirty years.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL REPORTED IN NORWAY

(By Associated Press.)

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 22.—A significant political upheaval is indicated by the remarkable Socialist gain in the municipal elections in Christiania this month. For the last sixteen years the Norwegian capital has been governed by the Conservative party, but at the elections just concluded the Socialists won 42 out of the 84 seats on the aldermanic board, leaving the Conservatives 37 and the Radicals 5. The Radical members are known to be irascible to casting their votes for a conservative mayor and it is therefore pre-determined that the Socialists will forthwith elect one of their representatives for mayor.

The growth of the Socialist vote all over Norway has been marked in recent years since suffrage was extended to every man and woman over twenty-five years of age. In the last state election, a year ago, the Socialists mastered 40 per cent of the voters. One of the reasons for the gains has been the high cost of living, and many of the middle class people whose wages have not increased proportionately have gone to the Socialist platform, which would have the government take charge of trade in the most necessary articles, such as food and fuel by means of municipal stores where everything would be sold at cost. Something has already been done along these lines, in the matter of imports of flour and sugar and the sale of fuel potatoes, milk and fish; but the Socialists scheme would carry the government help much further, even to building dwellings for the poor and middle class workers, who are suffering for want of houses or from the exorbitant rent now charged for even the poorest kind of rooms.

READY FOR HIM

The landlady noticed with unfeigned dismay that her new lodger's fire consumed more coal than she had been accustomed to provide for it. She mentioned it. "Oh yes!" explained the ingenious young man. "You see, I always place the lumps of coal upon the grate in such a way that the grain of the coal is perpendicular—that is, running up and down, you understand. It makes much better fire. Nothing like a little science you know." The unimpressed female who contracted for the supply of daily necessities spoke in a hard voice that almost stopped the lodger's watch. "That may be so, but I always charge one shilling extra for scientific gentils!"—London Telegraph.

Don't forget to see the 10th episode of the Shielding Shadow at the Pastime this afternoon and tonight.

California has over 10,000 factories.

BURYING THE DEAD NEW DIFFICULTY

(By the Associated Press)

London, Jan. 22.—A new public danger threatens the country in the difficulties of burying the dead. It is caused by the scarcity of undertakers, coffin-makers, and grave diggers and has resulted in delaying funerals for days, a condition which if aggravated by an epidemic would be a very serious one. To forestall that danger and to remedy the present situation compulsory cremation is being advocated.

The tribunals which sit in all parts of the country and hear appeals for exemption from military service have pressed into military service every man whose work is not indispensable to the existence of the nation. The result is that they have "combed out" the undertaking trade and taken most of the skilled grave-diggers for another sort of digging. It seems also that the shortage of coffins in countrywide. The head of the largest undertaking firm in London which used to turn out between 600 and 700 coffins a week says that to add to the difficulties the railroad authorities have made a new regulation that nothing over 112 pounds is to be sent by passenger train. This means that coffins with a few exceptions will have to be shipped on freight trains. "Bodies," he said, "are waiting at every London station for hours for lack of labor to fetch them away." The Daily Mail has taken the lead in the campaign for cremation. It also sees a danger in too many cemeteries. "This reform of funeral procedure is long overdue," says the paper. "It will have to extend at once to compulsory cremation, and eventually to the wider and even more important consideration of the ever-growing encroachment of cemeteries upon land needed for building or agriculture."

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Piedmont Council No. 43, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. All visiting brothers cordially invited. J. W. BALLEW, Councilor M. G. CROUCH, Rec. Sec'y.

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