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SAME OLD STORY

Solomon tells us that there is nothing new under the sun. New bottles are set before us, to be sure, but it is the same old wine every time. The seven jokes have been passed around and around, each man adding a few embellishments until, like bacteria, they multiply and divide, and we think we have a book of new jokes, when at heart they are all the same old chunks of humor, moss-covered and moth-eaten.

When we became Webb-footed, adopted "Sahara" as our motto and added "bone-dry" to our vocabulary, we hooked our thumbs under our suspenders, assumed a complacent air and fooled ourselves into thinking that we had done something. We had, but it wasn't anything new. It was merely repeating what our great-grandfathers had done when they incorporated into their coast-of-arms the well-known (now) water-wagon.

Some 236 years ago, if we are to credit the research work of a well-known writer of the Philadelphia Public-Ledger, "Girard," who is famed for digging up historic papers in his neighborhood, a party of twelve men (good and true, understood) petitioned the governor of their colony, earnestly beseeching that the wheel's of the water-wagon be greased and set in motion; as follows, and to wit:

"Whereas, wee, ye inhabitants of ye new Seated Town near ye falls of Delaware (called Crewekerne), finding ourselves aggrieved by ye Indians when drunk, informeth, that wee be and have been in great danger of our lives, of our homes burning of our goods stealing and of our Wives and Children affrighting, inasmuch that wee are afeared to go about our Lawful affairs, least when we come home we finde you and our concerns damified.

"These things considered, wee doe humbly and jointly desire that the selling of brandy and strong liquors to ye Indians may be wholly suppressed, when if done wee hope wee shall live peaceably."

Wherefore, it oftymes behoves us when we are kissed by the zephyrs of South mountains, to transmit to the High Sheriff a copy of this document, with Greetings to whom it may concern, for by the influence of those booze-laden zephyrs are we not also damified?

GIVING FULL PRAISE

Premier Lloyd George is not slow to pay tribute to the American navy for the service it has rendered in the campaign against submarines and it is more than probable that devices which had been worked out by American inventors were put into operation when the destroyers reached British waters three weeks ago.

The English in this war have been quick to recognize the services of their allies and this is commendable. While Britain was preparing for the giant struggle she received many kicks from neutrals and some from belligerents but once the country became aroused it stopped short of nothing. Even while smarting under unjust criticism there was no tendency to minimize the bravery and efforts of allies.

Now the British empire is doing more fighting than any other belligerent Germany excepted, there still is no disposition to boast. The real British character is being shown in these trying days, and it is indicative of a better feeling in the world after the war.

It is estimated that 100 young men will be drafted into the army from Hickory. Many of these will surrender good positions, which of course will be held open for them on their return. In the meantime it is only fair to these young men that those who are left behind do their part. There should be no place for loafers in Hickory.

The proposition that graduating classes at our colleges buy Liberty bonds is a good suggestion. The young men can borrow the money from the banks and give the bonds as collateral.

This from the Greensboro News: "Says the Hickory Democrat: 'The administration knows how to time events to the second. Just as the fearless senators were barking at the president and cabinet because the navy was supposed to be idle, the news was flashed over the wires that American destroyers had been in European waters two weeks. And then the critical gentlemen sat down, 'Very pretty speech. But the administration it seems didn't have much to do with timing events to the second.' It was London rather than Washington we believe that did the timing."

The Record does not claim to be any wiser than its neighbor the Democrat but it has a hunch that the administration caused the announcement from London. Maybe the Democrat had that in mind too.

As president of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers takes all he can for his men—which is but human nature—but he is one of the most loyal patriots the country has since the outbreak of the war. Mr Gompers has been commended, but he deserves commendation now.

Observes the Statesville Landmark: "Representatives of Andrew Carnegie have notified the city of Hickory that it will donate \$11,000 for the erection of a library building there as soon as a site is selected and plans agreed upon. The question of a site may be a knottish problem than the voting of a special tax."

Doesn't he deserve his title as judge?

If the best automobiles sold for \$150 and gasoline was three cents a gallon, these machines would be too expensive for a great number of people though judging from the number of cars on the highways this sounds like a paradox.

When Solomon declared there was nothing new under the sun he was not contemplating the invention of the automobile joke.

Beer is said to be bad and scarce in Germany, but it would be placing German patriotism on a low plane to intimate that the cause of the strikes has been located.

The new wheat crop is being harvested in Texas. Which reminds us that the Catawba wheat looks mighty good in the fields just now.

Statesville decided to organize an ambulance and the next heard of the movement the money for the ambulance had been raised.

When the young men mobilize on June 5, why shouldn't the older men mobilize behind the liberty loan? Make it a rally day right in Hickory.

Catawba county will produce its share of the food, the elements not interposing.

When the Record talks about gardens it is not talking about any particular spot, let it be understood.

If the government will give the food commission its expenses, that would be enough to enlist anybody.

GUINEAS VALUABLE TO FARM

Raleigh, May 26.—If better known by the average lady in charge of the poultry operations on North Carolina farms, a small flock of guineas would be kept by every farm in the state, says Dr. F. B. Kaupp, poultry investigator for the North Carolina experiment station. The guinea is an excellent protector against hawks, crows, and other enemies of the poultry yard. Long before these enemies reach the yard, the shrill penetrating cry of alarm from the flock will speedily rout them and send them away in headlong haste. The least suspicious noise, at night, is also quickly noticed and any animal or other disturber soon learns that it means discovery to go into the yard where guineas are kept.

The only great objection which may be raised against them is their wild nature. When properly raised, however, most of this wild instinct may be eliminated. It is a good idea to buy the eggs, when beginning with a flock, rather than to buy the old birds. These eggs should be hatched by a hen, and when hatched, it is a good idea to give the old lady a few chicks to carry along. These will mind her, and will cause the young, wild guineas to follow their example. It takes four weeks for guinea eggs to hatch. The young birds are very active and as they grow up will destroy many insects about the farm. They should be fed in about the same as turkeys. The guinea hens are very prolific and lay during the entire summer taking good care all the time to carefully hide their nests. It is quite an easy matter to find them by the peculiar noise made when the flock has been watched, it only takes a few minutes to locate the nests. In the summer they like to roost in trees near the house. Their flesh has a flavor similar to game, and is relished as a great table delicacy.

SENSIBLE APPAREL

Springfield Republican. Women employed in the Butler mill at New Bradford are wearing overalls, and the practice is spreading to other manufacturing establishments in that city. There can be no doubt of the more general adoption of this sensible costume, which is much in vogue in England. Skirts are not only a nuisance when worn in industrial work, but a peril as well. Women are entitled to this greater security, and may be expected to insist upon having it.

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