

Sparks of Public Opinion

What is He After? Considering that there are few bears and no delegates in the Yellowstone Park...

Judge Boyd Approves the Watts Bill. Judge Boyd in his charge to the grand jury at Greensboro last week commended the Watts bill...

Mr. Jefferson's Birthday. The fine old American gentleman who rode an old swag-bag mare into Washington city and set her standing tied to a hitching post while he was being inaugurated President of the United States would have been one hundred and fifty-nine years old had he held out until yesterday.

The Time to Judge Him. If you would measure the real strength of a man's character, see how he behaves himself when he fails in his effort for promotion. It is easy to be clever and liberal when success and prosperity is present, but when failure and disappointment appears, then comes the real test.

The Man Who is Hitting the Truists. It remained for "a tool of the truists," Attorney General Knox, a lawyer who had been chief of counsel in forming many of these trusts, and for whose appointment as attorney general President Roosevelt has been much criticised, to put in motion the machinery of the law to destroy them.

Again Needs Gladstone. What could be more beautiful than the Grand Old Man, with the burden of a great government resting on his shoulders, turning aside from the cares of state and kneeling down with a couple of boys to ask the Lord to give them strength to resist temptation. How deeply Great Britain needs Gladstone today!

A Case of Tax Dodging. There are others besides corporations that should be classed occasionally as tax dodgers. We know of a tract of about 100 acres of land off of which the owner has sold in the last year about \$500 worth of timber and recently refused \$450 for the timber remaining on the land; yet this tract of land is on the tax books assessed at \$100. Suppose the assessors were to raise the valuation of this tract to \$5 or \$6 per acre, in the neighborhood of its true value, there would be a howl in that man's household.

Fighting Spirit Disappeared. From the interviews given out before the meeting of the Republican State executive committee in Greensboro last week, you would have thought son-in-law Rollins would have had a tough fight before he secured the mantle of father-in-law Pritchard. Various prominent Republicans talked loudly of what would happen; but when they got to Greensboro, all their fighting spirit disappeared. They heard a voice and followed its dictation without the semblance of a kick.

Easter and Spring. Easter has come again, declaring afresh the progress and perpetuity of human life. It must have been a part of the plan of the ages, that this great festival should come in spring time, when all the world is full of life. As nature, backed by the spirit of life, cannot remain dead after the blasts of winter have ceased to blow, so the human life after it has become partaker of the divine nature refuses to be subject to the lord of death. Such a character as Jesus Christ could go into the grave, but "he could not be holden of it."

Gentlemen Never Proclaim Themselves. There are professions and professions, but gentility is hardly among them. Being a gentleman is something that comes naturally to a man or doesn't come at all. To a degree it is in the blood—yes, but there are many gentlemen that were low born. And the best proof that a man is one is not always found in his declaration. In this town, not many months ago, a lewd fellow of the baser sort, a married man at that, being ordered by the head of the family out of a house which he had invaded with an illicit purpose, was at pains to assure the landlord, just before shooting him to death, that he, the murderer, was a "gentleman." The term has become very cheap. It is found these days in the mouths of all sorts of cattle when they get started talking about themselves. The man who is one doesn't need to proclaim the fact; and he who lays claim, in words, upon the title, casts doubt upon his right to it.

CLEVELAND SPEAKS ON THE NEGRO QUESTION.

Says That Those Who Stand Next to the Burden Must Lift the Weight, and That All Outside Co-Operation Must Be in Accordance With the Views of the Southern People Who Have Staggered Alone for Years Under the Weight of the White Man's Burden.

The most timely, significant and useful expression on the negro question that has come from a Northern tongue since the war, was made by Grover Cleveland in a speech last week in New York. It was at a meeting held in the interest of Booker Washington's great negro school at Tuskegee, Ala. Mr. Cleveland said:

"I have come here tonight as a sincere friend of the negro; and I should be very sorry to suppose that my good and regular standing in this company needed support at this late day either from certificate or confession of faith. Inasmuch, however, as there may be difference of thought and of sentiment among those who profess to be friends of the negro, I desire to declare myself as belonging to the Booker Washington-Tuskegee section of the organization. I believe that the days of Uncle Tom's Cabin are past. I believe that neither the decree that made the slaves free, nor the enactment that suddenly invested them with the right of citizenship any more purged them of their racial and slavery bred imperfections and deficiencies than it changed the color of their skin. I believe that among the nearly nine millions of negroes who have been intermixed with our citizenship, there is still a grievous amount of ignorance, a sad amount of viciousness and a tremendous amount of laziness and thriftlessness. I believe that these conditions inexorable present to the white people of the United States, to each in his environment and under the mandate of good citizenship, a problem, which neither enlightened self-interest nor the higher motive of human sympathy will permit them to put aside. I believe our fellow countrymen in the Southern and late slaveholding States, surrounded by about nine-tenths, or nearly eight million of this entire negro population, and who regard their material prosperity, their peace and even the safety of their civilization, interwoven with the negro problem are entitled to the utmost consideration and sympathy and fellowship. I am thoroughly convinced that the efforts of Booker Washington, and the methods of Tuskegee Institute point the way to a safe and beneficial solution of the vexations negro problem at the South; and I know that the good people at the North, who have aided these efforts and methods have illustrated the highest and best citizenship and the most Christian and enlightened philanthropy.

I cannot, however, keep out of my mind tonight, the thought that with all we of the North may do, the realization of our hopes for the negro, must after all, mainly depend, except so far as it rests with the negroes themselves, upon the

A Great Sensation. There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown died, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter affected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1. Guaranteed by English Drug Co. Trial bottles free.

Campaign For Better Schools. Everybody will recall the fact that the work for the public schools, particularly for the rural schools last year, exceeded anything ever before known in North Carolina. Again this year the Southern Education Board will lead a band, will put in money, and will canvass the State from end to end in the interest of school improvement, local taxation and aid of rural schools, and all other things which will advance the interests of the latter. Some of the brightest men in the State have consented to take the stump for this great cause, among these being Congressman John H. Small and Ex-Governor Jarvis, each giving an entire month of his time. There will also be large meetings of influential women to promote the movement for the improvement and beautifying of rural school houses, most of which are the most unlovely places imaginable.

In Praise of Plowing. What noble work is plowing, with the broad and solid earth for material, the ox for fellow laborer, and the simple but efficient plow for tool. Work that is not done in any shop in a cramped position, work that tells, that concerns all men, which the sun shines and the rain falls on, and the birds sing over. You turn over the whole vegetable world, expose how many grubs, and put a new aspect on the face of the earth! It comes pretty near to making a world; redeeming a swamp-pond, at any rate. A plowman, we all know, whistles as he drives his team ahead.

If a city man owns a garden twelve feet square what he doesn't know about farming isn't worth knowing.

Timbers of oak keep the old homestead standing through the years. It pays to use the right stuff. "Men of oak" are men in rugged health, men whose bodies are made of the soundest materials. Childhood is the time to lay the foundation for a sturdy constitution that will last for years. Scott's Emulsion is the right stuff. Scott's Emulsion stimulates the growing powers of children, helps them build a firm foundation for a sturdy constitution.

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STABBED THEIR COMRADE.

Italian Counterfeiters Arrested for Double Crimes. Eight members of a gang known to agents of the United States secret service as the most dangerous and desperate lot of Italian counterfeiters in this section of the country, were arrested tonight in this city as the murderers of the man whose body with thirteen stab wounds in the neck was found yesterday morning tightly packed in a barrel at the corner of Eleventh street and Avenue D.

The dead man, although not yet known by name, was a member of the gang, and for days before his death was closely shadowed by secret service agents under the orders of William S. Flynn, chief of the local bureau, who for some time had planned a wholesale roundup of the Italian counterfeiters in the east. The affront to his comrades which brought upon him the sentence of death is, like the name of the man himself, still a secret locked up in the breasts of the gang. The prisoners, all of whom were armed with huge revolvers and wicked looking knives, maintained an attitude of silent, sullen defiance after they were locked up, and no amount of persuasion could get a word out of them.

The secret service men think that they were actual witnesses of the meeting at which the sentence of death on this man was pronounced, for Monday night there was a conference of several members of the gang now in custody in the rear of the butcher shop of Lita Ladine, at 16 Stanton street. Secret service officers were watching the gang. The dead man was there, but while the others conversed in low tones in the store the man who was afterwards killed stood alone in front of the store. He may or may not have known that the men a few feet from him were discussing his death. If, any event, within a short time afterward he went away with two other members of the gang who joined him at the conclusion of the conference. The secret service men believe two men were appointed to do the killing. There may have been others in it, but the agents think these two men spent the night with the victim, and at a time arranged at the conference took him to a convenient spot and cut him to death. When arrested they did not get a chance to put up a fight, for the detectives outnumbered them, and knowing the character of the men handled them very roughly.

Threatening the Preachers. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, and president of the Anti-Saloon League, yesterday received an anonymous letter threatening him with harm if he does not cease agitation against disorderly houses. The letter is supposed to have been written by an inmate of one of these houses, and reads: "Rev. W. M. Vines—I see in the papers every day that you preachers are doing everything you can to break up our dens, as you call them. Now I just want to say to you that we don't bother you nor your churches, and all that we ask of you is to let us alone. We have disgraced ourselves and can't marry anybody better than ourselves; therefore we have to live, and now I say to you that if you do break us up and cause us to leave our homes you will be left in the same fix. "Now I just want to say to you this, that if you don't let us alone you will regret it as long as you live. Some of us are just mean enough to do anything to get even, and if we have to leave you may look out for trouble, for it is laid up for you."

Mr. Vines said that he did not doubt the genuineness of the letter, and thought it was written by an ignorant woman. The preacher said today that he had received a letter from a member of his congregation putting him on his guard against attacks on account of his utterances against law-breakers and saloons, and to beware of traps laid

for him. At a church meeting last night, Mr. J. Patterson, referring to this letter and other veiled threats that had been made against Vines, said that members of the church must be prepared to stand by their pastor.

The writer of the anonymous letter made reference to the Rev. Mr. Siler's visit to the slums, but Vines said it was an effort to blackmail and refused to make it public.

From Over the State. Lumberton has just voted, by a majority of 45, for electric lights. Bladen county is much disturbed over the stock law, and houses have been fired into on account of it.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is a member of a house party at Biltmore, Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt's North Carolina palace.

Mr. H. M. Cates of Orange county, who died recently, bequeathed \$1,000. Mr. Cates was an alumnus of the college.

William E. Springer was nominated for mayor of Wilmington last Thursday, his opponent being Hon. A. M. Waddell, who has been mayor since the revolution and Republican in 1898.

Henry McCain, a telephone lineman at Durham, fell a distance of 30 feet from the top of a pole to a stone pavement. He fell headlong, but turned a complete somersault and caught on his feet and was not seriously hurt.

The colored citizens of Newbern held a baptism Sunday in which all previous records were broken as to the number baptized. There were over 150 candidates for immersion and it is estimated 5,000 witnessed the baptism.

Mr. Hale Wanted at Olive Branch.

Everything seems to be happy and gay this beautiful spring day. How can one help but be happy "such" a lovely season? Soon the May sunshine will flood the earth with glory. Now we can walk through the sweet valleys, where the sunshine lays a gold on the green and the warm south wind gently sways the daisies, and the lark's song is like a silvery waterfall in the sky. 'Tis pleasant while strolling to hear the music of the gentle breeze as it comes softly murmuring through the soft green leaves. Our hearts should all go up in praise to Him who dwelleth on high, whose mercies are so manifold.

The health of our village is very good. Glad to say our physician, Dr. W. H. Smith, has some time for pleasure and sport.

We have an interesting Sunday school. Mrs. N. C. Hasty was on the sick list last Sunday. Mr. Frank Bancroft and family of Salisbury are visiting his father, Mr. Riley Bancroft of this place. Miss Angie Sinclair is spending some time at Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gaddy have returned home from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Kirk of Palmerville. The ten days' lessons in vocal music did our young people good. 'Tis very sweet to listen to the songs as they float on the air and die away.

The security at Olive Branch is grand, indeed. We are looking and anxiously awaiting Mr. Hale of Monroe to come down and photograph some of the beautiful scenes. We know he will give satisfaction and justice. Dr. J. L. Bost's health is better than usual.

Mr. Adam Green's family's funeral will be preached by Rev. A. C. Davis next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Much success to The Monroe Journal and its subscribers.

A Thoughtful Man. M. M. Austin of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c. at English Drug Co's.

The Country at Large. The legislature of Pennsylvania has just passed a law which appropriates \$6,500,000 for improving and building roads.

At Beaumont, Texas, last week, a careless workman kicked over a lamp which started a fire that destroyed \$1,000,000 of property and broke up five oil companies.

A mob at Joplin, Mo., took an unknown negro tramp from jail and hanged him from a telephone pole. The negro had shot and killed a policeman who was trying to arrest several negroes suspected of theft.

Rev. Dr. Millburn, for years past chaplain of the United States Senate, and a lecturer of wide reputation, has just died while on a visit in California. He lost his sight at the age of five years and was known as the blind preacher.

At Shreveport, La., a white woman, Mrs. Matthews, was killed and her little daughter almost killed. Reasonable suspicion fell upon a negro, who was caught and lynched. It afterwards turned out that the murder had been committed by a white man, probably Mrs. Matthews' own brother-in-law.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., TOLEDO, OHIO. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's family pills are the best.

THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE.

Robert Lee, the great Confederate general, died in 1870. His sword, which he carried with him through the battles of Gettysburg and Appomattox, is now in the possession of the Government. It is a relic of the Civil War, and is highly valued by collectors.

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"MAKES PROPER DIET" PLEASING FORCE

Crippled Operator of a Blind Tiger. A remarkable arrest was made near Collinsville, Polk county, last week, in the person of Nancy Gilbert. She was charged with retailing whiskey and acknowledging that she was guilty and had been so engaged for many years. She has been unable to walk a step for 22 years.

When she lost the use of her lower limbs she was told that she could make a living selling whiskey and that being badly crippled she would never be molested, and being in greatly straitened circumstances she promptly acted upon this advice.

She perhaps would not have found herself in the meshes of the law had she not commenced recently to sell on Sunday and drinking men began to meet at her house on that day, get drunk and disturb the quiet of the neighborhood. This led to her being reported to the revenue authorities and to her arrest by Deputy Marshal T. C. Israel of Hendersonville. When the commissioner, Col. J. A. Thorn, learned of her condition he sent the marshal to her house. She admitted her guilt and promised not to violate the law in this respect any longer.

The commissioner neither sent her to jail nor required her to give bond, but reported the case to United States District Attorney Helton. Notwithstanding her helpless condition she has for many years crawled on her hands and knees and cultivated her garden and raised all the vegetables she needed. She owns a small farm.

The devil gets big dividends out of any venture he goes into. One can get a point from almost any paper—and several from a paper of pins.

Men who spend the most of their time sitting around saloons are seldom able to stand prosperity. A man would almost rather be married to any woman than to have to do business with her.

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