

A Call for a Square Deal.

We have a letter from Rev. Stephen Stewart of Kobe, Japan, which will be published in full next week, but one paragraph of which we desire to draw attention to now. The sentence is as follows:

"The Japanese are extremely sensitive on the question of the segregation of their people in separate schools in San Francisco. Even the school boys here read about it and debate it with vigor. If it were not for the stand taken by the administration at Washington in regard to it, I think the feeling here would be quite bitter and might take retaliatory form in the shape of a boycott."

Mr. Roosevelt invented the phrase, "A square deal," but it does not appear that he always gives such a deal. He certainly did not give the Japanese one. His remarks on this subject amounted to merely a little soft peddling to their wounded vanity, when he should have said nothing or given them the square, if painful, truth. The President must know that the American people are not going to submit to any national regulation of the school systems of the various States. And unless they were to do this there is no way to force the State of California to admit Japanese into the white schools. The President ought to have explained this to the Japanese government at the outset, and let them make the most of the situation at once, no matter how anomalous it might appear to them. It is greatly desirable to live in peace and good will with all mankind, but we cannot afford to sacrifice one of our most fundamental principles, and one upon which our own welfare largely rests, for the sake of gratifying the sensibilities of Japan or any other country. It would have been well to tell them this. Besides this, the Japanese position is not founded in reason, even though it be as just as many of the provisions of treaties that have been forced by christian nations upon the Eastern peoples. If the Japanese who seek admission into the California schools are naturalized citizens of that State, then Japan has nothing to do with them. If they are aliens, they cannot in justice demand a modification of the laws and customs that the Californians deem necessary for their own comfort and welfare.

Some time ago President Roosevelt ordered that all the government documents emanating from the executive department be printed in the new spelling. But when Congress came together the committee on printing said that the old style was good enough for them, and so there was a considerable jumble in the big printing office of the government. Mr. Roosevelt, who sometimes knows how to surrender gracefully, relieved the situation by saying that if the House would pass a resolution expressing its desire that the old spelling be used, he would not contend further. This the House quickly did, and the change in spelling by executive order has gone by the board. Just the same, it will not be many years till the more common changes suggested will be made. And it is the only way it can be. The changes might be ever so desirable, but they would never be made as long as there seemed to be any compulsion about it.

Copying the statement, published in The Journal last week, of one of the collectors of the cotton association that not a single colored farmer had refused to pay him the association fees, the Lancaster News says:

"The foregoing appears in The Monroe Journal under the head line, 'What Does This Mean?' It means esteemed contemporary, that your colored farmers are doing their full duty toward the cotton growers' association, while some of your white farmers are not. The association has done so much for the farmers of the South that we do not see how any cotton grower, whether he be white or black, or whether an actual member of the organization or not, can refuse to make the small contribution asked of each one for the maintenance of the association."

Who else will offer an explanation? In Charlotte Tuesday night Harold Runge, 19 years old, 'phoned a drug store, giving a fictitious name, for a \$1 bottle of medicine and \$19 in change to be sent to a certain locality. The drug store people were suspicious and while they sent a messenger they also sent a policeman along and Runge was arrested, although he tried to get away. He admitted that he had planned the affair to rob the messenger who brought the medicine of the \$19 in change. He was held for court in a bond of \$200.

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did last Sunday for its Christmas number. The paper carried one hundred and seventy-six columns of advertising, which shows that people who have things to sell down this way are learning well the value of newspaper advertising. The paper was nothing less than splendid.

Senator Simmons sometime ago, while in Monroe, declared it the intention of the representatives from this State in Congress to use every effort to get public buildings authorized by Congress in the towns in the State of the class of Monroe. They take the view he said, that the States which have large towns get the bulk of these appropriations, and there is no reason why States like North Carolina, which have only small towns, shouldn't get their share from "the pork barrel"—the facetious name given the omnibus bill for public buildings. And Mr. Simmons further justified the position by saying that the government should own the building in each town in which it is to do a permanent business, and that such buildings, even in the smaller towns, would be self sustaining. Elsewhere will be seen a copy of a bill introduced by Mr. Page to create a public building in Monroe. While we doubt the soundness of this reasoning, our local pride of course makes us hope that the undertaking may succeed.

Bureau Report an Overestimate—Farmers Urged to Hold their Cotton. President Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, referring to the government estimate of a 12,500,000 bale crop, says:

"The holders of spot cotton in the South should not become panicky over the recent estimate of the bureau of cotton statistics and the heavy slump which followed in the speculative exchanges of the country. The enormous demand for spot cotton by the mills of the world will absorb every bale of American cotton produced this year before another crop can be harvested. There is not now as much cotton in the South to gather and gin as was the case one year ago, hence the present crop will never reach 12,000,000 bales. If we should gin as much cotton after December 1, this season, as we did from the big crop of 1904, the total crop would not exceed 12,200,000 bales. Every one acquainted with the situation knows that there is no late cotton, as was the case in 1904, as the top crop this year was killed by an unusually early frost. Grilling that only 85 per cent. of the crop was ginned to December 1, the total yield would not exceed 11,700,000 bales. The bureau has overestimated the yield this year as badly as it underestimated the crop a year ago. The people are urged to hold their cotton firmly for good prices and the spot market can be fully maintained for the balance of the season."

Montgomery--Griffin. Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. H. T. Montgomery, son of Esq. D. C. Montgomery, and Miss Ella Griffin, daughter of Mr. Henry Griffin, all of Buford township, were married December 16th, at the residence of the bride's father. Rev. D. A. Snider officiated.

The waiting party consisted of Mr. M. V. Griffin and Miss Ola Whitley, Mr. W. M. Melton and Miss Alice Griffin, Mr. H. M. Griffin and Miss Ellen Montgomery, Mr. A. J. Keziah and Miss Connie Griffin, Mr. W. T. Osburn and Miss Minnie Griffin.

After the marriage the party went to Esq. D. C. Montgomery's, where they enjoyed the supper that had been prepared. There they will make their home.

Theron and Ed. Causey, two boys whose ages are 16 and 11, respectively, appeared in Guilford Superior Court this week and entered submissions of guilty in eight cases charging them with larceny. A few weeks ago these boys, being imbued with a spirit of adventure, got a mule and wagon, drove into the country and went into camp. Then they began a career of stealing, winding up by breaking into a store, which got them to jail.

In Washington Saturday Hon. Arthur Brown, former United States Senator from Utah, was shot by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, also of Utah, who said the Senator had deceived and deserted her. Brown died Wednesday. Mrs. Bradley is under arrest.

In Philadelphia Monday Miss Mary McAntee shot and seriously wounded her father, Rev. J. Q. McAntee. The minister, it is asserted, was assaulting his wife when his daughter shot him. The latter said her father had been drinking and was acting badly.

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Mr. Stack's First Letter Next Week.

Well, we have the first letter from Mr. Stack, but too late for this week. Next week it will appear, and we promise that it will meet expectations. Just as was predicted, he got good and sea sick, and he describes the predicament. But when he finally got on land among the Dutchmen, got into one feather bed and covered with another, Richard was himself again.

The boys are coming in to get their names on the roll. Borrowing is going out of fashion. One subscriber, Mr. M. F. Boyte, came in the other day to pay his subscription, and remarked that on every Wednesday evening there were three copies of The Journal being read around his hearthstone at the same time. Two of his sons live with him and each of the three takes his own copy of the paper. Mr. Boyte was asked why they did this, for the Lord knows that no editor could be greedy enough to expect to send more than one copy of his paper to the same household. Mr. Boyte said that they all wanted to read at the same time and didn't want to be deviling each other. In all, seven members of Mr. Boyte's family take the paper. This is the banner, we believe. But Bill Arp of Buford and Mr. M. A. Walters of the same township are close seconds.

Remember, Mr. Stack is going to bring back ten nice souvenir presents from the land of the Bible. Three will go to the three lucky names on the eligible roll, three to three ministers who get the highest number of votes, three to three young ladies, and one to a mail carrier.

Every old or new subscriber who pays one dollar in advance gets the label on his paper run up one year, gets the regular premium, and his name on the eligible roll for one of the three presents. Then he can cast 1. Ten votes for the preacher of his choice. 2. Ten votes for the young lady of his choice. 3. Ten votes for the rural mail carrier of his choice. Then buy as many votes as he wants at 10 cents per hundred. The voting now stands:

MAIL CARRIERS. Jacob S. Little 150, J. E. Doster 1380, S. H. Rogers 1670, O. E. Cunningham 130, A. C. Penegar 190, S. M. Harrell 160, J. H. Mills 70, T. L. Love 300, W. B. Presson 110, W. B. Jones 40, Zeb Presley 80, Pearl Sturdivant 90, Huxley McNeely 140, L. S. Griffin 130, J. T. Cox 50, Thos. Little 400, John Fullenwider 100, W. L. Belk 150, F. C. Breakaway 130, A. J. Green 20, J. L. Smith 20, G. W. James 20.

MINISTERS. Rev. J. M. Price 140, G. H. Atkinson 240, J. A. B. Ware 1080, W. R. Wrens 280, J. F. Mills 40, C. A. G. Thomas 190, D. A. Snider 170, L. T. Mann 180, Geo. Stevens 50, J. P. Hips 280, R. H. James 110, J. H. Phelps 30, A. Marsh 150, J. G. Gullledge 30, J. L. McKinstry 30, T. P. Little 80, A. C. Davis 50, W. F. Estridge 30, W. E. Abernethy 40, J. L. Shinn 60, M. D. L. Preslar 20.

YOUNG LADIES. Miss Hallie Horn 120, Belle Howie 20, Pattie Lee 150, Pearl Rodman 60, Alma Marsh 90, Faye Gaddy 360, Margie Williamson 250, Mary Lee Bivens 320, Connie Horn 140, Bernice Walkup 150, Mary Davis 170, Florida Morris 1340, Eva Richardson 70, Beulah Price 290, Bessie Price 30, Clara Richardson 30, Verdine Snider 10, Essie Secret 40, Ashie Gaddy 10, Julia Hunter 170, Arlie McCain 220, Lottie Williams 20, Julia Griffin 10, Mattie Rose 400, Lillie Tillman 500, Maggie Davis 20, Grace Marsh 20, Mattie Perry 20, Pearl Gordon 30, May Weir 40, Mattie Carter 10, Nora Lee Fincher 400, May Fincher 130, Donna Byrum 10, Lillie Ross 670, Maud Jewler 60, Jewel Krauss 40, Ola Beckham 30, Ida Austin 30, Blanche Staten 110, Sarah Jane Lingie 10, Lizzie Williams 30, Ada Austin 10, Eliza Mangum 10.

The Senate Wednesday confirmed the nominations of William H. Moody of Massachusetts to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland to be attorney general, Victor H. Metcalf of California to be secretary of the navy, and Oscar S. Straus of New York to be secretary of commerce and labor. There was some opposition to Moody and Bonaparte and a number of Senators voted against confirmation.

If you haven't yet caught the Christmas spirit, see the beautiful show window display at Bruner & Huey's. Don't fail to call on Bruner & Huey for your raisins, currants, citron, figs, dates, prunes, mince meat and apple butter. Call at once if you want the finest fruit cake ever baked. They are going fast, so don't wait and regret it. Bruner & Huey.

The celebrated Boyter's candies for sale at Bruner & Huey's. Right fresh, arrived by express this morning. For raisins, clean, new crop raisins, currants, figs, citron, dates and prunes, call at Bruner & Huey's. For cheese, candy, apples, oranges and cocoanuts, we can beat Bob Tail, and Bob Tail beats the devil; so don't fail to see us. Bruner & Huey.

The First Methodist church of Belaire, Ohio, engaged Senator Tillman to lecture for the benefit of the church. Seeing in the report of the Senator's Chicago speech that he used bad words in his lecture, the trustees of the Belaire church wrote him asking him to promise not to swear when he talked there. Senator Tillman answered that he knew nothing about Belaire and the town would have to take chances on him just as he would on Belaire. Then the date was cancelled.

ELIGIBLE ROLL. H. M. Hallman, Lonnie McManus, J. C. Richardson, F. A. Plyler, R. C. Laney, G. M. Laney, M. W. Griffin, R. C. Griffin, W. Strawn, Charley Helms, Miss R. Simpson, R. T. Sistar, Ernest Hinson, B. F. Price, S. L. Mallis, M. M. Winchester, Mrs. Cowan, F. A. Krauss, H. H. Horton, W. Page.

E. A. Helms, Henry Briley, G. M. Little, J. F. Smith, D. R. Yandle, Jacob W. Helms, W. H. Braswell, E. C. Secret, Mrs. N. Biggers, J. Moser, P. B. Blakeney, G. R. Mullis, A. J. Price, Robert Rape, M. R. Perry, W. M. Plyler, S. C. Thomas, W. J. Pigg, J. R. Price, Mrs. J. Short, D. F. Shurt, J. S. Howard, H. E. Rushing, R. W. Seegars, R. C. Reader, S. F. Broom, John Whitley, Vance Laney, Wade Pusser, M. C. Austin, W. A. Eubanks, Mrs. R. J. Pierce, C. H. Lewis, J. H. Strawn, T. C. Edwards, G. W. Bailey, E. W. Thomas, R. M. Condon, Dr. J. E. Hart, W. M. Gay, Sidney M. Moser, J. W. Bivens, E. L. Baucom, W. F. Long, P. P. W. Plyler, M. F. Boyte, H. W. Pusser, H. R. Griffin, M. F. Plyler, W. L. Howie, T. J. Price, R. H. Hinson, P. V. Richardson, J. D. Coan, Mrs. R. I. Price, W. F. Robinson, T. A. Davis, A. A. Tarlton, D. C. Montgomery, J. H. Edwards, H. W. Outen, Calvin C. Helms, B. L. Tarlton, Mrs. Annie Haire, H. L. McManus.

Cut out the following coupon, look at the label on your paper, fill out and send in: VOTING COUPON. To the Editor of The Journal: Enclosed find \$_____ for which credit my paper up to date and one year in advance, place my name on the Eligible roll, mail me premium, and cast the following vote: Rev. _____ Miss _____ Mail Carrier _____ Name of subscriber: _____ Address: _____

If you have paid one year in advance and your name does not appear on the eligible roll, see us about it.

A Nervous Traveler. Charlotte Observer. "I noticed that the fellow in the lower across the aisle from me was very nervous," said a knight of the grip at the Central yesterday. "He crawled in his berth and out again and kept poking his head between the curtains. He seemed to be uneasy about something. I could not go to sleep for watching him. Finally, about 12 o'clock, my neighbor got out in the aisle and beckoned to the porter, who, with all the pomp and stiffness of his kind, came up and turned an ear.

"Sae'y, porter, tell the flagman to come here, passing him a quarter as he spoke. "The flagman came. "Young man," said my friend, 'are you the flagman?' "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Well, here is \$2.50. I want to go to sleep, you be sure and watch the tail end of this train."

"The company pays me to do that," said the flagman, drawing himself to his full height. "Yes, but I want to give you this extra to keep wake."

The President Tuesday transmitted to Congress a special message recommending legislation to confer full citizenship upon the people of Porto Rico. The President gives expression to his surprise and gratification at the fertility and resources of the islands, their rapid development and the progress, enlightenment and patriotism of the people.

Hanged and Tarred. An English custom of not so long ago was to hang smugglers on gibbets arranged along the coasts and then tar the bodies that they might be preserved a long while as a warning to other culprits. As late as 1822 three men thus varnished could have been seen hanging before Dover castle. Sometimes the process was extended to robbers, assassins, incendiaries and other criminals. John Painter, who fired the dockyard at Portsmouth, was first hanged and then tarred in 1776. From time to time he was given a fresh coat of varnish and thus was made to last nearly fourteen years. The weird custom did not stop smuggling or other crime, but so doubt it worked some influence as a preventive.

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Mr. Page introduces a Bill for a Public Building in Monroe. Hon. R. N. Page has introduced the following bill in the House, which was sent to the committee on public buildings and grounds: Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, or otherwise acquire, a suitable site at Monroe, North Carolina, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable public building to accommodate the needs of the United States post-office at that place, and for other public purposes, at a total cost not to exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Let Another Take His Office. Charlotte Observer. Little, if anything, of interest was done in the Federal Court yesterday. Shortly after convening Judge Spencer Adams, of Greensboro, arose and asked the court to set aside the verdict of the jury in the case against Mr. Baxter D. Hasty, postmaster at Marshville, who was found guilty of tampering with the mails. Judge Adams based his plea on the grounds that there was no evidence to show that the defendant was guilty. But Judge Boyd said: "No, but as he has lost his position on account of his attention to the letter I will just fine him \$25 and let him pay the costs." He then quoted, to the amusement of every one, the 8th verse of the 109th Psalm: "Let his days be few; and let another take his office."

"It is the same to-day as it was in the days of David."

The King of Kings. [Written for The Journal.] No need of earthly pomp or royal show To lend to that poor mortal's grace, When on the first glad Christmas, long ago, The Christ-child came and glorified the place. Read o'er the simple story of His birth, The wondrous life that followed it, and Behold how poor the kingdoms of the earth To His, where love rules in the hearts of men! Born in proud palaces, how many kings Have passed away with all their pomp and trains, Have shouldered, and are half-remembered things! The manger-born, alone, still lives and reigns. —W. J. FRATT.

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Always Busy at Belk Bros. New Attractions at Money-Saving Prices Put on Sale Every Week. New Plaid Woolens. A number of styles in pretty bright Plaid Mixtures, very popular for children and misses dresses, 48 cents a yard. Another lot 32-inch SCOTCH PLAIDS at 25 cents. 20 c. Cotton Novelty Plaids at 16 2-3 c. One case 27-in. Arnold's rich dark Novelty Ambre Plaids, price reduced to 16c. An entirely new lot of Grey Dress Goods, both in fancy, plain and neat plaids, big value, 48 cents. Underskirt Outing. Heavy, both sides fleeced Outing, solid colors and mixtures, 8 1/2 cts. One Case Dark French Ginghams. A. F. C., Renfrew and Bates, 12 1/2 cents quality, our price, 10 cents. Big Line Cotton and Woolen Underwear. Ladies and Misses Ribbed Vests, 15cts. Heavy quality Vests and Pants, 25 cts. Ladies' Vests and Pants, ribbed and fleece lined, Essex Mills, splendid value, 48c. Table Linen for the Holidays. 68c., 70-inches wide, all Linen Table Damask, 48 cts. A much better quality, Satin finished, 75 cts. \$1.25 Silver Bleached German Damask, \$1.00 yd. \$1.50 Extra Heavy 72-inch Damask, \$1.25 yd. Napkins to match all the above qualities 50c. to \$3.98 per dozen. Always Something New in Ladies' Jackets and Millinery. We are keeping our Jacket Department right up-to-date. Every few days new lots come in and we are always glad to show this line. BELK BROS.

Grand Auction Sale of Valuable Lots! ON Thursday, December 27, 1906 we will sell on the grounds, at public auction, on Two Years Time, 130 valuable building lots in and around Monroe. One hundred of these lots with which sale will begin are at Vann Heights in the eastern part of the town, beautifully located, overlooking the town of Monroe, and adjoining the Railroad's proposed company shop property, near Oil Mill, Monroe Manufacturing Co. and Roller Mill; 13 of them adjoin the Icomorlee Cotton Mills property, also lie high and dry and likewise have a magnificent future, as it is only a matter of a few months until more mills will be built here; also 15 other lots within 6 minutes walk of the courthouse square, being on Crowell street---the only close in property in town that can be bought reasonably. Any one purchasing these lots will surely double his money in a year or two. Monroe is one of the best cities of the Seaboard Air Line, situated in one of the best counties in this entire section, so this will be the opportunity of your life to secure valuable lots on easy terms. Why Keep Your Money in the bank or loaned at 6 per cent. when you can buy this property and double your money. The terms of this sale will be only one-fifth cash, balance in four equal installments, payable in six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, with six per cent. interest. FREE CARRIAGES will be furnished, and a FREE LOT, and a valuable one, unconditionally given away at the close of the sale; so everybody will be given the same opportunity to get this free lot. For further information, address MAUPIN BROS. & PENNY, Real Estate Auctioneers, Salisbury, N. C. T. J. MAUPIN, Monroe, N. C. EUGENE ASHCRAFT or FRANK ARMFIELD, Managers, Monroe, N. C.