

The New York Headline.

Our contemporary, The Charlotte Observer, always a philosophy and generally a correct one, has been writing about the prominence given in the press dispatches to events in New York, to the exclusion of equally as interesting events of other sections of the country. That is merely one manifestation of the times. Charlotte knows more about New York than it does about Wilmington, and visa versa. New York is rapidly becoming a Rome and the balance of the country provinces for exploitation. The United States is being no less surely divided out among our financial rulers than the Roman empire was sliced up in its decaying years by the citizens of the capital. Here is Pompey's slice of the United States and there lies Caesar's. Thus the Railroad financiers master us in sections, and then the Sunday School organizations like Standard Oil and the Tobacco Trust and the Beef Trust catch us all together. Our banks send money to New York for nothing and borrow it back on interest, the railroads turn their earnings into the city's great maw, we cry for them to take our insurance money and squander it in such way as is most conducive to their pleasure; lots of us think that the farmers are foolish for saying that the price of cotton should not be fixed there; the miners who at risk of life dig the days away in underground darkness turn their findings over to New York and take back such pittance as the princes think sufficient to sustain life and keep the laborer to a point of productive activity; our government lends the people's money to help keep up the game, and when our runty little legislature meets down here in North Carolina we all shiver lest something be done to frighten New York capital, as if it would ever get frightened as long as it can put out one dollar and get back ten. All roads lead to New York and New York will see to it that no other roads can be built. It is any wonder that the Press Association presumes that the doings of New York, even of her criminals, are of most interest?

The Result of \$80,000 a Year.

A young man about thirty, the son of a millionaire father, sits on trial in a criminal court in New York, and from one end of the country to the other the readers of daily newspapers are rolling as sweet morsels the details of the great scandal as the prisoner's young wife tells a story of crime and shame. The young man, Thaw, ever seeking new sources of gratification for a depraved taste and new stimulus for over-worked licentiousness, began an association with a young girl of the theatre, Evelyn Nisbet. Finally marrying the girl, he began to nurse an insane jealousy of a man who had supported her for a compensation. Stanford White, the object of Thaw's enmity, was a well known architect of New York. One night a few months ago Thaw walked through the crowd at a roof garden entertainment, and in a most spectacular way, shot White dead. Today a jury sits to say whether Thaw shall go to death in the electric chair, or if not that, mayhap to an insane asylum, for so open and shut is the case that all the array of fine lawyers that millions can hire, can find no plea for his defense except the old one of insanity. And Thaw's young wife, in years little more than a girl, in vice a past master, sits and tells her humiliating story. Thaw deserves no mercy; his wife none, White none, but the innocent ones, among them the dead man's wife and child, these the world should think of, did it take thought from the filthy story.

All the lawyers, all the doctors, the learned judge, and the jurymen are seeking to find out why Harry Thaw, the young rascal, killed Stanford White, the old rascal, about Evelyn Nisbet, the abandoned to both men. Funny that there should be any puzzle about it, it's as clear as broad open day. They say that the young man was insane; maybe he was, but that doesn't matter. White and Nisbet are secondary persons in the drama; they are incidents, accidents. Their personalities were not essential. They were merely one of the rocks in a false chart. Had it not been they, then somebody else. The whole secret is that the boy had \$80,000 a year to spend and the only work he learned to do was how to spend it. His father, having been poor and become vastly rich, kept his head, and knew that his son could only be hurt by too much money, and so willed that he have but \$2,400 a year. But his mother, poor woman, became "sorry for Harry" and started him out with his full income of \$80,000 a year. A strong young man, and millionaire's sons are not usually strong, could

scarcely have cleared the hurdles of ruin with so great a weight, and as for poor, weak Harry, no wonder that his sensations soon responded to no milder stimuli than a pistol shot, a frantic crowd, and a bloody victim. If Harry Thaw could have been born without his \$80,000 annuity, and been taught to occupy his time with some occupation, there would be no Thaw trial today, and no gaping millions eagerly devouring the pitiful story of Evelyn Thaw. But— There are thousands of youths in this land who will never have to spend the tenth of \$80,000 a year, who are being no less surely ruined than Harry Thaw. Idleness spells ruin in livid letters. The gait may not be so Thaw-like, nor the end so spectacular, but it is no less sure. The old Hebrew writers plumbed the depths of human nature. "In the sweat of thy brow" is as true as gravitation.

Elsewhere is copied some of the remarks of Our Home of Marshville concerning the matter of immigrants and cheap labor. It is evident that this is a question that will bear more than a surface study. It has many bearings. When Squire W. L. Wolfe was carrying around his petition a few weeks ago asking farmers to show by their signatures that they wanted some high class immigrants, he found out something that surprised him. It was, in his own words, that "every man who owned land and did not farm, or who mixed farming with some other occupation, signed the petition right along," but that the men who did nothing but farm would not sign. If the class of immigrants that we are all talking about were to come over here they would not be tenants longer than one or two years, they would be land owners. The country would be benefited, but the men who want to own land and let tenants do the work would get nothing except, perhaps, a better price for such of their land as they would sell to the immigrants. Cheap labor is not a good thing for my country. The South does need more labor but it does not need more cheap labor, the kind that can only make cotton by the most primitive methods. A large influx of this class of labor would be an unquestionable injury, for the simple reason that the South can now more than supply the demand for raw cotton. In fact, the South today, without bringing in another man or crippling any other industry, could make twenty million bales of cotton. And she would do it if the price were high enough to justify it. We do need immigrants that could intelligently go into fields at present undeveloped, for no country can prosper on a platform of repression. If cotton is unprofitable below a certain point, the remedy is not to let the land lie idle, but to grow such things as are profitable. Here is the field for high class immigrants, immigrants that will become free holders and good citizens, not an ignorant tenantry. We have had enough of that class.

Western Union Increases Salaries.

The following telegram was issued by the general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the 20th: This company has received petitions from sixteen offices in the West and the Southwest within the last sixty days asking for an increase of ten per cent. in salary of employees. These petitions have been given careful consideration, bearing in mind that the company could not discriminate in favor of a few offices but that any action taken should be general. In this connection it has been necessary to consider the enormously increased cost of all kinds of telegraph material which in many cases has been from fifty to one hundred per cent., while the tariff rates on messages and other traffic are very low, in view of the demand of the public for ever increasing facilities and more rapid service. In fact, many of the rates are relics of former serious competition and are unprofitable. Notwithstanding these facts the company has decided to increase the salary of operators and managers at all independent offices throughout the country ten per cent. from March 1st, 1907. This applies to all managers, chief operators, traffic chiefs, general chiefs and operators in the company's independent offices.

Church Notices.

Subjects at the Baptist church next Sunday: 11 a. m., "The Duty of Baptists to teach their Distinctive Principles." 7:30 p. m., "Common Criticism of Churches." 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Missionary prayer service. Subject, "The Beginnings of Baptist Missions." The public cordially invited. Crocker's Smashing! Smashing in price, we mean. We are going out of the crocker business and will sell out at cut prices. Nice toilet sets at cost; also soap jars. Plates for 30c. that sold for 40c. a set; 25c. a set for some that have been selling for 35c. Several other things in proportion. Come here if you need anything in this line. JOHN R. SIMPSON & Co. All headaches go When you grow wiser And learn to use An "Early Riser." DeWitt's Little Early Riser, safe, sure pills. For sale by S. J. Welsh and C. N. Simpson, Jr. We want to buy chickens, eggs, butter and all other kinds of country produce. S. R. Doster.

Planning to Build Warehouses.

At a meeting of farmers held in the court house in Monroe on Saturday, February 23rd, Mr. Chas. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, was present, and among other things discussed the warehouse and holding proposition. I wish every farmer and business man in the county could have heard him. I think he convinced every one present of the absolute and imperative necessity of putting this plan into operation. I will not at present undertake to go into a discussion of the merits of the plan but will attempt only to give a brief outline of the plan itself. The proposition is for every cotton growing county in the South to organize a warehouse and holding company, the object of which will be to provide warehouse facilities and buy up every bale of cotton that is offered for sale below the minimum price fixed by the association and hold it till it can be sold for that price. The par value of the stock of this company will be fixed at five dollars per share, and every cotton grower in the county will be asked to subscribe for this stock, ten per cent. of which will be payable at once. No stockholder, of course, will be liable for any more than the stock subscribed by him. Every stockholder, no matter what the price of cotton is, can take his cotton to this company and get the minimum price fixed by the association. The object is not to allow a bale of cotton to be sold for less than the association's price. That this can be done is evident from the fact that with a very imperfect organization, and in spite of the fact that large amounts of cotton have been thrown on the market in opposition to the advice of the association, every minimum price fixed by the association since its organization has been fully maintained.

The following named persons from the different townships are earnestly requested to meet in the grand jury room in the courthouse in Monroe at 11 o'clock on Saturday, March 2nd, for the purpose of starting the work of organizing this warehouse and holding company: Monroe, T. J. Gordon and P. B. Blakeney; Buford, P. P. W. Plyler and T. C. Eubanks, Jr.; Sandy Ridge, R. B. Cuthbertson and R. A. Hudson; Vance, J. E. Broom and P. C. Stinson; Goose Creek, E. J. Griffin and I. A. Clontz; New Salem, J. S. Smith and T. C. Braswell; Marshville, A. J. Brooks and J. A. Marsh; Lanes Creek, S. E. Belk and James Thomas; Jackson, H. M. McCain and J. N. Bigham.

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Items From Marshville.

Mr. J. S. Williams and Miss Mamie Green, daughter of Mr. H. M. Green, of this township, were married last Thursday at the home of the bride's parents in this township. The attendants were Mr. L. E. Huggins and Miss Mary Liles, Mr. Charley Bowman and Miss Ruth Marsh and Mr. Triston Williams and Miss Mattie Green. Rev. J. C. Mock officiated. After the ceremony the bridal party went to home of the groom, Mr. T. E. Williams, in east Monroe township, where a reception was given. Both the groom and bride are deservedly popular young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends and relatives.

It will be a good thing for the South when labor becomes so high and scarce as to make it unprofitable for big land capitalists to continue business with hired labor or by letting the land out to tenants and renters. Let capitalists put their money into other productive enterprises. We don't want ignorant foreign immigrants to come here and hire to land capitalists and big "land lords," at low wages, and thereby come into competition with our small farmers who do their own work and who are our most desirable citizens.

In Memory of Little Glennie Richardson.

It is with sorrow that we note the death of little Miss Glennie Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivin Richardson of Buford township, who died of appendicitis on the 21st inst. and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Sandy Ridge church. Just one week prior to her death we had the pleasure of instructing her as a student of our school. Little did we think so soon the end would come. But somehow, some way, we cannot understand, God in wisdom has seen it best to call her to her home of rest. A father, mother, two little brothers and many friends are left to mourn her loss. Our loss is her eternal gain. Glennie was a good girl, a model student, and a loving schoolmate, always wearing a pleasant smile and having a kind word for those whom she met. We, as her teacher, in behalf of her schoolmates, extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. VANK FENDERBEEK.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death and had become too weak to leave my bed, and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva U'neapner of Grovertown, Stark county, Ind. This king of cough and cold cures and healer of throat and lungs is guaranteed by English Drug Co. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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