

There's Much To Be Thankful For in the World, Says Mrs. Funderburk

Stop Talking Calamity, Causing Some People to Feel Desperate, Is Her Injunction; One Woman Has But Two Teeth But Was Thankful That They Hit

To the Editor of The Journal:—Mid all this confusion and disappointment concerning low prices it would be well for us to pause for a while and think of the things that we still have, of which we should be glad and which ought to make us happy. Let's sing the old song we used to sing, "Keep on the sunny side of life." Let's sing it together, you and I, and keep our eyes to the light and our hearts full of music.

Of course we are not going to have as much money as we thought we would have; none of us are, and that means the farmer, the merchant and everybody else. But money isn't everything we need and it doesn't hold all of our happiness within its grasp unless we allow it to have by fretting ourselves sick for lack of it, which is a very foolish proceeding. We have other things that are really more necessary to our happiness than money. Let's look at some of them together. In the first place we live in a great big fine country. We have talked and sung its glories so much during the last three or four years that we all ought to know it by this time. They tell us there isn't another country in all the world so good as ours to spend one's years in, and we believe it because all those who went to other countries were mighty glad to get back here. (We use the word "mighty" because it would be putting it too mildly to say they were very glad.)

Just the other day I was reading an instance of what a respectable bunch of folks we Americans are (especially we southerners, if you please.) This instance is the little town of McColl in the county of Marlboro, S. C. It has a population of about 2,000 including the mill village with the usual protestant churches and a recent survey of the town revealed the fact that (not including the mill village) every man in that town, with two lone exceptions, is a church member. Every woman in that town without an exception is a church member. Only one boy over 12 years is not a church member and every girl over 12 is a church member. Now, we all know that the recording angel will not hunt up the church books to find out who is entitled to place in heaven; but taking that town as a type, even though it is somewhat ahead of others in that respect, we find that we live in a country where the great majority of folks are at least decent and where we can lie down at night with a feeling of personal security and sleep the sleep of the just and that counts for a great deal because you see a fellow who cannot sleep cannot be happy though he may possess his millions.

Now this big fine country was handed down to us without very

much effort on our part to get it or personal sacrifice to keep it, and we are proud of it, and please God, we are going to hand it down to our children a better country than it was when we found it by his blessed help.

Then coming to the things of every day life. We are not going to starve. No, indeed. We are going to have a plenty of something to eat and enough clothes to keep us warm and the most of us have comfortable houses to live in and a conveyance to go about in. If we haven't a car then we have a buggy, which is much more than people used to have. Then we still have the children, bless their little hearts. Earth cannot be all gloom so long as the laugh of a child rings out in the air. Life cannot be all woe so long as a baby smiles up into your face.

Every home, no matter if it be only a little cabin by the roadside, has a part of the kingdom of heaven in it if a baby is there. God bless the children and help us to appreciate them and rightly realize how great a part of our happiness depends on them and to know that they are in deed and in truth worth more to us than gold, "yea than much fine gold."

And who can rob us of the glory of the western sun set, the wonderful tints of color that lights up the sky and fills all the earth with beauty; of the fragrance of the flowers that the creator must have smiled when he made them because he made so many kinds. He must love them and so ought we. No artist has ever painted the sunset so beautiful as it is, and no human hand has ever fashioned a flower so lovely as the flower itself is. There too is the cool sweet breeze that comes whistling around the corner of the house these sweet autumn days. And the woods with their marvelous lights and shades that rests and refreshes one to look upon with brown fields in the distance soothing in the mellow autumn sunshine. And too we still have our neighbors, you and I, the folks we know and the folks who know us. O, maybe they don't always do just precisely like we think they ought, and perhaps we don't do everything in exactly the way and manner that would meet with approval, but they are a part of our lives and we are a part of theirs, and after all we love them better than we are sometimes willing to admit even to ourselves perhaps. There isn't anybody in all the world like our neighbors and there isn't any light in all the world so good to our eyes as the light that shines from our neighbor's windows at night.

These and thousands more of good things you and I still have and so let's quit standing on the corners and

in other public places talking about hard times, low prices, injustice and by so doing sow the seeds of discontent and cause somebody to become desperate and go out and set fire to somebody's gin house or burn up somebody else's cotton which is only a mild form of bolshevism and might lead to a greater attack for which you and I are responsible if we keep up the kind of talk we have been having during the late weeks.

No, we are not ruined yet and we are not going to be and so let's look on the bright side and if we can't see any bright side then polish up the dark side until it shines and so make things bright anyway.

Yes, we can still see and hear and are able to walk about and fots and lots of other things; which reminds me of a story I heard once: They were having a thanksgiving service in a certain church and those present were asked to tell something for which they ought to and did feel thankful. Well, one and another arose and stated particular things for which they were grateful to an indulgent providence, when an old woman arose in the back part of the church. Well, she was poorly clad, and evidently a poor woman. Wondering what she could have to be thankful for, the leader of the services asked her to give her cause for gratitude.

"Well sir," said she, "I haven't got but two teeth, but thank God they hit."

Well, most of us have more than two teeth which meet together for us to chew with, and so let's be at least as thankful as the poor old woman. —Edna V. Funderburk.

Rock Hill Man Inherits Wealth.

Rock Hill Herald, Saturday: M. J. Smith, a well known resident of Rock Hill, has become the unexpected heir to property worth approximately a quarter of a million dollars and has left the city to take charge of his property. Mr. Smith, who has been a resident of Rock Hill, for a number of years and who has won the confidence and esteem of a large number of friends, has recently been in the employ of the Jones Iron Works. A few days ago he received a message from Concord, N. C., informing him of the fact that his uncle had died and he was the sole heir to the estate. Mr. Smith went to Concord to assume control of the property and his family will join him shortly. The estate, it is understood, included about \$75,000 in cash, a large farm near Concord, valuable city property, and considerable stocks and bonds. Before leaving Mr. Smith ventured the suggestion that he now had a harder job than ever.

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The Baltimore American tells about a little girl who was astonished and appalled by a question the teacher asked her. The question was this: "Can you tell me whether you are an invertebrate or a mammal?" "Please, miss," she stammered, "I don't think I'm either. I'm a Methodist."

MERE MENTION

Phillip Lefthand, a Digger Indian who claimed to be 138 years old was burned to death in his tribal home in the Sierra Nevada mountains in California a few days ago as the result of his clothing catching fire from the sparks of his pipe.

The Central Federated Union of New York is calling for orders that will prevent the shipment of American coal to England.

The famous Schlitz beer garden, of Milwaukee, a replica of the beer gardens of Germany, has been converted into a movie theater.

A movement has been launched for a world's fair to be held in Atlanta in 1925.

Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana, on yesterday issued a proclamation, calling upon all the ginners of the state to close their gins November first and remain closed during the month of November.

Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, has declined the appointment of President Wilson as Republican member of the shipping board.

Allen A. Ryan of New York, has contributed twenty-five thousand dollars to the Cox campaign fund.

George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, says there are two hundred and fifty-six electoral votes that are as good as counted for Cox.

Ginners of Scott county, Mississippi, have been warned that unless they stop operations until the price of cotton has risen their property will be destroyed, according to advices received at Harpersville, Mississippi.

John Allen, a negro is being sought at Wilmington, North Carolina, to answer a charge of robbing N. S. Yellie, a grocer of eighty-five dollars and beating him over the head with a bottle.

Four amateur fishermen on Sunday captured a 250 pound deer swimming in Patapsco river five miles from Baltimore, Maryland.

Five persons were killed Saturday when a Lehigh Valley Transit Company car crashed into an automobile near Quakertown, Pa.

Alf Taylor, aged seventy-two is again canvassing the state of Tennessee with his fiddle for election to the governorship on the Republican ticket. Older people will remember the famous campaign of thirty-four years ago between Alf and his brother Bob. Bob was a Democrat and Alf then, as now a republican. Both appealed to the voters with their fiddles and although Alf was the best fiddler, there were more Democrats than there were republicans and Bob won. He made a fine record as governor and also as a good citizen until ten years ago, when he died. Alf has strong and vigorous support; but it is yet a question whether he is to win over his democrat opponent, Albert H. Roberts, who seems to be making better headway in vote getting with his speeches than old man Taylor is making with his fiddle. But still there is no tell how the thing will go.

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