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EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS

It takes a rich man to draw a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw skin, a toper to draw a cork, a free lunch to draw a crowd, and a well displayed advertisement in this paper to draw trade.

It seems there is getting to be more churchianity than christianity.

A saint in church on Sunday and a devil in society on Monday is not the religion that saves.

It looks like France and England are helpless in this war, and if Germany is whipped, we will have it to do.

It seems that no one knows what shape parties and politics will be in when the war is over and the debt must be paid in cash—in taxes.

Sin brought on the war. Sin got all the nations into it. That sin must be atoned for; and it cannot be without the shedding of blood—innocent blood, the blood of our boys. We are glad they are innocent.

Russia is back in the war \$31,000,000 worth.

Rumors concerning Kerensky's political intentions are often about as reliable as rumors concerning his health.

All the world is from Missouri when Germany nonchalantly announces that suddenly it has turned democratic.

This country evidently has much to learn in modern warfare, and also evidently this country is learning it.

In regard to our schools, parents have duties to perform which they can ill afford to neglect. They should show their children that they have an interest in the school. They should examine carefully the reports sent by the teacher, should see that their children are in school every day, and punctual; should assist and encourage their children to do all their school duties faithfully and well; should cooperate with the teacher in securing the prompt return of their children home after school is dismissed; should make a friendly visit to the school and talk freely with the teacher and principal in regard to same.

THE TIMES

Well, the times could be worse. The people make the times. And all the people haven't gone bad yet. A few have not bowed the knee to Baal. But the drift is from God. Anything, like trash can float down stream, but it takes life and a battle with the waves to go up stream. Reader, are you floating down with the trash, or going up with the faithful? "Chse ye this day."

WHAT SHOULD OUR CHILDREN READ?

When a child refuses to go to school or to work, is disobedient and listless, there is something wrong. A child brought up with the right kind of books as companions will love his school and books.

Children are natural imitators. They will very soon learn to talk and act as their companions on the street do. Or, if their leisure time is mostly spent with books, their thoughts will dwell on what they read about. And as a child thinketh so is he. His sole aim will soon be to emulate the deeds and character that are foremost in his thoughts.

If taken while young a child's likes and dislikes can be educated in almost any direction; and good reading is a great help in making good children. A true story or a narrative of deeds that a human being might have done, history and tales of travel will linger in a child's mind and inspire him to be honest, noble and truthful; to honor and obey his parents and teachers and to love his school and companions.

With a little planning by the mother home may be made the place to be preferred above all other places by the children, especially at night. Reading aloud and telling the best they can what has happened and what they have seen during the day, should be encouraged in the children. Teaching will tell you there is a noticeable difference between scholars who have books and papers to read at home and those who have not.

RE-ELECTS DR. ALEXANDER.

In spite of the daily and machine papers and politicians of the State, the Farmers' Union re-elects Dr. Alexander, President. The Times congratulates the Union, and is glad to know the farmers propose to run their own business. The patriotism of the State that is real, will say "amen" to it. The farmers should get together and stand together in every way. In protecting their interest, they will help the interest of the masses. The classes have already been helped too much.

CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

I mean to say that when men try daily to bull the market with their cussedness; when they think in their vain, small souls that they are pulling the wool over the eyes of all people, somehow or other they hit the ceiling in an unexpected place and at a most inopportune time. I go so far as to say that the sins of the father are visited on the children yet to come, and I boldly assert that chickens coming home to roost is another name only for retribution. You can take any man you know, and if he has robbed widows and orphans; if he has by unholly means gotten things from others to which he was not entitled; if his life has been a lie and a fraud and a sham, no matter how much he cuts or how big his bank account for many years, just so sure as you are living, Bud, he is going up against it. If he doesn't, watch a little longer he will discover that children who are innocent are made to carry the cross.—Reuben in Everything.

TWO POLITICAL PARTIES

The books tell us that "politics is the science of government." They also say that government was instituted among men for their "mutual interest and protection."

There are three kinds of governments. A republican form of government is the most just and therefore should be the strongest; because it derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.

And there cannot be a republican form of government, without two or more political parties to preach and to teach governmental science. Two parties in a government are just as essential as two eyes; two ears, two nostrils, two arms and two feet are to the body.

When you hear a man or party claiming that there ought not to be but one party, he or it has an axe to grind; it is the left arm afraid that the right arm will find out what it is doing. And the fellow who doesn't want but one party, generally believes that should be the one he belongs to, or the one that belongs to him. He needs to be bored for the simple, for he is liable to have fits.

And when a fellow says he was born a Democrat or a Republican and therefore he cannot change, he puts himself on a dead level with an ass which is one because it was born one, and, therefore can't change—only to a full grown braying Jassack—go 'rom bad to worse, you know. The trouble with America today is, it is too full of stall-fed, braying, one-eyed, political Jassacks. Its a wonder their mothers ever got them weaned. Uncle Josh.

COMMONSENSE TEACHING

Most anybody can look at a book and see whether a child has the lesson, or rule by memory or not, but very few can teach a child how to reason out, a principle or problem in their own words.

A child that is taught to commit everything to memory will never be a good thinker. When he forgets the rules or the words of the book, he is blank, he is minus common sense reasoning. There is such a thing as getting the words of the book, and not its meaning.

Go to such an one and ask him a simple question and he can't reason it out; he will have to hunt up the book and see what the rule says. What the schools need are more practical, commonsense teachers.

A SHIPPER CONVINCED

The low net earnings shown by many of the railroads, due to the increased cost of labor and materials, and the low stage of market value of railroad securities, convinces Walter S. Dickey, of Kansas City, that the roads should be granted a material increase in freight rates. He takes this view notwithstanding the fact that he is a large shipper, using some 50,000 cars of transportation every year. This attitude, taken by one who "pays the freight" will go far toward convincing the public of the justice of the petition of the roads for increased returns for the service.

REPUBLICANS! WAKE UP

The Democratic organization is vigorously active in preparation for the 1918 campaign, but Republicans are, as a rule, occupying a passive attitude toward partisan interests. There may be more or less watchful waiting in administration but not in Democratic political organization. If the Democrats lose any seats in Congress next year, it will not be because they were too late in getting their campaigns started. Because of the early activity of the Democrats, Republicans are in some communities taking steps to protect themselves against a coup. In Cook county, Illinois, for instance, a committee of seven on ways and means has been selected, including such men as Representative Madden, County Chairman Galpin and former State Chairman West, representing all the different factions and including men independent of faction, for the purpose of bringing about harmony in the ranks and thus presenting a more solid front against the well-organized Democrats. There are many who believe that Republicans in every section of the country should follow this example of vigilance and not sacrifice an election by permitting the Democrats to practice all the party preparedness.

A TARIFF ECHO

About \$15,000,000 worth of merchandise, of German and Austrian origin, consigned to United States importers, was held up by the British authorities shortly after the European war broke out, and since that time it has lain in Rotterdam and other neutral ports. The merchandise includes large quantities of Christmas toys, laces, gloves, novelties and other goods, and permission has at length been secured through our State Department for the release of these products and their introduction to our retail trade in time for the holidays. Their belated arrival at our ports will constitute a reminder to some of our manufacturers of the dreary days when the Wilson-Underwood tariff law laid its cold hand on industrial America.

TOO MUCH FOR DAVE

Even David Lawrence, who pooh-poohed Former Senator Bourne's suggestion of Roosevelt as a delegate to the Allied war conference, cannot swallow the mixture of modicrity which President Wilson has served to Europe as representative of American purpose and ability. Mr. Lawrence says: "The risk to the American people whose sons are fighting the war may be incalculably greater if second-rate men are sent to represent the United States at the most important conference of the war."

When Mr. Wilson says that his heart is with the pacifists while his mind is against them, are we to understand that this is a fifty-fifty proposition?

The Progressive Community Spirit—Here is What it Means

Dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, for whom that all inspiration for improvement arises.

Discontent with the town's rate of progress and a belief that something is being hampered.

A belief that the ways of the fathers were O. K. for the times of the fathers but the cultivation of a lurking suspicion that improved methods today will mean better results.

The lights don't seem bright enough. An important idea gains ground that every dollar spent for town needs should bring back a dollar in value.

An eye for beauty seems to have been developed and unsightly things in town cause indignation.

The value of paint is fully appreciated.

The old saying, "cleanliness is next to godliness" is made to apply to the town as well as to the person.

Residents begin to realize that co-operation makes the town grow and that this can not be attained by trading out of town.

Discovery that dollars should stay in town and add to the town's assets. Learning the principle that an attractive town for country visitors is a paying investment.

Publicity regarding the shortcomings of the town as well as its advantages; the former will then be eliminated and the latter the more easily recognized.

Development of local pride that thinks Morganton is the greatest town of its size on earth—and strives to make it such!

All these are elements of the progressive community spirit—the spirit that wins.

Let's have more of it in Morganton. We can never have too much.

The Latest Dance

The latest dance is the Chinese Toddle. We hear that its effect can hardly be distinguished from that of a plain Southern toddy.

THANKSGIVING

"Thanks-giving!" Is that right? Have we not, as a nation, been using the wrong word to announce the annual holiday, which has been, and is to be celebrated the last Thursday in November? Would, not Thanks-receiving have been a much more appropriate term than Thanks-giving? Neither time nor space will admit of a discussion of the title. Fifty years ago and prior to that date, Thanks-giving was observed with reverence, in fasting and prayer, instead of feasting and revelry, as is the modern method.

By referring back to the sacred history of Ancient Israel we find that, all important, unusual occurrences, were observed with fasting. As in the case of Esther and Mordecai, when that wicked Haman had erected a gallows to hang Mordecai on, and had so skillfully laid plans to have all the Jews in his province put to death. Queen Esther being a Jew, found herself, with Mordecai her uncle and the rest of her race in great peril—under condemnation of death, she resorted to the most potent means of escape, fasting three days.

Ezra in making preparation to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple, he says: "Then I proclaimed a fast."

Nehemiah also, when he learned that his people were in "great affliction, sat down and wept and mourned certain days, and fasted and prayed."

Then again, the Lord Jesus Christ, when He had returned from the Mount of Transfiguration and had healed the Paralytic, His disciples asked Him why they could not heal him, the Master answered "This is done only by fasting and prayer."

"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be abased."

The Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. workers are busy advertising their work, trying to establish a War-zone home for "Our Boys Over There."

We are delighted to see so much interest being manifested in "Our Boys," yet there is room for more work and a greater service—one that will count for time and eternity, as follows:

Let every christian, of every denomination humble himself, that he may be exalted. Instead of feasting on the good things, the fat of the land, let us all fast and pray God to bless "Our Boys" in the trenches and out of them. I don't claim to be a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but it is my humble opinion that God has a purpose in this war, and that His purpose is to "humble the proud and haughty spirit that goeth before a fall," to bring this, the greatest and most prosperous nation in the world to her knees and back from idolatry to His service. He has been warning us for years, with floods, fires, disease and death—yet we, as a nation continue to worship other gods. The gods of wealth, of fashion, of fame, etc., oftentimes to the utter neglect of His worship. Anything we allow to come between us and God is an idol, and they are many.

Let every christian, on Thanksgiving day, close his place of business, if he has such, read a portion of God's Word, get down on his knees and humbly invoke His blessing; attend church services, in which an old time experience meeting is being conducted, listen to a gospel sermon, make a contribution to some orphanage, an amount not less than your daily income, and give to the "Y. M. C. A. for Our Boys Over There," the amount you have heretofore expended in a Thanksgiving dinner. Then, having faithfully performed all the above services, having fasted the day thoroughly, eat, if you wish, a cold lunch with a cup of milk, then before retiring repeat the morning service, after which we trust you will enjoy a peaceful sleep and rest. I hope that no christian "at such a time as this" will be so forgetful of his duty and his God as to go hunting during the day. May every christian fast and pray during this Thanksgiving day, is the prayer of

Yours to serve,

C. P. Hill.

A BOY AND HIS SWEETHEART

Many years ago one of the best of mothers fell asleep at the gates of light." All of her children, of course, revered her memory, but one of them was the babe of war-time dirt, and owing to the anxieties and excitements of the period, and the continued absence of the father, extraordinary affection and devotion was, doubtless, lavished upon him.

Perhaps it was because of this that after the mother's death, and for many years, this boy never retired for the night without placing at his bedside a chair, under the childish impression that his mother would occupy it and watch him sleep.

When other boys would write in sand or carve on trees the names of sweethearts dear, this lad would trace with knife or stick the name of his sweetheart—his mother's name.

When a boy he choose his sweetheart's name as one to be given to his own daughter, and when in later years he wrote some tales of love and life, his heroine, good and true, bore with signal honor and renown the name he loved so well. So, thru boyhood's days this precious memory was enshrined within his heart; the purity, the devotion, the sacrifices, the sorrows of this patient, God loving and serving woman was ever before him, often deterring him from evil and sometimes inspiring him for good.

Happy he with such a mother. Faith in womankind beats with his blood, and trust in all things high come easy to him.

NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING AT HICKORY

A meeting has been called for the Western North Carolina Republican Club Association at Hickory, N. C., on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of setting on foot an active campaign for the purpose of organizing all the Republican voters into active Clubs and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Among other prominent speakers expected, Senator Borah, of Utah has kindly consented to address the meeting, and as everybody will appreciate him they are cordially invited to be present. President N. C. Club Association.

THE INVITATION

"Come out and see the sunset," my neighbor said to me;

"It is so beautiful tonight, I want that you should see."

I felt almost impatient, and I did not want to go.

For—there were things upon the stove that needed watching so!

The chili sauce was cooking, and the jelly would not "jell."

But I tinkered with the damper, and I laid my apron by,

And I went out to my neighbor to the flaming autumn sky.

And there above the mountains was the glory of the Lord,

In fiery, burnished chariot, in mighty, flaming sword;

In strength and power and majesty, his glory shone around,

And reached down to envelop his children on the ground.

It drew us close together, and each grasped the other's hand,

In a quickened understanding, in a comprehension grand,

As we listened in the silence to the symphony divine

That found a fervent echo in my neighbor's heart and mine.

The colors gently faded, and the quiet evening came;

I went back to my kitchen, but nothing was the same.

A song had entered in my heart, a peace lay in the air,

And a wondrous benediction seemed to follow everywhere.

So I thanked my God for neighbors and for all his beauties sent

To rest his weary children and whisper his consent.

—Helen M. Doyle.

Pains, Dizzy Spells

Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of Whitwell, Tenn., writes: "I suffered with bearing-down pains. . . The dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk, I would just pretty nearly fall. Was very much run-down. I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me. . . He got me a bottle. . . It helped me so much that he got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better. The dizzy spells and the bearing-down pains . . . left me entirely." If you are weak and run-down, or suffer from womanly pains,

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You can feel safe in giving Cardui a thorough trial. It is composed of mild, vegetable, medicinal ingredients, recognized by standard medical books for many years, as being of great value in the troubles from which only women suffer. The enthusiastic praise of the thousands of women who have been helped by Cardui in its past 40 years of successful use should assure you of its genuine merit, and convince you that it would be worth your while to try this medicine for your troubles. All druggists sell it.

Try Cardui



A Health to the Fighting Man by Wilbur D Nesbit Author of 'Your Flag and My Flag'

A health to the fighting man! The man with a red glint in his eye, A glint that glows to a tender gleam for the old flag in the sky. To the man who dares—and the man who cares for the good of U. S. A.

Who bears the brunt in the battle front and hurries to the fray, A health to him—our soldier grim—with his faith that makes his might; Who tunes his life to the shrilling fife and knows the way to fight.

A health to the fighting man! The man all innocent of sham, Who pays the due of a loyal heart at the shrine of Uncle Sam; Who bears our load on the weary road that leads to a distant shore And asks no halt till he finds the fault, and the roars of cannon cease, May the throb and thrum of the rolling drum be promise to his cheer, Of the joyous day when he'll come away to hear a nation's cheer.

A health to the fighting man! The man with impulse clean and true, To hold him right as a gallant knight without reproach or fear; When the bugle sings and the bullet rings and the saber flashes bright, May he feel the aid of the prayers prayed to guard him in the fray, May good luck ride on either side and save him for the grasp, Of the friendly hand in his native land that's yearning for the day.



THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Advertisement for the Southern Railway Company. Text includes: 'An Ambition and a Record', 'The needs of the South are identical with the needs of the Southern Railway: the growth and success of one means the upbuilding of the other.', 'The Southern Railway asks no favors—no special privilege not accorded to others.', 'The ambition of the Southern Railway Company is to see that unity of interest that is born of co-operation between the public and the railroads; to see perfected that fair and frank policy in the management of railroads which invites the confidence of governmental agencies to realize that liberality of treatment which will enable it to obtain the additional capital needed for the acquisition of better and enlarged facilities incident to the demand for increased and better service; and, finally—', 'To take its niche in the body politic of the South alongside of other great industries, with no more, but with equal liberties, equal rights and equal opportunities.', 'The Southern Serves the South.'

Start Now To Make Your Tire Equipment

Advertisement for Fisk tires. Text includes: 'FISK', 'BEGIN NOW by getting a Fisk for your spare rim. Thousands of today's users of complete Fisk equipment began years ago with the purchase of a single tire. Experience proved to them that the famous Fisk Non-Skid is the greatest dollar-for-dollar tire value on the market—and the standard of Fisk Quality is higher today than ever.'



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