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WANTS FLAIN TALK ABOUT EVOLUTION.

A few days ago a Professor in the University at Chapel Hill contributed an article to the Greensboro Daily News telling what is taught in the University about Evolution. A reader of the paper after reading the article by the Professor, wrote The Daily News and wanted writers to use language that the folks can comprehend without the use of a dictionary. Why, he complained, can they not write about Evolution in words that are in every day use rather than use words of many syllables. The complaint on its face looks reasonable. But when one undertakes to write an article on Evolution going into the principles involved, he most naturally drops into the use of words that are in common use when the subject is discussed.

If Evolution is ever accepted by the folks of this generation it will be accepted very much as the theory of astronomy is accepted. Most men of learning, and those who make no pretensions to learning, accept the fact that the world is a sphere and that the heavenly bodies—the stars, are great bodies of material of some kind that have their path or orbit through space just as our earth has. All this is accepted as the truth, but the average man is not able to read with interest an article that goes into the why and wherefore of the motion of the planets. How many would be able to comprehend the meaning of such terms as the centripetal and centrifugal forces. And yet it would be hard to write an article on astronomy without using such terms.

It has been said that not one student in a hundred who goes to college takes enough interest in the subject of Evolution to make himself familiar with it.

Evolution means a change from one form to another, an evolving, a rolling out of one form into another kind of form. A plant or an animal may be today entirely different from what it was a thousand years ago, all due to the life it has been required to live through the years. The apple was once a crab apple, the cabbage was once a bud not larger than your thumb, and so on in countless numbers of cases can one find where changes have come about slowly and surely as the result of the working of the laws of nature that are ever in operation. This is Evolution in as simple words as we know how to use. If there is any truth in it the average man will have to accept it on the ground that he accepts the fact that all things are undergoing a change about him, slowly and surely. He will readily submit that a better corn can be developed by selection, a better chicken developed by selection of those chickens for stock that show the most desirable qualities. That is Evolution, changing from one form to another.

The man who undertakes to read a book on astronomy will most surely lay it down and look for more entertaining reading, and we suspect that the same will be true of books that deal with the subject of Evolution. But because one is not able to read a medical book with all its Latin terms and words of many syllables does not mean that one discards the whole of the medical profession with all its means of making life more endurable.

If there is any thing to Evolution that should interest the average man it is that the principles of Evolution are largely at the basis of all the improvement that has been made in recent time in improvement of stock and all kinds of fruits and vegetables. It has been accepted by most professional men as the most reasonable way to explain what one sees about him.

Notice To Federal Income Tax Payers.

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal income tax returns, a Deputy Collector of internal revenue will be at Pilot Mountain, N. C., on February 23, 1927, and at Mount Airy, N. C., on February 24, 25 and 26, 1927, at the Blue Ridge Hotel, to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing your income tax should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest.

A penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and in addition, 25 per cent of the amount of the tax, is imposed by the statute for willful failure to make a return on time.

SAVING THE FOLKS.

Some years ago a citizen about here refused to pay the one dollar that he had been assessed to pay the preacher a whole year. He had worked up a grudge against his pastor and that was his way of getting even. When all this was brought to light the minister shocked some of the brethren by saying, "Charge that dollar to me. He is not worth saving, if there were any way to save him." The remark sounded harsh, but it expressed the views of the minister.

In these modern days of what some go to be a great slipping back in morals, many are alarmed at conditions. We wonder if all this is not very much of a fertile field for talk by the public men who are given to indulging in sensationalism. Nothing delights some public speakers more than to have a subject that will permit them to use strong terms in denouncing something that they think is an evil.

One thing that many sensible people overlook, and that is the ability of the modern newspapers to gather each day from every nook and corner of the whole state all that is worth reading about. It is rare that any kind of crime, accident or unusual event happens that a full account does not appear in the next morning paper. In this way all the crime, all the moral laxness, finds its way to the reading public and makes conditions look alarming to many.

There never has been a time in all the history of the race, so far as we know it, when a large number of the people did not make shipwreck of their lives. Silly women and unthinking men in all ages have seemed to hasten to an early and unhonored grave. If these thoughtless ones are worth saving there has never been a way found to save them. Many citizens are able to become intensely interested in these unfortunates and spend much time and money in an effort to salvage them, and save them to society and themselves.

This subject has had careful and scientific study by our ablest men in recent years. It has been found that most of the folks who are in public print in an unfavorable light are degenerate in mind. There are more weak-minded people than the average man thinks there are. In a town like this there are going about among us daily as many as two per cent of our people who could rightly be classed as weak-minded, and hence largely irresponsible for their conduct. That would mean as many as 150 or possibly 200 weak minded people here among us. We suspect that most of the talk about moral lapses is about folks who would be classed by a learned man as weak-minded.

It is the opinion of our most learned men that the normal person has an instinct developed through long ages and representing the experiences of the race in all kinds of circumstances and adverse conditions, and that this natural instinct is a saving force in the normal person's life, and will, as a rule, keep him from making a shipwreck of his life. This does not mean, of course, that normal people do not make many and serious blunders and moral lapses, but it does mean that they do not persist in a life of crime and live like a degenerate. The modern science of Psychoanalysis, which is the scientific way of reading the mind, shows that many people who get credit for be-

ing good are far from the pretensions they make. And analysis also shows that many unfortunates cast living under the shadow and outcasts from society are pure minded and entitled to be placed in the very highest class of citizens.

It sounds extremely harsh, but it has been charged that public speakers and writers who show a fondness for showing up the moral conditions of the day are doing nothing but indulging in a little bit of play that represents their own evil minds and gives them great pleasure to glibly talk and write about conditions that exist in their own lives. One wise man recently said that the mind of the man who could see nothing in a bathing suit but immorality, would not bear analysis.

If you find yourself thinking about bad moral conditions it would no doubt be interesting if you would take the trouble to count the number of good people you know who are living above suspicion.

CHILDREN AT THE WHEEL.

Down in High Point a fifteen year old child driving a car killed a man. Now High Point will enforce the law about children operating cars.

In this town the other day it was brought out in a local court that a fifteen year old child was driving and had a collision with another car. To show that the child was an expert driver witnesses testified that the child had been driving for four years. Thus he began driving at the age of eleven.

All this may sound bad, but we suspect that many of these child drivers are far more safe to have on the road than some of the moron and half drunken drivers that one meets every hour of the day. The fact remains that there is almost no disposition in this land to obey any law that is intended to regulate travel on our roads. Until our prominent citizens become aware of the need for caution it will be almost impossible to make the roads safe for travel.

THEY BURY A KING.

The day before Christmas the emperor of Japan died. Since that time a million people have viewed the remains and one day this week, after an all night funeral service, just before day, they buried the dead ruler. The night was cold and snow threatened to fall, but great throngs stood and shivered all night as the funeral services progressed. Four sanctified oxen, if you know what a sanctified ox is, drew the remains along the four mile route to the resting place of the royal one supposed to be descended from the gods.

And such is Japan. But she is fast throwing off her ancient heathen customs and has made America her pattern of light. In every school of the land every pupil must study the English language. Let us hope that our example will aid them to live a fuller and more useful life.

WORTH A BILLION.

They have been making some kind of an investigation about how much tax Henry Ford shall pay, and out of it all they are about to conclude that he is the richest man that the world has ever known. It is said that three different times in cash for his auto-billion dollars in cash for his automobile business. It is estimated that

his fortune may be as great as two billion dollars.

Not only is Mr. Ford being rated as the richest man, but the world is coming to think of him as one of the wisest men of his day. He is a man who makes no pretensions to learning, and yet he is coming to be considered a man of such insight into all human problems as to mark him as one of the wisest and most learned men of his time. The world may not be surprised if in the future what Mr. Ford says on public questions will be given as much weight in the public mind as the utterances of any man of our country.

Sale of Land For Street Assessment.

By virtue of authority contained in the charter of the Town of Mount Airy, N. C., and certain ordinances passed by the Board of Commissioners of said town in pursuance of said authority, I will offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder at the Court house door in Dobson, N. C., on the first Monday in March, 1927, being the 7th day of March, 1927, the following described real estate, which is owned and in the possession of Mrs. Gladys Forkner, lying and being on West side of Spring street, 301 ft. frontage.

Sale made to satisfy \$146.20, which amount was assessed against said property for sidewalks and curbing, interest and cost of sale to be added. By order of the Board of Town Commissioners. This the 25th day of January, 1927. Chas. L. Wright, City Tax Collector.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Gen. H. Kemp, deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C., on or before the 15th day of January, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 11th day of Jan., 1927. The Bank of Mount Airy, Adm'r., Gen. H. Kemp, dec'd.

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