

Pending at the present time in the legislature, is a bill for the taxation of dogs in Lenoir county. The receipts from this tax are to be turned over to the public school fund.

As the Wilmington Messenger suggests, it is a notorious fact that our legislators are afraid of dogs—especially when it comes to taxing them. But really, brethren, is not Senator Pollock about right in proposing to tax them?

We are aware that you get next to a man when you reflect upon his dogs. But there is hardly a more worthless piece of property than a worthless dog. A man should be willing to pay tax on a valuable dog or one that has succeeded in enlisting his affections; and he could turn over the worthless ones to the dog catcher.

Then the public school fund would be the beneficiary from this tax, and we might move up a peg in the scale of literacy.

THE ROCKFELLER TELEGRAMS.

There is a trick of influencing legislation at Washington and at other places by showing undue activity on the part of some interests to be affected by the legislation. In this way, among other measures that have been affected, a congressional appropriation for a submarine boat company was recently defeated.

So the practice is by no means unknown to promoters of legislation. But it is hardly probable that an old, staid, long-headed "captain of industry," like John D. Rockefeller, would resort to such puerile methods of obstruction as to send telegrams, as reported, to United States senators announcing that certain trust legislation must be stopped and that "our attorney" would call.

Of course, all anti-trust legislation must be exceedingly distasteful to Captain John, still he must see that his alleged methods would result in a reaction against his interests.

However, very queer things are possible; and if Rockefeller did take the course reported, his action would not have been out of line with that of a horde of American manufacturers who, when a tariff bill is being considered, appear before the ways and means committee. For as John Warner says, "ten monkeys to which seven oranges have been thrown are a model of decorum and dignified behavior compared to the protected interests whenever a tariff bill is before the committee."

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY.

One of the most important bills pending before the general assembly of the State is that for the incorporation of the Audubon society of North Carolina, and for the better protection of our valuable heritage of game and song birds.

We are especially rich in respect to these visitors of the feathery tribe. Many of them need not be called visitors, but permanent residents with us. Kind and even reasonable usage will strengthen their respect for civilization as shown by us, and will induce them to confide more implicitly their interests to our keeping. Our delightful southern climate, already the envy of many cold and bleak parts of our country, will have another inducement added to its charms by a little care and forethought on our part in refusing to lay waste our heritage.

Besides this added attractiveness to the natural beauty of our State, an observance of this just law will undoubtedly have a humanizing and elevating influence upon our childhood, and so upon our citizenship as a whole.

The practice is altogether too uncommon of studying nature in its grandeur and simplicity in the schools of our State. Here the rights of birds and beast are neglected.

But we are glad to note in this connection that the Agricultural and Mechanical college will institute courses this summer looking to a remedy for this sad neglect on our part. Let every teacher, whether under the ban or not, acquaint himself with what the A. and M. college is doing in this respect, and if possible participate in the movement.

Our State will inevitably be elevated, and our civilization will be refined, when more and closer attention is paid to bird and beast and every other form in which the Great Creator has manifested his power and wisdom.

TEACHING AN IDEAL.

It is by gradual stages that anything really reaches perfection. It is the careful study, the constant attention, and the devotion to detail that is rewarded by the ideal. This is as true of the building of a locomotive as of the "building" of a citizen. With the locomotive the first care comes to the material that goes into it. It is the same with the citizen. The reputation of President Cleveland is a good example in this respect.

Devotion to Truth

By ARCHBISHOP IRELAND



"WHY," said one of the greatest of American clergymen, "do I talk before a convention of America's teachers of the perils that crowd the pathway of truth? I have only in mind to lay deepest stress upon the importance of truth that the utmost care be taken by them to instill into the souls of their pupils their own love of truth, their own devotion to it."

THE NOBLEST THING IN THE UNIVERSE IS THE HUMAN MIND. KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD, OF MAN OF HIMSELF, COMPELS OUR RESPECT, DEMANDS FROM US HOMAGE. TO TRUTH ONLY DO WE GIVE DEVOTION. ITS HUNGER IN US IS FROM GOD'S SKIES.

Devotion to truth is for its own sake. THE TEACHER BY PROFESSION IS THE GUARDIAN OF THE TRUTH. THE SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH IS THE SEARCH FOR THE DIVINE. Joubert says: "Study the sciences in the light of the truth. Think nothing, say nothing, that is not the truth. Its native charms will suffice for the mind."

Londoners' Abject Concessions to Royalty

By United States Senator CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW



WHILE watching the preparations for the coronation and viewing the colonials and representatives of every race from England's worldwide empire I could not help contrasting the present with the period just prior to the American Revolution. No American can have any comprehension of the feudal text and spirit of the liturgy of the coronation. Its recognition of the sovereignty in the throne and fealty from the church, nobility and subjects is THE REVERSE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE PEOPLE, which is the foundation of the institutions of the United States. And yet when George III, the great-grandfather of King Edward VII., ascended the throne this idea was universally admitted in the American colonies. WASHINGTON AND ALL THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE GAVE IT CORDIAL ASSENT UP TO WITHIN A FEW YEARS OF THE ADOPTION BY THE AMERICANS OF THE ORDINANCE OF SEPARATION. The American Revolution is a startling reminder of the ease with which a king and his prime minister can undermine the throne.

MODERN POETRY LACKS FLEXIBILITY

By WALTER H. PAGE, Publisher



THERE NEVER WAS A TIME WHEN THERE WAS SO MUCH LITERARY WORK TOLERABLY WELL DONE AND YET NEVER A TIME WHEN THERE WAS SO LITTLE OF THE IMAGINATIVE ELEMENT THAT GIVES DISTINCTION TO WRITING. Most of it is as flat as a board walk; its angles are all right angles. It is lacking in curves, in music and in imagination.

The reason that people do not write with more grace and flexibility is that it is the fashion to regard the reading of poetry as an affectation. Every cultivated person is supposed to read the great poets occasionally, but he does not. WE NEVER WILL HAVE THE FULL BODY OF CULTURE UNTIL A STUDY OF THE POETS BECOMES A NECESSARY PART OF THE EQUIPMENT OF EVERY EDUCATED PERSON. This will give the flexibility the workaday world now lacks.

No Good Without Evil; No Pleasure Without Pain

By General R. BRINKERHOFF



THE goodness of the world—all that we love and praise and emulate—we are ready enough to admit into our scheme of things and to rest upon it our belief in God. THE MISERY, THE PAIN, THE WICKEDNESS, WE WOULD FAIRLY LEAVE OUT. But if there were no such thing as evil, how could there be such a thing as goodness? Or, to put it somewhat differently, IF WE HAD NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING BUT GOODNESS, HOW COULD WE DISTINGUISH IT FROM EVIL?

If we had never felt physical pain, we could not recognize physical pleasure, and in just the same way it follows that WITHOUT KNOWING THAT WHICH IS MORALLY EVIL WE COULD NOT POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE THAT WHICH IS MORALLY GOOD.

YOUNG FOLKS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

By KATE THYSON MARR, Author



MANY LIVES ARE STUNTED FOR THE WANT OF THE BLESSINGS OF A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT. PARENTS AND OTHERS ARE CONTINUALLY REPROACHING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FAULTS AND FAILINGS THAT ARE OFTEN THE THOUGHTLESSNESS OF INEXPERIENCE. THEY SEEM PERSEVERENTLY BLIND TO THE GOOD, TO THE EFFORTS, TO THE LITTLE THINGS THAT EVIDENCE AT LEAST A DESIRE TO DO

MISSISSIPPI ROUSTABOUTS.

They Are Travelers, Nomads, Autocrats, Men of Leisure.

The black steamboat roustabout of the Mississippi is as much part and parcel of the river as is the water and quite as necessary. There is an impression that the roustabout is a much abused individual, an inclination to class him along with the slavlike circus hand. This is wholly wrong. The roustabout is traveler, nomad, autocrat, man of leisure. He is little seen on the upper river, but in St. Louis, Memphis and Orleans there are enough of him to man five times as many boats as touch at those ports. Yet lower river packets have trouble in shipping full crews of the blacks. They are compelled to ship for each trip separately, because it does not please the rouster to take more than one trip in a month. The balance of the time he plays gentleman of affluence. On the Memphis levee I listened to a group of the brawny fellows as they lolled within the shade of a freight pile. Not one was there who had not visited at some time every point in the Mississippi valley at which the steamboat calls. They were equally at home in Pittsburg or Orleans, Little Rock or Chattanooga.

In summer the rousters are fairly willing to work, though they exercise fine discrimination in the matter of boats, but in the fall, when steamers are plentiful and labor scarce, they become exceeding coy. They do not gather around the hiring mate then. He has to come to them. They regard coldly the average monthly wage, \$40. They ask for \$60 and even for \$90, and they get it. If they hold a grudge against the mate of a boat, they demand his discharge and get that too.

But the moment, summer or winter, that the roustabout steps upon a steamer's forecastle his hours of ease are done. He works day and night, a sort of work no white man could stand for even twelve hours. He sleeps at odd minutes between landings sprawled on deck or cotton bale. He wears shirt—usually—trousers and shoes and finds them burdensome. He lays aside his powers of sight and reasoning, retains only ears and muscles and becomes a powerful machine, answering to the slightest inclination of a mate's will.—Willis Gibson in Scribner's.

Cane Bottom Chairs.

When the seats of cane bottom chairs have become limp and stretched, provided none of the canes are broken, they may be restored by being well washed in hot water and exposed to a current of air. This treatment causes the canes to tighten up, and when dry the seat will be quite flat.

English Ivy.

The English ivy attains so great an age that in England they say it never dies. There are ivy stocks ten or twelve inches in diameter which are known to have been planted as slips 600 or 800 years ago.

Steel Buildings.

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Leaves on a Tree.

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The Fan.

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