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## THE BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Some people will say that questions dealing with issues that are essentially moral should be decided purely on the grounds of morality. They will hold that the business element should not enter into the solution.

However, as matters stand today, great social questions, although they deal with moral issues are decided by a large number of people, from a purely business standpoint. They ask, how will it affect my business? What is there in it for me?

In other words there is a streak of selfishness running through all humanity; in some people it is fully developed, in others it is held in control, while in others it is scarcely perceptible.

The liquor question is one that is subjected to this kind of treatment. A very large number of people want to know how the management of the traffic will affect business.

For our part we believe that the moral interests of a community and the business interests thereof are for the most part intertwined. That condition which is really best for the people, is in the long run the most conducive to their prosperity and industrial progress.

To the end that our people may judge of the effects of absolute prohibition upon the material interests of a prohibition community, we print in another place a letter from Mr. W. R. Odell, a large manufacturer of Concord, to Rev. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro.

The letter is similar to Mr. Marshall's.

## "BROWN ON COTTON."

Our Adams' School House correspondent asks "where is Brown on cotton?"

The question is a very proper one. Under Brown's manipulations it seemed that cotton would go to fifteen cents, and many people over the country, some newspapers among the rest, whooped it up for Mr. Brown and proclaimed him a benefactor to the farmer in that he stood for high prices for cotton.

Now cotton has settled down to a somewhat lower figure, about 10 cents, and Mr. Brown, so far as the public is concerned has "gone way back and sat down."

It will not do to tie to Brown, Jones, Smith or any other man who comes into prominence by a manipulation of the market. When men get together and force prices up beyond the point where God Almighty—we say it reverently—places them through the working of His natural laws, the other fellow and not the farmer is apt to receive the benefit in the long run.

Artificial prices are not to be relied upon. But when the seasons, the climate, demand and supply and other natural conditions conspire together to raise prices, then you have a support that people can rely on.

Put not your trust in Wall street manipulators.

## NO LOWERING OF THE BARS.

There should be no lowering of the legal requirements in regard to registration and voting. It matters not what the subject of the election be, one cast iron rule should govern all.

The rule is contained in the following extract from section 12, chap. 89, Laws of 1901:

Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language, and shall show to the satisfaction of the registrar his ability to read and write any such section when he applies for registration and before he is registered. This applies only to those voters who cannot register under the grandfather clause. No educational test can be received of them.

Those negroes who can comply with the above quoted constitutional requirement can, of course vote, and their ballots will count for as much as that deposited by any other voter. The danger comes though in one side or the other fraudulently procuring an illegal registration.

Such practice will, beyond the shadow of a doubt, react upon the perpetrators of the fraud, and we will soon have that rotten condition in politics that existed prior to the adoption of the amendment.

According to a News-Observer report this laxness appears in certain wards in Raleigh in the registration preparatory to the coming dispensary election. The report referred to is as follows:

Members of the staff of this paper see Mr. Scott at his store

last night to investigate the report. It was ascertained that already eleven negroes had registered.

"Did you register a negro by the name of John Poe?" Mr. Scott was asked.

"I did," he replied.

"Did you examine him to ascertain if he could read the constitution of the State?" he was asked.

"I did not," said Mr. Scott. "He read something in a newspaper and I registered him."

"Did you register a negro by the name of George High?" he was asked.

"I did," said Mr. Scott.

"Can he read and write?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "I did not examine him."

"Do you examine all those who cannot register under the grandfather clause to see if they can read the constitution as the law requires?"

"I do not. I have never seen the constitution of the State, and I have never examined anybody about it. I just asked the negroes if they could read and write. If they said 'yes,' I administered the oath to them and put them on the registration books."

This is a laxness unworthy a public officer and cannot be too greatly deplored where so much is at stake as in the case of our suffrage.

## FOUR KINGS.

The sultan of Turkey is a crack shot with a pistol, and has been seen to write his name on a wall twenty-five paces away with bullets.

The khedive of Egypt is fond of horses, and has the most costly set of harness in the world. It was made in England cost \$10,000, and is for four horses.

The official title of the king of Portugal is a rather imposing one. It is "king of Portugal and the Algarves within and beyond the seas, in Africa lord of Guinea, and of the navigation and commerce of Ethiopia, Arabia, Persia, and of the West Indies."

The king of Denmark, who is eighty-five years old, is one of ten children of whom three survive. The average of the ten is nearly seventy-one.

The late queen was one of five who averaged sixty-five years. Their descendants occupy the thrones of Great Britain, Russia, Denmark, Greece and Baden.

## TRAIN AND TRACK.

The receipts from passenger traffic are greater on Japan's railways than those from freight.

The Coast-Yukon is the name of a proposed railway from Kitamaunt inlet, British Columbia, to the Yukon and Dawson.

The elevated railroads of Manhattan borough, New York, are now maintaining a service representing 195,000 car miles a day.

A speed of eighty-two miles an hour for fifteen miles has been attained on the Midland railway of England with its new compound locomotives with a 350 ton load.

## POULTRY.

Sunflower and hemp seeds promote a smooth, glossy plumage.

Slaked lime in the drinking water will usually cure a hen of laying thin shelled eggs.

The hens should be set where the laying hens cannot disturb them—in a separate house or yard.

Eggs from mature hens are better for hatching than pullets, as a larger proportion of them usually prove fertile.

By providing a pasture and a pond geese may be kept at a very low cost, as they can pick up the greater part of their feed.

## ANIMAL ODDITIES.

The raven is among birds what the fox is among animals, the embodiment of shrewdness.

The eyes of ants appreciate the ultra violet rays of light which are beyond human range of vision. Therefore the ant sees a color of which we can form no conception.

The horned ray or skate is 25 feet in length by 30 in width. Off the coast of Newfoundland is a species of cuttlefish with arms sometimes 30 feet long, so as to be 60 feet from tip to tip.

## TOWN TOPICS.

Harrisburg leads all other cities in enterprise and progress. It supplies all other municipalities with ideas.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

What is greatly needed in New York and Chicago seems to be a street car strap with padded seat, back, arms and foot rest.—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

Chicago elected a native American mayor, a Polish city attorney, a German city treasurer and an Irish city clerk. It's a great polyglot town.—Boston Herald.

Cancer Cured by Blood Balm. All Skin and Blood Diseases Also Cured.

Mrs. M. L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala., took Botanic Blood Balm, which effectually cured a cancer of the nose and face. The sores heal up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless. Hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among other, Mrs. B. M. Guernsey, Warrior Stand, Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sores. Doctors advised cutting, but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guernsey is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures eczema, itching humors, scabs and scales, bone pains, ulcers, offensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, rising and bumps on the skin and all blood troubles. Improves the digestion, strengthens weak kidneys. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter.

## ALASKAN BOUNDARY LINE.

Lord Alverstone, Who is President of the Joint Commission.

Lord Alverstone, who has been chosen president of the commission jointly appointed by Great Britain and the United States to arbitrate the Alaskan boundary dispute, has been lord chief justice of England since 1900, when he succeeded Lord Russell.

Prior to his elevation to the peerage Lord Alverstone was Sir Richard Everard Webster, baronet and queen's counsel. The latter rank in the higher branch of the law he attained at the age of thirty-six, which is said to be the record for this distinction. When Lord Salisbury formed his first administration in 1885 Lord Alverstone was appointed attorney general, holding that office, when his party was in power, until made lord chief justice.

The Alaskan boundary commission consists of Secretary of War Elihu Root, Senator Lodge and Senator Turner for the United States and Lord Alverstone, Professor Sir Louis Jette,



LORD JUSTICE ALVERSTONE.

lieutenant governor of the province of Quebec, and A. B. Aylesworth of Canada for Great Britain.

The members of the commission sit as judges, the case being argued by agents of the respective governments. Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster is the United States agent, and Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, acts for his government.

It has been arranged that three of the counsel for each government shall make arguments, the British opening and being followed alternately by Americans and British, the former securing the advantage of delivering the closing argument. The oral arguments will be finished on Oct. 9. The commission holds its sessions in the foreign office, London.

## A WOMAN OF NERVE.

Dr. Emily Dunning, Who is an Ambulance Surgeon in New York.

The most interesting member of the medical fraternity in New York city just now is Dr. Emily Dunning, the woman ambulance surgeon of Gouverneur hospital, who bears the unique distinction of being the first woman who was ever employed in that trying capacity.

Miss Dunning is a graduate of the Cornell Medical school and has been on regular ambulance duty for several months. Her field of labor is on the crowded east side of the city, where calls are frequent and hours long. Dr.



DR. EMILY DUNNING.

Dunning wears the regulation uniform and peaked cap of the ambulance corps and carries a surgical case. Demure and feminine in appearance, she is just the opposite of what the imagination conjures up when the title of "doctor" is associated with a woman.

Dr. Dunning stands regular watch with the other ambulance surgeons of the hospital, taking her turn day and night. She has expressive blue eyes and attractive and pleasing features, and her head is surmounted by wavy blond hair. Dr. Dunning's parents live in Brookline, Mass., but she makes her home in New York with an uncle, who is also a doctor.

## The Youngster's Question About Law

A judge of one of the United States circuit courts has a five-year-old niece of whom he is very proud. A few days ago she came to him and said with a very serious air:

"Uncle, there is a question about law I want to ask you."

"Well, dear, what is it?" patiently inquired the judge.

"Uncle, if a man had a peacock and it went into another man's yard and laid an egg who would the egg belong to?"

The judge smiled indulgently and replied:

"Why, the egg would belong to the man who owned the peacock, but he could be prosecuted for trespassing if he went on the other's property to get it."

The child seemed very much interested in the explanation and then observed innocently:

"Uncle, did it ever occur to you that a peacock couldn't lay an egg?"—New York Times.

## A Cruel Husband.

"Why, daughter," said the rich father of the girl who married the penniless nobleman, "what does this mean? How comes it that you are home again, with all your trunks?"

"Father," wept the girl, "I cannot live with the duke any longer."

"Can't live with him any longer! Has he been cruel to you?"

"Indeed he has," she sobbed, clinging to the tender hearted old man. "He is always taunting me with our poverty."

"Poverty! Why, dadgum him. Didn't I buy him outright for you?"

"That's just it. He sneers that we were so poor that he was the best we could afford."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Matter Enough.



"What's the matter with Brother Lion?"

"Why, he got a sure tip on the races and lost all of his coin."

"I see, and now he's making an awful roar about it."—Mail and Express.

## Inconstancy.

"Jenkins is a queer duck."

"What's he done now?"

"Why, last night he fretted and fumed and finally slanged because his wife took three minutes to dress for a car ride out to the park, and last week he sat in an open boat in the hot, broiling sun from 2 o'clock until 6 without getting a bite and enjoyed it."

—Baltimore News.

## In Society.

Tess—Miss Nuritch talks so much about her mother's social position before she was married.

Jess—Well?

Tess—Did she really have any position in society?

Jess—Oh, lots of them. She never accepted a place as cook except in very swell families.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## The Baby Humorists.

"Of course," said Mrs. Extrygood, "you are fond of bright, precocious babies?"

"Oh, yes; certainly," replied old Batch, "but I draw the line on the supposed smart sayings made up by the parents and loaded off on the poor infants."—Baltimore American.

## Not a Characteristic.

"That was your wife with you at the railway station, wasn't it?"

"What makes you think it was my wife?"

"Well, she gave you such a short answer."

"That wasn't my wife."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## All Will Be Discovered.

Barnes Torner—I am in a quandary. I have been offered an engagement by two managers, and I don't know how to act.

Sue Brette—Well, don't worry. They'll soon find it out.—New York Times.

## Sufficient Reason.

"What makes Middelrib so bitter against the Turks?"

"The young man who calls on his daughter smokes Turkish cigarettes."—Indianapolis Journal.

## Pat On.

"She has such a natural charm about her."

"Yes, but it is artificial."—Judge.

## Constancy.

Two years ago, "The moon shone bright, and by her side, in food delight, far from the world's distress, basking in youth's sweet foolishness, young Algernon, with deep breathed sigh, forgotful though the hours might fly, there where the ocean laved the sands, sat holding hands."

The honeymoon long since has flown, and Algernon, no wiser grown, sits where the midnight breeze hot and raw, 'till comes that jack pot, unheeded still the hours pass on; time is dissipated by Algernon, he sees or calls or put he stands, still holding hands.

—Washington Star.

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