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The Southern Express Company has authorized its agent to accept for transmission, without charge, all money consigned to the Washington office of the Red Cross Society. In this way the Express Company will do a splendid and charitable service and the fees, which in the aggregate, if included by the senders in their donations, will be a considerable sum. The people should take advantage of this commendable offer.

Several hundred more bales of cotton have been ginned in Lenoir county this year than was the case in 1913, according to statistics compiled by the government up to October 18 for both years, and printed elsewhere in today's issue. The cotton planters will have to adopt the plan of "big business" of selling on small margins and depending on large volume of sales to pile up the profits.

The Raleigh News and Observer of Thursday morning's issue, made a striking argument for the proposed amendments by printing the partial list of the leading men of the State, who are championing the Amendments, and alongside the list, of its opponents—the latter containing the solitary name of Chairman E. L. Travis of the State Corporation Commission. Mr. Travis is surely in the minority in his fight. He hardly has a speaking part.

Despite all precautionary measures on the part of the States and mine owners, there will be explosions so long as the individual miner is not in thorough accord with safeguard methods. It has been a hard matter to prevent that recklessness and abandonment which comes from constant association with danger. Trainmen are too prone to take long chances in making couplings and doing other hazardous work, and their carelessness has been the cause of the loss of many a foot or hand and many a life as well. The same is true in the history of mines. Men will use high explosives, which they smuggle in, and strike matches when the mines are known to have more or less gas. The bitter experience of others does not retard as it should.

NEW WINE IN OLD BOTTLES

The wisdom of the Biblical injunction against putting "New wine in old bottles" is exemplified in the everyday affairs of life. Many business concerns make failures or are able to barely eke out an existence because they try to keep up with the procession and adhere to old and obsolete methods. Old machinery is frequently used long after its usefulness has been spent and when in reality, instead of being an asset, it is in the way. Modern business successes are not built in any such way. The accounting systems, the mechanical equipment, the shipping and delivery methods and all phases of the conduct of the business are modernized to keep step with the needs and development of the age. The old ways were all right in their day, but no longer so, and wise is the man who realizes the need for keeping step with the times.

What is true in the business and commercial life is true in matters of government. Laws made a century ago are no longer necessarily in keeping with conditions, prevailing today. There are many statutes which have stood the test of time, and which are destined to be applicable for many years to come, but not so with a great many of them, and it is of these that we speak. There is but one remedy,

and that is to strike them out and, if present conditions demand it; put in their places those laws which are applicable now. The State Constitution was framed by, perhaps, the best mind and talent to be had at the time and based on the enlightenment of that period and the environment, which inspired the various provisions, it is truly a remarkable and comprehensive compilation, and in the whole is adequate for present needs. There are changes, which are very essential at this time. These changes, or at least the better part of them, are covered by the ten amendments which are to be submitted to the people for ratification at the polls next Tuesday. We believe the amendments should carry because we have faith in the wisdom of the scriptural injunction.

OUR THANKSGIVING IN 1914

Rarely if ever have American citizens had such cause for more real thanksgiving than is their fortune in this good year of Nineteen Fourteen. And this, our nation, has been particularly blessed and favored throughout the years that have gone. Our President, issuing his annual Thanks Day proclamation Wednesday, spoke eloquently of the causes for gratitude. He compared the peaceful condition enjoyed by America with the terrible war-torn picture of the Old World. He urged his fellow-citizens to pause in their plenty and succor the suffering and supply the wants of the needy.

Our Thanksgiving this year may truly be meritoriously celebrated if we make it an occasion for thanks offering and prayer to the Almighty that the burden of suffering humanity across the seas may be alleviated. That the Christ spirit, "Peace on earth, good-will toward all men," may dominate the world, and that men may live together in unity and purpose, realizing that in the common service of the Father, man may have the highest expression of his attainments.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE LESSON OF EXPERIENCE

Rocky Mount Telegram: "The farmer that has raised his hog and hominy the past season, and at the same time has fodder and foodstuffs enough for his live stock, is certainly on the velvet as compared with the fellow that raised only cotton as a money crop and expected to buy the necessities. It is proving a pretty hard lesson with hundreds of thousands over the South, but it will do more to spread the gospel of 'raise what you eat,' than all the newspaper talk of a half dozen years."

YOU BET, IT IS

Wilmington Star: "Conflicting interests in this country expect the government to enable them to raise the price of all they have to sell and lower the price of all they are compelled to buy. Meanwhile, all that should be expected of the government is that it shall see that no free-booters shall restrain trade by combines, but make it a 'fair field and no favor.' What the government should do for all the people is to make trade restraintless for all the people and so manage the country's finances that there shall be plenty of money for legitimate business and not enough to inflate values and depreciate the currency in the hands of the people. That is precisely what the Democratic administration at Washington is trying to do."

RESULT OF FILIBUSTERING HYSTERIA

Charlotte Observer: "Now that the convulsions are subsiding we might ask attention to John Temple's bale. It was placed in the lobby of the McAlpin and artistically placarded: 'Buy a Bale and Help the South.' A Charlotte merchant who knew something about cotton pulled out a sample and found it 'stains.' It was a 1912-13 bale and had been bought from a broker at seven cents. A little calculation will show how much benefit the Southern farmer got out of that bale. And there was the philanthropic old lady with a fat purse and a soft heart for the poor farmer, who got Wanamaker to buy a bale for her. That bale was also bought from a broker in New York around seven cents. The broker got the money and Johnnie, he got the advertising. New York was full of instances of the kind and while the spirit which prompted it is to be admired, yet that spirit was born of the sentimental and mistaken idea of the South's beggarly condition. It was too much like



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