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## CLASH OF THE PURITAN AND CAVALIER

THE SANDHILL COUNTRY ELIMINATES THE WEAK, UNHAPPY AND UNINSPIRED

Clyde Davis, Secretary of Our Board of Trade, Tells the North Carolina Conference How Yankees Make Good Tarheels and How Dancing Makes Good Preaching



NOT long ago I spoke at an agricultural meeting in Oklahoma. The first speaker was a United States Senator. He talked a long time in a most complimentary way but said nothing. The next was a specialist. He also spoke pleasingly but said nothing. I next spoke and I too said nothing. Then they called on a little thin cheeked, hook nosed man to talk on "The Dairy Industry in Oklahoma." He said, "I have been asked to state what we must do to get a dairy industry in Oklahoma. The first thing, I should say, would be to get a new population. If I could teach you men how to tramp silage with spurs on or milk a cow on horse back there might be some hope, but there is none now. What we need is a new population." That man had something to say. He made a speech.

### NEED A NEW POPULATION

The first factor to mention in discussing Sandhill progress is that our section of the State has a new population. It is no better than the old if as good, but the clash of the two civilizations is what is worth while. The civilization which radiated from Plymouth Rock has gone to seed. That which radiated from Jamestown, Virginia, has become moribund. But bring Northern people down here, put the two civilizations together, and let them "fight till they eat each other up" and the result will be something better than either could boast before. That's perfectly natural. Carlyle in speaking of the clash of Mohammedanism with other religions says a religion succeeds not because of the quackery there is in it, but because of its element of strength and in spite of its quackery. Let it conquer what it can, says he, and rest assured that it will conquer nothing that does not deserve to be conquered. But

the civilization of New England and that of the South together. Each is the critic and the ridiculer of the other. With criticism and ridicule they burn the quackery out of each other. The dross is consumed and the gold is refined, and with the latter the foundation of a better civilization can be laid.

My first advice to you then, if you desire to accelerate progress, is that you bring in the Yankee. However much in the bottom of your hearts you old sensitive, clan-nish, complaisant Tarheels may be irritated by the Yankee with his figetyness, his two-by-four omniscience, and his critical perpetual-motion jaw I'd advise you to cast your advertising nets on every side until you catch some of the genus and then not let them get away. Whatever else their coming may bring, you may rest assured that it will be sure to bring a clash of civilizations the result of which will be something better than either you or they would be able to work out alone in a hundred years.

### WHAT IS PROGRESS?

Bacon begins his best essay with this sentence: "What is truth?" said Jesting Pilate, and would not stay for an answer. If some modern Pontius in this audience asks what we mean by progress I shall waste no time in picturing some Utopian goal which we are trying to reach. Every age will have its problems and its difficulties. If we had lived in Egypt during the plague of lice it would have been our duty to spend our time spraying lice and searching out the cause of their increase. By progress we mean simply this:—getting out of our community whatever makes it weak, unhappy and uninspired; and getting into it whatever fits our people to possess the land and hold it against all comers.

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