

Friday August 13, 1915.

Will it be Warburg now?

Mexico will now take a course in A B C's.

Those Russians are going to Berlin round the other way.

The next step forward should be a whole time health officer for Halifax County.

Just to show what a hopeful cuss we are, we are still hoping for a business men's association in Roanoke Rapids.

Of course it seems hard, but it is absolutely necessary for that bunch of Climbers to do it to Emporia again this week.

Now that European nations are willing to contract for all the ammunition we can manufacture, there is really no excuse for continued shipments to Mexico.

The New York World is perturbed because the Kaiser failed to state in his latest note whether or not bathing on this side of the Atlantic is permissible or not.

We have a splendid idea in regard to restoring peace to Mexico, but we feel that it would require more men and ammunition than this country can spare at present.

"Russian Army Hounded Within Narrow Areas" state the headlines. In view of this fact, we suppose the Czar now considers the enemy wily as well as "strong and cruel."

The United States they tell us now has seeds of gold reserve in its vaults—we have more gold than any people on earth have ever had—we and J. P. and John D. and A. C.

The pictures shown in the Peoples Theatre last Tuesday night of actual fighting in Flanders, looked very pretty but did not noticeably increase our hankering for European travel this summer.

Lloyd-George deposes that "Germany is shattering the rusty bars that fetter the soul of Russia." This must be gratifying information to the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas, especially when they ruminant on the diversion that didn't divert.

A news dispatch says Mexico is being flooded with currency, that every printing office is turning out its own particular brand of cash. The unhealthy condition down there and the fact that sudden demises are somewhat casual, especially in this particular branch of industry, are the only things holding us back.

It is gratifying to note that the anti-typhoid inoculation campaign in Halifax County is meeting with such satisfactory results. It is also gratifying to note that Roanoke Rapids leads the rest of the county in this matter some two years. The spring and summer of 1913 saw

the larger portion of the inhabitants of this community inoculated, although many new comers and children have been inoculated since.

Is It Possible?

Massachusetts has been held up to the Southern States for so long time as the one example of perfect labor conditions, especially as regards its cotton mill industries, that we have unconsciously grown to think that it is superior to us in these matters.

The following item clipped from the Greensboro Daily News of the recent visit to Greensboro of the Hon. Andrew J. Peters, of Massachusetts, shows a very interesting sidelight on this subject. Massachusetts would seem to be a far better field for the benevolent (?) efforts of Messrs. McKelway and Swift than North Carolina.

Mr. Peters was taken for a tour of inspection of the mill villages just on the outskirts of Greensboro, and it was conditions as he found them there that most thoroughly impressed him. He is very familiar with mill conditions in the North, coming as he does, from a State that ranks among the leaders of the United States, and his comparison of the Greensboro villages, with their big open spaces, lawns and pleasure parks, to the crowded conditions of the North, where the operatives are forced in most cases to reside in flats, was very gratifying to local people.

Mr. Peters was also thoroughly impressed with the organization of the local cotton manufacturers, declaring that it is among the most wonderful he has ever known. He was told in detail of the attention given to the health, education and comfort of the operatives, and during the recitals he voiced many expressions of wonder. His visit to the villages and what he saw there constituted one of the big features of the day for him, he said. He felt that this alone repaid him for the distance he had traveled for this brief visit to North Carolina.

Presidential Possibilities

An ingenious friend suggests that a year hence five tickets will be combating in the field, as follows:

1. Woodrow Wilson and William Kent.
 2. Theodore Roosevelt and William E. Borah.
 3. W. J. Bryan and Wm. A. Sunday.
 4. Boies Penrose and Reed Smoot.
 5. William Randolph Hearst and Harry K. Thaw.
1. William Kent would be perhaps the best candidate the Democrats could have for Vice President, but we do not expect them to know it. His independence is a cause of nervousness, and they have no conception of how many Progressive and Republican votes he would bring to ticket.
2. We think if Mr. Roosevelt runs at all it will be on the Republican ticket. This is by no means an impossibility, if the race looks hard. It will be hard unless unemployment is widespread.
3. Mr. Bryan will not run. If he does Harper's Weekly will have a hard time swallowing the words it has written about him.
4. If the bosses prevail, Penrose and Smoot will be the ticket in substance, whatever it may be in form. They will prevail if the outlook for Republican victory is good.
5. The Ticket would draw a large vote, especially Harry Thaw.—Collier's Weekly

NEW TYPHOID RECORD

2146 Halifax People Take Treatment First Day

The new anti-typhoid campaign has started off in record breaking fashion. In Halifax County the two dispensary physicians, Drs. C. P. Parker and W. H. Sloan, gave the initial treatment to 2146 people at Weldon the first day the dispensary was open. This sets a new high water mark for number of persons treated in any county in a single day. The best record made during the previous six weeks campaign was made in Cumberland county

Qualities of Precious Stones. An English leopold, writing in the middle of the sixteenth century gives an imposing list of the effects of "gems and precious stones," among which he enumerates "the making of men rich and eloquent, to preserve men from thunder and lightning, from plagues and disease, to move dreams, to procure sleep, to forestall things to come, to make men wise, to strengthen memory, to procure honors, to hinder factions and s'chertrats, to hinder slothfulness, to put courage into men, to keep men chaste, to increase friendship, to hinder difference and dissension, and to make men livelible."

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IN THE HOME GROUNDS

By EGEN E. REXFORD.
This month will be a busy one for the gardener. There will be plants to put out, seeds to plant, insects to kill—quite enough to keep one at work most of the time.

1.—Do not transplant on cloudy days if possible, but if the weather permits, to bring sunshine, I do the work early in the morning. Before lifting a seedling, I apply enough water to thoroughly saturate the soil in which it is growing. If this is done, the young plant can be moved without exposure to the roots, and it will receive no shock whatever, but will keep on growing as if nothing had happened to it. Just allow its tender delicate roots to be exposed to air for over an hour or two and you run a serious risk of losing your plant.

If this does not happen, it will receive a shock from which it will take a long time to recover.

One cannot be too careful with anything so delicate as a seedling plant. In bright weather newly transplanted seedlings will require shading for a day or two. I cut out a circle of coarse brown paper, about a foot across, make a slit to the center on one side of it, and fold the paper over two or three inches, running a wire out and in through the folded part. This wire serves to hold the paper together and acts as a support for the little brown paper umbrella.

It should be at least twelve inches long—long enough to insert in the ground close to the seedling, and hold the paper close well above the plant if it is designed to protect. This kind of a covering keeps the sun away from the plant, but does not interfere with free circulation of air about it.

What kind of a support are you going to give your gladioli? Tying their stalks to stakes gives them such a stiff and ugly appearance that I always feel sorry for the poor plants. A stick in the center of a clump does not furnish a really satisfactory support to the stalks on the outside of it, and a hoop supported on sticks is open to the objection of being only a little better than nothing.

Here is my plan—and one that works well, and can be easily carried out. I take a strip of coarse mesh wire netting of the size of the bed

containing the gladioli and stretch it over the plants before they begin to send up their flower stalks. I support it on stout stakes that project about eighteen inches above the surface of the soil, using enough of them to keep the netting level all over the bed.

This is the season for making warfare on the enemies of the rose. If one would have fine flowers he must make up his mind that he's got to fight for them. I use an emulsion of soap and kerosene.

It is very necessary that the application should get to the under side of the leaves and the inside of the bushes, where the insects are likely to hide away, therefore it will be well to have someone assist by bending the bushes over and holding them in that position while the application is being made.

Worms, slugs, green lice and the rose-chaffer can be kept from injuring the bushes if the emulsion is applied thoroughly and frequently.

As soon as my lilacs are past the flowering periods, I go over the bushes and cut away all the seed clusters. The result is—I get a fairly good crop of flowers on what is generally considered the "off year" of this excellent old shrub. If it is allowed to develop seed, it generally has few flowers except on alternate years.

Speaking of lilacs reminds me to say, that I do not endorse what some people say about this plant being a nuisance because of its habit of sending up so many suckers from its roots.

That it is prolific in this respect I admit, but there is no good reason for allowing them to grow until you have a thicket of bushes. Give your hoe blade the sharpness of a knife by filing it to a keen edge, and go over the ground about your lilacs at the sprouting season, and shave off every sprout that shows its head above the grass. You can do this just as easily and rapidly as you can cut off so many weeds, and by doing it you can keep your lilacs from spreading all over the yard.

These bushes are nuisances only when allowed to have their own way. Give them the attention they need and they are easily kept under control. The secret of success consists in not letting them get the start of you.

BECKER MEETS DEATH BOLDLY.

Walked Composedly to Electric Chair Murmuring a Prayer.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.—Charles Becker was put to death in the electric chair here for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last. He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physicians pronounced Becker dead at 5:55 o'clock.

Becker led the way to his own execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot, calmly talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson.

"I have got to face it," said Becker. "And I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to any one."

Two Bluejackets Are Killed. Washington—Two American blue-jackets were killed in an attack by natives on Port au Prince, Haiti, held by Rear Admiral Caperton with 600 men from the cruiser Washington. The attacking party was beaten off without having approached closer than the outskirts of the city and order was maintained in the city itself. No sailors were wounded and the loss of the attacking forces was not reported. The dead: William Gompers, seaman of Brooklyn; Casos S. Whitehurst, ordinary seaman of Norfolk, Va.

Difficult Demands By England. Washington—Consul General Skinner at London notified the state department of a new British regulation requiring masters and sailors on neutral ships visiting British ports to be provided with passports or identification papers and to present such papers for registry if remaining more than 24 hours in British waters. A large proportion of the crews of American ships are neither native Americans nor naturalized Americans and cannot receive passports from the United States.

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