

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

OUR PROSPERITY'S SPREAD. THE PORTERS ARRIVE. REALLY TWO CHANGES. RED, AND BRIGHT RED.

The good thing about American prosperity is that it spreads further and further from the great control sources of wealth. In ancient days, a rich nobleman in his palace was surrounded by ignorant, miserable, half-starved, barefoot peasants. Later the owner of a great factory in New England had the "satisfaction" of knowing as he lay in bed before daybreak that the men and women were already on the way to his mill to make money for him and earn for themselves barely enough to keep alive.

That has changed, and will change more. Millions of men go to work in automobiles. And the automobile widens their sphere of labor. A carpenter or bricklayer can work comfortably anywhere within fifteen or twenty miles of his dwelling. That change is as important, almost, as the invention of the locomotive.

The Dives-Lazarus dinner party is over. Dives still has more than he needs, more than he should have, but Lazarus has plenty, and travels in his little limousine while waiting to travel in Abraham's bosom.

It would have interested you to see a Southern Pacific train getting ready to start from Oakland, one evening last week. Half a dozen well-kept, good automobiles drove up, one after another. A man, well dressed, contented, prosperous-looking, got out of each.

His wife, who changed to the wheel to drive the car home, was prosperous-looking and proud to take her husband to his work. Those were colored porters of the Southern Pacific Pullman cars and their wives.

What a change from the days of Uncle Tom's Cabin, and the change is as great for white workers as it is for colored men. Seventy-five years ago pious New Englanders, excited about "abolition" and the terrible lot of poor black slaves in the South, were told by the late Albert Brisbane, "By all means free the black slaves in the South. But what about white slaves in your own New England factories? What about the white women who go to work in your cotton mills before daylight and get home after dark? It is worse than black slavery, because the black slave owner keeps him fed and healthy that he may continue to live and work, whereas you don't care what happens to your white slaves, since you can get, for nothing, more when they die."

Slavery can be and has been as bad on a "wage basis" as on a basis of physical slave ownership. Modern industry, highly productive, intensely organized, immensely profitable, takes a step toward civilization when it allows those that do the work and produce the comforts to have some comfort for themselves.

Those colored women, driving their husbands to work, in good automobiles, will cause the foolish to ask, "Dear me, what is the world coming to?" It is coming to better days, greater happiness for the crowd and greater security for the few that skim off the cream.

Certain clergymen are accused of being "red." Their accusers want them investigated by a Congressional Judiciary Committee.

A clergyman is "red" when he doesn't believe that a whale swallowed Jonah and coughed him up on the land.

He is "red" if he believes that the advice to give all to the poor was really meant seriously.

He is "red" if he doubts that Joshua made the sun stand still in its trip around the earth, in spite of the fact that it doesn't go around the earth.

He is "red" if he says the four angels could not have stood on the four corners of the earth because it hasn't four corners.

And he is BRIGHT red, if he thinks anything should be done to let everybody have enough, here, where so many have too much.

About your Health

Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

HYDROPHOBIA

An ancient term, but one which comes before us every now and then, with an acuteness that pales the face with terror. In its literal meaning, hydrophobia is "dread of water," as "photophobia" is dread of light. All "phobias" in medical language are "dreads." "Rabies"—a shorter word, has its origin in "rage"—madness—from the French, hence, "mad-dog."

Other animals than the dog are susceptible to rabies, the horse, the cow, the cat—and the rodents, rats, mice, etc.; it has been suggested that the bite of the skunk may be followed by hydrophobia. The poison is one of the most active known, and, until the discovery of the Pasteur treatment, its presence spelled certain death.

Something may be said here, that will prove of value to my reader; if your pet suddenly shows signs of illness, you should at once put him into an absolutely safe isolation, and summon a skilled veterinary doctor. If your little dog begins to act strangely—shows no sign of affection for you—hides himself—trembles, as if excited or suffering, you cannot be too active in precaution; let me repeat, better be safe than sorry.

In the very unfortunate event of your being bitten by a dog, bear in mind that a bite through clothing is many times less liable to be followed by infection than one on a bare surface. Another point: The dog that bites you should be imprisoned and watched to see if he is actually diseased; to kill him and burn his body is to destroy valuable evidence.

The so-called "mad-stone," known in rural communities, has no known scientific value, and should not be depended upon; cases of reported "cures" by it were not hydrophobic to begin with. One of the brightest stars in the crown of scientific medicine is its mastery of this dread infection.

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You will further take notice if your taxes are not paid on or before the first day of April, 1927, your property will be advertised for sale as is required by law.

Allen Sutton

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

QUALLA

Last week— Prof. A. D. Parker, accompanied by the Basket Ball team went to Cullowhee Thursday to attend the tournament.

Preaching at the Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Carson.

Messrs. A. D. Parker, Buren Terrel, Misses Nora Kinder, Alpha Dickinson, Bertha Buchanan and Louise Haigler attended teachers meeting at Sylva.

Mrs. J. L. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson, Mr. P. H. Ferguson, Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mrs. P. C. Shelton attended the funeral of Mrs. Stephen Shelton at Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moody—a son.

Misses Ida Battle, Irene Raby and Harriet Hall attended the tournament at Cullowhee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Caldwell of Black Mountain were visitors at Mr. Golman Kinsland's.

Mr. J. E. Battle visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mr. J. O. Howell and family and Messrs Bill Ensley and Lonnie Crisp were guests at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mrs. A. T. Patton and Mrs. H. G. Bird called on Mrs. H. G. Ferguson.

Misses Winnie Cooper and Essie Anthony called on Miss Grace Hoyle.

Messrs York Howell and Glenn Ferguson were guests at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mr. H. G. Bird of Sylva visited homefolks.

Messrs Garland Oxner, Ted Kinsland and Obed Anthony visited school.

Misses Eunice Turpin and Edna Colliers called on Miss Ruth Ferguson.

Mr. Sam Perry Hyatt of Cullowhee, and Mr. Guy Moody of Sylva spent the week end at home.

COURT WILL HOLD 20 SESSIONS

Raleigh, N. C. March 13— With only one exchange of judges and no special terms twenty superior court sessions are calendared for this week.

The sole exchange carries Judge Webb from Scotland county, where he was slated to hold a one-week civil term, to Henderson county, where Judge Parker was down to conclude a two-week mixed term. Judge Parker takes Judge Webb's place in Scotland.

The week's calendar follows:

Judge Daniels, one week mixed in Camden county; Judge Nunn one week mixed in Nash; Judge Grady, one week civil in Vance; Judge Harris, one week mixed in Johnston; Judge Cranmer, one week mixed in Carteret; Judge Sinclair, beginning two week's civil in Sampson; Judge Devin, beginning two week's civil in Wake; Judge Bond, concluding two week's civil in New Hanover; Judge Barnhill, one week criminal in Bladen; Judge Midyette, concluding 2-week civil in Durham; Judge Harding, beginning two-week civil in Forsyth; Judge Oglesby, concluding two-week criminal in Guilford; Judge Parker, one week civil in Scotland; Judge Finley, concluding two-week civil in Mecklenburg; Judge Schenek, one-week civil in Iredell; Judge McElroy, beginning two-week mixed in Burke; Judge Moore, continuing two week mixed in Wilkes; Judge Webb, continuing two week mixed in Henderson, and Judge Shaw concluding two-week civil in Buncombe.

BALSAM

Mr. D. W. Ensley who has been quite sick the past two weeks is some what improved, though still confined to his bed. His son, Corbett, of Asheville, has been with him during his illness.

Mr. Grady Queen has returned from Daytona, Florida, where he has been all winter.

Coming as a surprise to their friends, Mr. John Cogdill and Miss Mattie Lou Styles recently announced their marriage, which occurred last September, at Sylva, the ceremony being performed by Magistrate Painter.

Rev. W. M. Robbins, of Sylva, filled his appointment here last Sunday at the Methodist church and delivered a most excellent sermon.

Mr. J. K. Kenney of Asheville, was here a few ays last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Bryson, last week, a girl.

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