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THE WEATHER TODAY: Fair.

A USEFUL ORGANIZATION.

The gentlemen who travel this and other States in the interest of the various business establishments of Wilmington, met the other evening and organized The Wilmington Traveling Men's Association. Mr. G. L. Boney was made president, and in his remarks of thanks, laid down the object of the association and pointed out very forcibly the advantages such organization can be to its city.

Mr. Boney expressed unbounded faith in the association for the accomplishment of good by such an organization, composed principally as it would be of young men. Then, too, in advancing the interests of the city they were benefiting themselves by extending and increasing their trade which could but result in increased salaries for them. He urged the traveling men to stand together, thoroughly familiarize themselves with Wilmington's vast industries, resources, possibilities, and keep them constantly before the people with whom they come in contact throughout the country.

First familiarize yourself with, not only the vast industries, but the resources and possibilities; do not confine yourself to your immediate business in hand, then keep all "constantly before the people with whom you come in contact." A whole column could not contain more good, wholesome advice, nor point out more clearly the "possibilities" of the traveling men themselves for aiding and building up their community. And Mr. Boney was not unwise in his appeal to the selfishness involved in the matter. By such usefulness, both to immediate employer and community, an "increase of salaries" could well be expected.

Confidence begets confidence, and an abiding and constantly expressed confidence in your own community begets like confidence in others whose trade or influence may be very desirable. One need not disparage another community in his State in an attempt to attract to his own. First, loyalty to his own employer and home, then his State, should be the high purpose of all; and by this means, this loyalty throughout the old State, we can build up every section of it.

We congratulate Wilmington upon the possession of such an organization, and commend the example to every community in the State.

AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

The call made by Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson for a meeting of the cotton growers to be held in this city on Wednesday of Fair Week, the 18th day of next month, is a matter of great importance to our planters, and should be so considered by them.

The object of this meeting, we are glad to see, is to devise ways and means the better to control and mar-

ket the crop, and not to exploit demagogical measures aimed at other industries or occupations. New methods have come into operation for handling and marketing products, of the farm as well as of other enterprises, and our farmers, both growers of cotton and tobacco, should meet method with method, meet organization with organization.

The wool market has largely advanced of late, the fleeces of our American farmers fetching very much higher prices now than a year or even a few months ago. This is attributed, and no doubt truly, to the American Woolen Company, an organization of farmers who raise the sheep from which the wool is taken. This is a trust, of course, but it was deemed necessary by the sheep raisers to organize so as to meet the trusts who manufactured their product into clothing, carpets and other necessary articles and compel a fair price for the raw product. These farmers have, by thorough organization, enabled themselves to control their product and market it as occasion demands, at profitable prices.

Our cotton raisers should do the same. There is every reason why the crop should command at least eight cents this season. So long as the staple is rushed upon the market without some concert of action or evidence of independence, just so long will the price be kept down to the lowest notch possible.

The Post therefore hopes to see a very large gathering of farmers in Raleigh on the date named, ready to formulate plans, and ready to receive suggestions of co-operation which our bankers and business men are ready and willing to make, by which the crop can be marketed to the best advantage, first of the farmer, and consequently that of our State and all other interests as well.

The call of Commissioner Patterson, and the prompt action of the Wake County Alliance thereon, should meet with an earnest response throughout the State.

The Governor of the State, with a number of his staff, and Senator and Mrs. Butler, left yesterday to take part in the grand reception to be tendered Admiral Dewey. Mr. Butler is of the committee to represent the Senate on the occasion.

The Raleigh Company of the State Guard, Capt. Joe Bernard commanding, leaves today to participate in the parade.

The Post trusts that each and all may have a most pleasant trip throughout and show to the distinguished hero of the occasion that the Old North State unites with all other Americans in felicitating him upon his glorious work and in his triumphal return to his native land. Also, that the State appreciates specially the glory of the great battle in as much as the splendid namesake of the State Capital won its first spurs on that occasion and under the commander whom the whole nation now welcomes home.

Only from absolute necessity should our farmers sell their cotton now. Unless compelled to do so, and reasonable sums should be needed, opportunity is ample in Raleigh for the storage of the crop and securing such advances as may be satisfactory until such time as an absolute sale may be made.

The world now recognizes that the crop has been damaged very seriously, many good judges claiming the damage to be over 30 per cent., while the universal estimate places it at least 25 per cent. These figures will bring the crop below the 10 million mark, which ought to mean, and will mean if our farmers are wise, from 8 to 9 cent cotton before the spring.

The farmers can get the accommodation they want in Raleigh at very reasonable cost. The Post wishes to see them getting the full benefit of such advantages, and we call their attention again thereto.

A dispatch announcing the sudden death of the "noted astrologist, Dr. L. D. Broughton," alarmed many friends of Dr. Len. Broughton, the noted preacher of Atlanta, who feared it referred to him. Dr. Len. is something of a sky-scraper, it is true, very much of a star himself, and casts terrific horoscopes sometimes, but is pleased to inform his friends that he still continues business on this mundane sphere and proposes to make other folks "see stars" for a while longer. It was another horoscoper who has gone to the realms which he delighted to horoscope while in this world.

The grand Masonic Temple under construction at Wilmington, and it will be an imposing structure worthy the city as well as the noble order under whose auspices it is erected, will be dedicated on November 14th next, and Hon. Francis D. Winston will deliver the address. It will be an interesting as well as important occasion in the history of Masonry in that city, as well as of the city itself, and our Wilmington friends may know in advance that Mr. Winston will prove himself fully equal to it.

As a result of the attempt to give negroes work in Illinois mines, the casualties up to date are 86. Killed, whites, 13; negroes, 15; wounded, whites, 30; negroes, 28; rioters and murderers punished, 000. This is the record for the Republican State of Illinois, pitifully observes the Florida Times-Union. And we have heard of no meeting or conference or other organization of the negroes, North or South, denouncing this matter.

A number of Judges testify in New York to contributing more or less liberally to the campaign expenses of their party, some adding that a law prohibiting judicial candidates from contributing to such expense, would be wise, while others, more considerate of the future and the powers that be, could see no reason why all candidates should not help carry the party burden. Verily, these latter went down to their political house justified.

Our sincere congratulations to Mr. Bernard of the Wilmington Star. For thirty-three years he has conducted the Star, and it has grown more luminous with each year. May he and Mr. Duffy live to celebrate the completion of another third of a century, and enjoy a prosperity commensurate with their faithful services to their State.

Just as the Post predicted those "envoys" which entered our lines near Manila, purporting to come from or on behalf of Aguinaldo were not followed up by any interview, or surrender of American prisoners. It was merely a trick.

The Milwaukee Sentinel does not think that Gov. Roosevelt a suitable man for the Vice-Presidency, because the "head of the ticket will look pale by comparison." The nearest boost Teddy has yet received.

We fear it was capture of that American gunboat and crew which prevented Aguinaldo from prosecuting his "interview" with Gen. Otis. He feels encouraged, doubtless.

THE DREAM OF THE TOY.

The Sandman lost a dream one night— A dream meant for a boy; It floated round awhile, and then It settled on a Toy.

The Toy dreamed that it stood in class With quite a row of boys; The teacher rapped upon his desk And cried, "Less noise! Less noise!"

Then, looking at the Toy, he scowled And said, "Next boy—foretell!" "Oh, please, sir," cried the little Toy, "I don't know how to spell."

"Indeed, I don't know how it is; I'm sure I am a toy. Although I seem to be in class, And dressed up like a boy."

"What's that? What's that?" the teacher cried— In awful tones he spoke; He came with strides across the floor, And then the Toy awoke.

There lay the nursery very still, The shelf above its head; The fire burned dimly on the hearth, The children were in bed.

There lay the dolls and Noah's Ark, "Oh, dear me," said the Toy, "I just had such a dreadful dream! I dreamed I was a boy." —Katherine Pyle, in St. Nicholas.

Not Only Desirable But Necessary.

The reported declination of Mr. Hobart raises the question, Who shall be his successor? As a rule having few exceptions, the wish or influence of the candidate for President has been potential in the selection of the candidate for Vice-President. It is well known to the well informed that Mr. McKinley would prefer Mr. Hobart as his running-mate on the ticket, and that he will profoundly deplore the necessity of making a change in 1900 in the personnel of the ticket of 1896. But if a change must be made because of Mr. Hobart's declination of a nomination, it is anticipated that the President's choice of the candidate for Vice-President will be favorably considered by the convention. Apart from Mr. Hobart Mr. McKinley would, undoubtedly, prefer Governor Roosevelt, of New York, whose selection would, undoubtedly, add strength to the Republican ticket. Governor Roosevelt is in entire accord with the policies of the administration and is a staunch supporter of Mr. McKinley. His political following is large, and might be found to be important on election day. If, for instance, his candidacy would place the thirty-six electoral votes of the Empire State in the Republican column, as it is confidently believed it would do, Colonel Roosevelt's nomination would be more than desirable; it might be necessary to Republican success.

Cunning Assessor (to Kreesus' wife) "Wonder if I could get an idea from you as to how much your husband is worth?" Truthful Wife—"I don't know. From the way he stints me I should say that instead of being assessed for anything at all the city ought to pay him something."—Boston Transcript.

When a man boasts that he would rather fight than eat, you can generally depend upon it that he would rather talk than do either.

Optional—"Do you have to ask your wife for money?" flattered the little man with the hunted look in his eyes. "Not on your life!" replied the large, brusque man, "but rather than go without I sometimes do!"—Detroit Journal.

The Blue and the Gray.

(Chicago Tribune.) It has been said that such of the modern willingness to get rid of the mortal coil is due not so much to tangible woes as to that intangible state called ennui. There is no apt English equivalent for this French word, and that state of mind called the blues is much too active a condition to express the apathetic torpor whose tone is a prevailing gray.

John Stuart Mill, in his remarkable "Autobiography" confesses to having been subject to such attacks when the fountains of vanity and ambition were dried up, and when "neither selfish nor unselfish pleasures were pleasures." Coleridge, says Mill, best expressed this condition in the lines in the "Ode to Dejection": A grief without a pang, void, dark and drear, A drowsy, stifled, unimpassioned grief,

Which finds no natural outlet or relief In word, or sigh, or tear.

The philosopher belied that with him such a mental state was due to a premature habit of self analysis, and no doubt analysis does tend to destroy feeling and capacity for enjoyment.

A modern poet, Stephen Phillips, utters the same cry and protest: My senses all like weapon rust And lie disused in endless dust; I may not love, I may not hate; I slow! I feel my life abate. Many people have confessed to having endured these visitations of "ennui microbes" on a Sunday afternoon when, either because of unwanted fasting or lack of mental stimulus, they become mere clouds. After all both the blue and gray State are but another nature's way of getting even with the enervated individual who has taxed her too heavily. The best remedy lies in physical activity and effort, though effort at such times is difficult to command. Yet, as Matthew Arnold says: Tasks in hours of insight will'd Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled.

Why It Pays to Plant Tobacco—The Quality Makes the Price.

(Fayetteville Observer.) Mr. W. J. McDonald, expert tobacco grower, sold at Planters' Warehouse last Saturday another good lot of tobacco, prices ranging from \$4 to \$20.50 per hundred pounds; being asked if he was pleased with his prices he said that he was well pleased, and would sell all his tobacco here; that Fayetteville prices were good enough for him. This goes to prove what Mr. Blackburn says, that he has no trouble to please farmers in prices who know of their own knowledge the value of tobacco. Mr. McDonald says that he has made \$2.00 on tobacco this season, where he has made \$1.00 on cotton. This goes to prove that the quality makes the price and that it will pay to plant tobacco in this country.

Something to Be Considered.—Prospective Tourist (at booking office of great ocean liner)—"That stateroom is near the stern of the vessel, isn't it?" Agent—"Yes, sir." Prospective Tourist—"You ought not to charge me full price for it."—Agent—"Why not?" Prospective Tourist—"Because when the steamer comes to land I'll have to walk half a mile to get ashore."—Chicago Tribune.

The motto of the bunco steerer is: "Never put off till tomorrow the man you can do today." In Name Only.—Mrs. Hix—"I'm glad to hear that your husband is working again." Mrs. Dix—"But he isn't working; he has a political job."—Chicago News.

Stubb—"This would be a fine place to go nutting." Penn—"Nutting in a theatre?" Stubb—"Yes; there are peanuts in the gallery, polished coconuts in the front row and chestnuts on the stage."—Chicago News.

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