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WASHINGTON BUREAU: In charge of the Steve W. Floyd Special Agency.

Another "appal to Caesar" is in order just at this time. Congratulations to Mr. W. B. Snow, city attorney. He seems to have had all "underholt" on the law that time.

Comment on Mr. Dixon's play, the "Clansman," is not all favorable, but it all serves the purpose of advertising the show.

We now have high authority for our position that city boards of aldermen cannot amend the acts of the state legislature.

It doesn't matter whether the new style hats are on straight or not; no one would be able to detect it if they are on crooked.

It is announced in a news item as a fact that the Standard Oil Company is making money. Who would have thought it possible?

Ordinarily the distance to be traveled is the same and the man who lives the fastest gets there first; he arrives so sudden that he gets little enjoyment out of the sunset.

Probably the reason that more murderers are not caught in New York is that the police seldom have time to run one down before a new one bolts up for them to take after.

North Carolina is doing her part in the matter of the organization of new life insurance companies. The new company at Fayetteville starts off in an enthusiastic manner, and we wish it great success.

Mr. Dixon says his purpose in putting the Clansman on the stage is to secure "reconciliation through knowledge of the truth." You may rest assured, however, that there will always be a man at the box office.

The Washington Post suggests "that federal supervision of campaign funds might go a good way toward making federal supervision of insurance companies unnecessary." The suggestion is suggestive, at any rate.

It is suggested that Mr. Fairbanks is looking for a larger house in Washington. There is a large White house up Pennsylvania avenue not far from the treasury building that we suspect is about the size and location wanted.

The campaign is warming up in Virginia. The Times-Dispatch concludes a long editorial on the disqualification of Judge Lewis, the Republican candidate for governor, in these words: "How can any Democrat think of voting for such a man?" Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Sure enough campaign

AGAINST THE ALDERMEN According to the decision of Judge Justice in the mandamus case yesterday, the board of aldermen were wrong in refusing to call an election on the whiskey question in this city upon the petition presented. It has been clear to our mind all along that the aldermen did not have the power to amend the laws passed by the general assembly, and in spite of the elasticity of the English language as it is often constructed, that they could not, in this case, give an entirely new meaning to it.

The decision of the court is a complete vindication of City Attorney Snow, who advised the board of aldermen against the course pursued. That he was right The Post has not entertained the slightest doubt. The proposition was so plain that it seemed to us the average mind could easily grasp it. The law is in plain language, and it is simply a question of whether or not it means what it says. We did not, and do not now, favor the calling of the election, but we do favor the execution of the provisions of law when the conditions are met. The conditions have been complied with in this case, and it should be called, however much we disagree with those who signed the petition for it. The action of Judge Justice is in accordance with the law and common sense, and, though his decision was contrary to his own personal preference in the matter, yet he did what the language of the statutes and the conditions demanded.

A REMARKABLE SUGGESTION One of the most remarkable suggestions we have ever heard was made a few days ago by the Goldsboro Argus. In the course of a roast that paper was giving a show that appeared there the night before, the Argus said: This show (3) was booked for the Messenger Opera House by Klaw & Erlanger of New York, who are supposed to be reputable theatrical managers and send out only first-class attractions, consequently the managers of the Messenger Opera House are not directly responsible for the imposition upon the Goldsboro public of "Reuben in New York," which is absolutely a disgrace to any boards and should be suppressed by law—in fact, the Argus has before suggested the enactment of a law prohibiting or indicting railroads for hauling such through the state, as the surest means of protecting an unsophisticated public from such reprehensible theatrical combinations.

The management of the Messenger Opera House greatly regret that Klaw & Erlanger subjected them and the theater patrons of the city to such an imposition as "Reuben in New York." Regrets, merely, are expressed that Klaw & Erlanger sent out a bum show; but the railroads should be indicted for hauling the aggregation! There is not a word of criticism for the management of the opera house, whose business and duty it is to see that patrons of the house are not imposed upon. There is no suggestion that it would be well for the opera house management to investigate the merits of so-called attractions, and see that all with whom contracts are made are worthy of the patronage of the people; but the railroads should be held responsible, they should investigate all the theatrical combinations on the road and ascertain whether or not they are "reprehensible" and refuse to haul any against which the people of any community might possibly have a kick. Let the schemers and the impostors go ahead and prepare to rob the people, let them make contracts with the local managers of play-houses, and then indict the railroad if it brings the show to town!

"Mp, mp, ho, ho, har, har, wow!" CAMPAIGN EXAGGERATION "I'm an old man now," said a veteran party worker recently, "and I've always voted the straight ticket. But I came to the conclusion years ago that there never could be an election in which the victory of my man would 'save' the country or in which the country would be sent to the eternal bow-wows by the victory of the other fellow. Still, I'm afraid I've been guilty of talking a great many times, when

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a campaign got hot, as if our very national existence depended upon a single election and I wasn't lying either, for, I own, I felt as if it did." "No better illustration has been given in many a day, says the Boston Traveler, of the ridiculous lengths to which campaign exaggerations will carry a man than the testimony given in the New York Life investigation by President McCall, which evoked the applause of the audience. "When they adopted the free silver platform," he said, "I determined that I would do all in my power to defeat that candidate and that platform. I had a duty and a trust. If Bryan was to be elected president I felt that we might almost as well put up our shutters. I did what I did to defeat free silver, not the Democratic party. I thank God I did it." And then, when Mr. Hughes piled him further with regard to his contribution to the Republican campaign fund, Mr. McCall remonstrated: "I hate to have you characterize that money as a Republican campaign contribution. It was given in behalf of the gold standard."

There is good reason to doubt Mr. McCall's sincerity in regard to this transaction of 1904, but if he really believed that he rendered a great service not only to his country but to his country by his act, he was aiding the development of a system of political corruption that is far more dangerous to the permanent soundness of a state and of all the institutions which depend not only for their prosperity but for their very existence on the soundness of the state, than all the financial heresies that have ever been conceived by the erratic minds of men.

Parties are useful, necessary even, to the proper operation of a government like ours. But the permanence of that government does not, and in the nature of things, cannot depend on the success of a given party in a given campaign. We are a nation of patriots. And while this party or that party may, with the best of intentions, tie up temporarily to this or that economic or political heresy and even ride to success at the polls upon it, the mistakes cannot be irretrievable so long as the hearts of the people are right and the popular will is honestly expressed. Only the permanent triumph of corruption among all classes of the people would be irretrievable and that, God helping us, shall never be.

SOUTHERN PRODUCTS AT NORTHERN FAIRS People can better be convinced of conditions, if they are brought into touch with the material results growing out of them. The land and industrial department of the Southern Railway, realizing this, has been exhibiting for several weeks at fairs in the northern and western states a collection of products from the territory traversed by its lines. These exhibits have attracted marked attention, and have been the means of informing thousands of people of the opportunities offered by the south to the farmer, stock-raiser, manufacturer, etc. Printed matter descriptive of lands and business openings of all kinds along the Southern Railway has been distributed from these exhibits among people earnestly seeking information concerning the resources of the south and the advantages offered. Among the various products displayed were some fine specimens of apples, the superiority of which is shown by the following:

New York State Fair, Syracuse, N. Y. In recognition of the fact that the apples exhibited by Mr. J. E. Hall of Waynesville, N. C., and the Stuart Orchard Company, Stuart, Va., in the Southern Railway exhibit arrived too late to enter for award, we wish to express the opinion that these apples are the finest specimens exhibited at the New York State Fair, and had they been properly entered, would have received the highest award. H. S. WILEY, ALBERT WOOD, Judges. September 14, 1905.

To appreciate the force of the above, it should be borne in mind that the region surrounding Syracuse is one of the oldest and most important apple producing sections in the United States. Senator Tillman said: "That hell-bound in Columbia who is editor of the State has told enough lies on me to build a railroad of crossties to hell." The New York Sun copied that and said: "Of course, this is merely tropical luxuriance." Cow-itch vine?

Says the Washington Post: "Senator Foraker intimates that there will be trusted hands at the switch when the attempt is made to run the president's railway rate measures over the senate right of way." But even the most trusted hands are sometimes found asleep at the switch.

"A Doll House" was the name of a theatrical attraction which recently started out, but the name was too suggestive, at least the houses it drew were in keeping with it, and the concern disbanded and went home.

South Carolina's picturesque senator, Mr. Tillman, recently said: "Anybody can sign a petition, even a free nigger." He was not referring to the Raleigh saloon election petition.

The Self-Made Man (Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

Professor Butler of Chicago stated recently in an address to students that the "self-made" man's success was due only to unusual ability; that efficient handwork no longer can be a home product. In the fierce competition of the present, education, presumably of the sort afforded by his university, is a necessity. Thus might be reopened a discussion so familiar that the details are not worth threshing out. There are various opinions, and the advocates of each decline to compromise. Disputants are unable to get upon a common ground, for they have set up different standards, and think in terms of the advocate of another belief may not be able to grasp. One may reach his goal, thus vindicating his theory, and not be near the other goal, where his opponent already rests, serene in the consciousness of triumph.

However, Professor Butler's elimination of the so-called "self-made" man must be attended with difficulties. The man is likely to remain and hold to his non-collegiate degree. The assertion that this man succeeds by reason of superior ability suggests no dissent. In countless array might be summoned examples sustaining it. His career does not seem to depend upon his genius or environments. He is created with that in him which carries him farther and faster than his fellows can go; and because, without external advantages, he goes farther and faster, he is classified as "self-made." The injustice of this is in the notion it causes that the person who develops into a central figure in any field of endeavor has depended upon a process known as "self-making," and has not been actuated and borne along by inborn qualities. The secret is not mere industry, although some who have reaped their reward in profit and praise really take such view. Edison is the incarnation of industry, but in this he is one of an unnumbered throng of toilers. He also is a genius. In this he stands alone, or at least notable in a small group. He could not have risen to the place he occupies by a virtue of any teacher's instructions, nor could he have risen through the uplift of mere application, or there would be nothing strange or solitary in his status.

The man who is labeled "self-made," elite in possession of the title, has been misjudged and misnamed. The title simply is that tagged to any individual of mark, indicating to the critical observer nothing more than that the individual essayed to do something, and, because blessed with peculiar adaptability for the task, accomplished the end sought. With a different mental equipment he never would have thought of the plan, or his efforts would have been fruitless. He thought from an impulse as natural as that which caused him to breathe, and he wrought because the passion for labor was among his gifts, and a strong arm or cunning hand was ready to heed the mandate of his intelligence. Perhaps, however, to the end of time it will be termed "self-made," and accept the characterization with a modest conviction that he merits it.

Stop Corrupt Practice (Cedar Rapids Gazette.) Defenders of corruption in politics will be branded "the corruptorists by the public, regardless of their station. It has been learned that some of the men who have great financial trusts, and who have professed great interest in the welfare of the country, are below the level of the common thief and embezzler, and there is nothing now that will protect any man if his rascalties should be discovered. Having learned that a thief may be called a thief, the general public is not inclined to mince matters, and would go after a president of the United States as readily as they would go after the janitor of an office building. If there should be any further attempt to buy or steal the presidency and the matter should be discovered, the originators of the plan would be likely to have personal regrets.

TABLOID PHILOSOPHY (Philadelphia Record.) Only a fool will give a receipt for a debt that is paid in promises. At any rate, procrastination never makes a fellow too previous. The actor should always be strong enough to take his own part. If we could only hock our troubles the pawnshops would be full. Most of us want to get square with our enemies before we forgive them. It is possible for a man to keep his troubles to himself, unless drink is one of them. Wigg—How does Mallette stand as a sculptor? Wigg—I don't believe he cuts much ice. When a young fellow is keeping company he must expect to be known by the company he keeps. Muggins—How did B Jones make out with his system of beating the races? Buggins—Well, I believe he still has the system left. Blobbe—Why did you fire your office boy? Slobbe—I caught him smoking. Blobbe—So you believe that where there is smoke there must be fire, eh?

BATCH OF GOOD HUMOR It is a pity that Opportunity does so much traveling incog.—Puck. Mrs. Muggins—My husband never plays the races. He has conscientious scruples. Mrs. Buggins—Neither does mine. He has common sense.—Philadelphia Record.

Judge—It seems to me I've seen you before. Prisoner—You have, your honor. I used to give your daughter singing lessons. Judge—Twenty years.—New Yorker.

Mixed.—Dresser: Well, the season's over and I suppose we'll have to discard our Panamas now. I don't care much, for I'm rather sorry I bought mine. Dumley—I never would wear 'em. The old fashioned nightshirt's good enough for me.—Philadelphia Press.

A man went into a chemist's shop and bought a bottle of some patent stuff, which was advertised thus:

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