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All is not gold that glitters, neither is all charcoal that is black.

Appearances are often deceptive. Every man who acts crazy is not insane.

What difference does it make if McCall is speechless? Doesn't his money talk for him?

When you think things are doomed it is not always safe to "take something" to cheer up, for then thoughts of doom are a reality.

The argument that there are no "women angels" has gone on long enough, and it is time to compromise on the fact that lots of women are angels.

The papers almost without exception are saying pleasant things about the new daily newspaper—the Daily Industrial News—published at Greensboro.

What a fortunate thing it is that men are not permitted to see far into the future! An immediate bond issue for more room in the asylums would be imperative.

The meat packers claim that they have been losing money. Well, so have the consumers, and altogether it looks like there might be bad management somewhere.

It helps along sometimes, to believe that every dark and fierce looking cloud has a silver lining, whether it is true or not, and it is often a question whether it were worth while to find out.

A man lectured the other day in Georgia on the remarkable subject: "Eighty Years in Shoes." That is a little better than a million, but some men have earthly experiences which convince them that one day is too much.

Six years is a long time to have in which to study over a problem, but Greene and Gaynor, now occupying prison cells, can doubtless come to a definite conclusion better in six weeks than they could in the six years they have been fugitives at large.

The Lexington North State (Republican) says: "The grand jury of Wake county has returned a true bill for murder against the persons who so maltreated an inmate of the insane asylum as to cause his death. It was a disgraceful affair. Local Democratic papers refuse to mention the matter simply because it reflects discredit on the present state administration. But the people will find these matters out and will bring those in authority to justice." Just what the North State means by "local Democratic papers" is not clear from the foregoing.

SULLY'S ADVICE TO FARMERS

The famous cotton bull, Daniel J. Sully of New York, spoke before a large meeting of farmers in Metropolitan Hall yesterday. Mr. Sully is not an orator and makes no pretensions in that direction. He is well posted in matters pertaining to cotton production, marketing and manufacturing. His speech yesterday was short and very pointed.

What he said may be summed up in a few words: "Hold your cotton; you can control the situation and control prices if you will; the European federation of spinners will grind you down to the lowest price at which you will sell. Don't let them rob you." Mr. Sully's remarks are quoted fully in another part of The Post this morning.

Coming as it does, from a man of the reputation of Mr. Sully, his advice will help to strengthen the determination of the farmers to hold their cotton for a fair price. With the exception of the knowledge he has gained by experience there is little in the advice he gives that has not been given many times in the editorial columns of this paper. Our advice has been to hold cotton, watch the markets and dispose of the staple judiciously. The cotton farmers of the south, where eighty per cent. of the world's supply is produced, can control the situation absolutely, with thorough organization, such as has for the past year or two been going on.

The farmers are wide awake now and constantly on the alert. All that is needed is to keep it up, for them to know and control their affairs like the bears know and control theirs. We have often said that the interests of the producer and manufacturer are mutual, in that it is best for both for the price to be fixed and stable. Wide fluctuations in money values of any commodity are dangerous to any business enterprise handling that commodity, and there is no industry perhaps in which this is nearer the truth than in the cotton industry.

LOOKING TO THE PRESIDENT

Thoughtful men, men who are looking ahead for the future good of this southland, have long felt a keen interest in the Appalachian forest reservation proposition. No question that has been before the public in a half century is of more importance than this, in spite of the fact that so many have regarded it as largely a sentimental cry to save the forests on account of their beauty. Men who have studied the situation see in the preservation of our mountain forests, not only the preservation and perpetuation of much that is grand and beautiful to the vision, but still more that is of paramount importance to the industrial progress and welfare of a great region of country. It will mean the preservation and security of millions of horse-power along streams that have their source in the mountains.

Strip the mountains and the great foot-hills of their magnificent forests and in another half century many streams that now offer most splendid opportunities for the development of unparalleled water power, would be robbed of their protection and reduced in practical value to almost nothing. The southern senators and congressmen should unite in an effort to get some definite and positive action by congress on this important question. With a united force from that part of the country most vitally interested, sufficient aid can be procured from the other parts of the nation to secure the relief needed.

President Roosevelt will be in Raleigh next week, and it is hoped that he will take occasion in his speech here to say a word of encouragement to the people about this matter. His views are known, he is in favor of the movement for a forest reservation along the Appalachian range, our people need the encouragement he can give. Let him include this item in what he will have to say to us next week, and that alone will be a great public service, and worth the trip if he should talk of no other vital subject.

ABOUT REBATES AND REGULATION

In his letter of advice and approval to President Roosevelt, Colonel Bryan took occasion to call attention to the necessity of railroad legislation. He said: "Pass over the railroad representatives and appeal to the people. Compel the opponents of railroad legislation to meet the issues in the open. There is no logical or even plausible argument against the legislation which you recommend. Extortion in rates, unfairness, discrimination against persons, discrimination against places, midnight tariff and rebates galore—all of these inequities have resulted from lack of regulation. They are intolerable and must be stopped. Will you use the great influence of your office to secure the regulation now or will you leave the honor to a successor?"

The colonel's words are forceful, but he has evidently neglected to read the Interstate Commerce Commission's opinion of the Elkins amendment to the interstate commerce law. The commission seems to feel that

the Elkins amendment has considerable force. In discussing the allowance to terminal and industrial railroads, the commission says in its last report: "This act to regulate commerce prohibits a difference in charges as between shippers by any special rate, rebate, drawback or other device, and the granting of any undue preference to any individual or species of traffic in any respect whatever, and the Elkins amendment, requiring the publication of tariffs in all cases, prohibits under severe penalty any practice on the part of the carrier whereby any such property shall by any device whatever be transported at a less rate than that named in the tariffs, or whereby any other advantage is given or discrimination is practiced. The manifest intention of the act to regulate commerce, especially as expressed in the Elkins amendment, is to strike, through all pretense, all ingenious device, to the substance of the transaction itself; and where excessive divisions of rates are granted by a carrier to another carrier owned and controlled by a shipper, for the purpose of obtaining the traffic of that shipper, they benefit the shipper and operate as a rebate or other device to cut the tariff charge in violation of the law."

It is strange that a town with so many good, intelligent citizens should take such a course. A majority of the voters would now, if they had a chance, put a dispensary in the town. The mistake was, they did not do this, instead of attempting to carry the town dry.

We hear much comment upon the course taken by Judge Boyd in reference to the revenue officers. That he is doing more to weaken the Republican party than any other influence at work in the state, seems to be the general conclusion. The surmise of many is that if he persists in this course he may get promoted to a higher position at no distant day. Only a limited amount of independent action will be tolerated by any political organization. Promotion is, as a rule, the diplomatic course resorted to correct such tendencies on the part of any obstreperous public servant.

We hear some talk of a graded school in this town. Such talk helped to carry the town for the saloons, but that may be the last of it. It looks as if it would be a great pity to ruin a good school like the one in this town by submitting for it a graded system. There is nothing which needs reforming so much as the methods of many of the graded schools. I am reminded to say this by a remark of a travelling man who stops writing up his orders to his house long enough to say the "average graded school is a fraud of the first water." Concluding this "knight of the grip" remarked: "I have bought books enough for my little girl to make a rural library and she can neither spell nor cipher."

I notice the farmers when they reach town and find cotton selling for less than ten cents, they either dump it out without selling it or carry it back home. Ten cents for cotton seems to be like six per cent. interest for money, about what is right and just. At least, it seems that "Jordan" is rather a hard road for the bears to travel.

When the farmer prospers we are all more or less successful, so that the whole country is interested in his getting a good price for what he sells. I am writing Sunday night. I do not suppose it's any harm. I went to church once today, and that is enough. If one hears a good sermon it's certainly enough of that sort. I perceive that this is a very religious town. You cannot buy here on Sunday a quart of lime. But yesterday and tomorrow you could and can buy all the mean liquor you are looking for. It seems that people want to be religious on Sundays whatever they may do on week days. In this they are no worse than were the Scribes and the Pharisees of old, but about like them.

A gentleman called my attention yesterday to what made my heart sad: "What is up the street was an old soldier who had followed Lee and Jackson in many a hard-fought battle. His eyes were glassy, and the slobber run down upon his gray beard almost to the hem of his garment. Just behind him came a boy, not over 13 or 14 years old, actually so drunk that it took all the street to accommodate him. As he passed the same gentleman remarked: 'The saloon man works them from the cradle to the grave. The day is coming when whiskey will be managed by the best and most stringent laws and men will not be allowed to accumulate estates at such fearful cost to the whole community.'"

Court meets in the morning. It may be we shall have something else for your readers by the close of the term. The Post is read by many of the people here and its conservative and straightforward course is making for it new friends every day.

"ALIIQUIS." Wadesboro, N. C., Oct. 7.

BATCH OF GOOD HUMOR

Tom Platt advises people to "analyze things and be happy." Let him try it on a plate of hash.—Montgomery Advertiser.

It was at a Free and Easy Labor League meeting, and there was considerable interruption. "Order! Order!" cried the chairman. "Mine's beer!" was the reply of one stalwart supporter.—Tit-Bits.

Invalid—Doctor, what is the percentage of mortality in cases like mine? Physician—One in every fifty recoverers.

Invalid—Then there's not much chance for me? Physician—Yes, there is. You're the fiftieth patient I've had, and the other forty-nine died. Cheer up.—Cleveland Leader.

Wishing to test (that which was really) the inevitable, a certain chap walk-

ed across the capital of Japan the other day, exclaiming aloud after every ten paces the one word, "Togo!" On pulling up and counting, he found that he had seventeen hundred and forty-one dogs of all breeds following at his heels.—Sporting Times.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Burglars who rifle safes should be shot-gunned. Many a lawyer has discovered that a wife's word is law. Listen when two women quarrel if you would hear the truth. The size of the lion's share depends upon the size of the lion. No, Cordelia, the milk of human kindness isn't dispensed from cans. Many a man's winning ways are due to the way he deals the cards. It is usually safe to judge a woman by the things she doesn't say. If you are wise today you can afford to risk being otherwise tomorrow. A practical joker is one who possesses the ability to turn his jokes into cash.

A small boy's idea of greatness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger. True, the pen may be mightier than the sword, but the pencil isn't much good without the help of a knife. Too many men use up all their religion on Sunday—and consequently have none left for the balance of the week.

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