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GIVE HIM HIS TRAIN

The New York Sun is proposing to give the president his own train, a president's train, a United States train; that is, to appropriate enough of the public money to enable our chief executive to charter a special train whenever he wants to take a trip.

That seems a good idea. As it is now, the president must either pay for his transportation out of his own pocket, as we understand that President Roosevelt will do on his coming trip south, or he must accept a favor from some railroad company, or several of them to reach trip. That's not right. We don't pay our presidents enough to enable them to take many such trips out of their own pockets after meeting the present-day heavy demands upon their private exchequers in the way of social entertainment.

So much for the president paying his own traveling expenses. Now then, should he accept free transportation from the railroads? We think not by any means. In the first place it is not compatible with his dignity as the chosen executive of a great nation to feel that he is dependent upon the will of the railroad managers to get where he wants to go.

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UNCLE SAM'S WAY

The recent crime on the schooner Berwind, committed on the high seas, wherein it appears that several officers of the ship were murdered by a mutinous crew, of whom three negroes are now in custody at Wilmington, brings to the public notice the difference between the state courts and the United States courts in the handling of murder cases, for of course this crime, committed on the high seas, beyond the jurisdiction of any state, on an American vessel, comes within the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

The United States laws on the conduct of murder trials are very simple by comparison with our state laws. The former do not recognize the various degrees of murder at all, and it is a fact that the jury not only determines by its finding of facts the innocence or guilt of the accused, but also fixes the punishment if the verdict is guilty.

The only penalties for murder in Uncle Sam's courts are death and life imprisonment. In determining the guilt or innocence of a prisoner the jury also determines whether or not the death penalty shall be inflicted. If it says the prisoner is guilty, but shall not suffer death, it only remains for the judge, to pronounce the life imprisonment sentence.

His taking from the shoulders of the district attorney some of the responsibility that the state solicitor must bear, and transfers it in part to the jury. It relieves the judge mightily, for he does not have to determine the length of the prison term, as does the state judge in cases of second degree murder or manslaughter.

We are not exactly prepared to say that we consider the federal way better than our state laws, but we are ready right now to say that it is our honest and deliberate opinion that there would be fewer killings if a man knew that, unless he could prove justification, he would either hang or go to the penitentiary for life, that there was no chance of his getting off with five years, or two years. We think it would have a wonderful effect in the development of that great human power, self-control.

We are informed that there is no heat in the Murphey school building and that the chances are there will be none for another week, on account of the disarrangement or breakage of some of the apparatus. This is a deplorable state of affairs for a city like Raleigh. It is dangerous, we may say criminal, to compel children to sit for hours in cold rooms during the weather we have had for the past several days. There seems no excuse for this. All the heating arrangements of the school buildings should be tested thoroughly before school opens in the fall. As to this case, it would be well to close the school until the facilities for fires can be put in working order. The physical welfare of our children is vastly more important than a few facts more or less in their heads.

Our congratulations to the Stanly Enterprise upon the occasion of its thirteenth birthday. It rounded out another year of its useful and ornamental existence with yesterday's issue. We congratulate Brother J. D. Blivins upon the splendid appearance of the anniversary paper, if it may thus be styled. It is dressed handsomely in new type, new rules, new borders—in fact, a great many new and fresh things, both from the mechanical and the editorial departments. And, best of all, Mr. Blivins says they have lots of new subscribers—more new names added in the past twelve months than in any previous year of the paper's existence.

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attorney of New York city to succeed Mr. Jerome is another indication of how Tar Heels will bob up and let the home folks hear from them when they go among strangers. Mr. Osborne is a brother of Judge F. I. Osborne of Charlotte, and was for some years assistant district attorney of New York. He made wide reputation as prosecutor in the Molnoux trial.

A Berlin newspaper says the Russian army is superior to that of the United States. We're from Missouri.

MR. BAILEY'S REPLY TO BRUCE CRAVEN

To the Editor of The Post:

Dear Sir:—I do not know Mr. Bruce Craven, and so I must judge him by his article in The Post of October 8th.

From that article I take it should he see a swallow at Christmas he would swear it was summer; or should he see a lightning bug any evening he would think it was a locomotive.

He declares in a very fervid way and would make a martyr of himself—indeed, seems to flatter himself that he is about to be made a martyr of for declaring that "our colleges are vast breeding grounds for infidelity and agnosticism." He beats the air over this to the extent of three columns. But his facts to justify his fearful condition of mind occupy only six inches, and separately and altogether they constitute even less of justification than the light in a lightning bug's tail would justify him in looking out for the locomotive. That the reader may review his facts I submit them here as he submitted them October 8th:

"1. Boys convicted before the faculty of gambling were given a 'presidential lecture,' which to them meant: 'Hereafter be more careful about getting caught.'"

"2. There is a college graduate in North Carolina who is a professed Pantheist and who says he went to college a Christian and that in four years the faith of his fathers fell before the teachings of a single professor. While his religion was changing, many other seeds were sown and are bearing today fruit of which we know not.

"3. There are professed infidels guiding the mind-training in our state today.

"4. There are hundreds of teachers so indifferent to consecrated godliness as to daily impress the students with the belief that philosophy and literature and kindred things are the only gods.

"5. There is a boy who went to college a Christian and from a Christian family, who knew not the allurements of wine and associated with boys of his kind and character, and he told me in his asylum cell that he would not have lost himself and the hopes of his life if there had been any spiritual guidance or restraint when he was first subjected to the social temptations. This happened at a 'revelous coll'ge,' and the one I believe to be far the best in the state for religious influence but like all others it depends too much on the 'Christian atmosphere' radiating from the pious lives of men too busy to lend a helping hand to pull a pilgrim from the slough of despond."

Now let us take them up seriatim: (1) The fact that boys convicted of gambling were lectured by a college faculty is evidence that the faculty opposed gambling. The fact that the faculty did not expel them, but gave them a second chance, is evidence that the faculty is Christian, and in the Christian way tried to save the boys. It would have been unchristian to have cast them out to ruin. It is a Christian college's best work to save young men.

(2) There is one college graduate who is a Pantheist—one in ten thousand! That is vast! That makes our colleges breeding grounds of infidelity! Over against that one I put 101,000 Christian sons and daughters of our colleges. My proof that our colleges are vast breeding grounds of Christians is 10,000 times better than his. One is not "vast," Mr. Craven!

(3) There are professed infidels guiding the mind-training in our state. That is not definite. It is not frank. Let him name his men. I know the colleges in our state right well. I visited five of them last year—State University, A. & M. College, Wake Forest, Trinity, Davidson. I know that Christian men conduct them. I know not one infidel in any college or university faculty in North Carolina. On the other hand, I am prepared to prove that ninety-five per cent. of their teachers are Christians.

(4) "There are hundreds of teachers indifferent to consecrated godliness." Indefinite again. There are thousands of teachers not indifferent to consecrated godliness in our state. As a rule, the teachers are far above the average in "consecrated godliness"—whatever that may mean. There are about 10,000 teachers in this state; 9,000 of them are good Christians. Of the two or three hundred teachers in the

higher schools, I am sure ninety per cent. are Christians. The vastness, then, is all the other way.

(5) "There is a boy"—and he a lunatic! Shall we blame our colleges for the vagaries of a few? Wherever you get two hundred young men together, there you have at least ten fools. Colleges are to be judged not by the exceptions, but by the general run.

What are the general run of college men doing in North Carolina? They are making the churches what they are; they are our deacons, our teachers in Sunday school, our ministers, our leading laymen.

All I ask of Mr. Craven is that he review his own facts; and if he is not indifferent to consecrated godliness, he will take back his conclusions, drawn—as every one must see—from totally, from ridiculously inadequate data.

He may not do much harm. But one can never tell whether a fellow is harmless or not. Here and there some ignorant, thoughtless parent might accept his dictum without thinking.

Very truly yours, J. W. BAILEY.

Railroads and the South

(The Journal and Tribune of Nashville, Tenn.)

If asked what has been the most potent factor in bringing the gratifying progress made by the south in the last quarter of a century, what would be the answer. It might be that there has been a general awakening of the southern people to a rational consideration of their own interests and that that would be a good answer. It might be that following up this rational consideration, the people of this section had been led to see the suicidal policy of selling all their raw material to other parts of the country, and to other countries, and buying it back in the shape of finished product. This would also be the statement of a patent fact.

But if called upon to point out the firm foundation, the prime cause, the stimulating and moving fact, the answer would be, so the railroads. What would the south be today were it not for the presence of the Southern, the Louisville and Nashville, and the other great systems that have laid their tracks of steel all over the south, at an outlay of millions upon millions, and that are operating their lines today at an expense of millions more every year?

The presence of the railroads has stimulated the business of opening mines and that of building furnaces, and mills, and factories. In large numbers. The industrial condition of the section has experienced a revolution and now instead of buying all we eat and wear and spending money to enrich other sections of the country and of other countries in the world, we are contributing a large share to the export trade of the country. We do not have to go off to New York every time a little money is needed for the transaction of our business, our own banks have it and we can truthfully say that we are commercially an independent people. But for the railroads this could not have been done, they laid the foundation and opened the way.

Yet if what many people say is to be believed, they look upon the railroads as little better than highway robbers, owned and operated for the express purpose of gouging and oppressing the people. Appealing to this class there are demagogues who hope to ride into office, or to hold offices they may already have, by heaping abuse upon the railroads. They have created something of a public sentiment that finds vent in the abuse of the roads and of those who are employed to manage their business. Such persons are ready to accept without investigation or question whatever any milliner of the roads and of their managers may say.

We repeat what we said at the outset: If there is any other part of the country that is more deeply interested in the fair treatment of the railroads than another, it is the south. In our neighborly state of Georgia, there is a candidate for governor who is attempting to be elected on the ground that when in office he will see to it that the people of Georgia are no longer robbed by the railroads. Georgia would be a poor state indeed out for her railroads. They are not only paying a large share of the taxes collected by the state, but they have resulted in the development of her industries that would never have been possible but for the roads. In this respect the same may be said of Tennessee and of every other southern state. The railroads are not only the enemies of the south, but one of its foremost and strongest friends.

BATCH OF GOOD HUMOR

Hash is at the bottom of more divorce suits than any other influence in the world.—New York Press.

Hicks—Senator Dillard seems to have acquired a reputation as a wit. Wicks—Yes, he was interviewed once by a bright reporter.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Elsie—Papa, I just hate history. Papa—But you must keep at it, Elsie. I don't want you to turn out to be a historical novelist.—Judge.

"Children," said the teacher, instructing the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy; simply be yourselves and write what is in you. Do not imitate any other persons writings or draw inspiration from outside sources."

As a result of this advice, Tommy Wise turned out the following composition. "We should not attempt any flights of fancy; but write what is in us. In me there is my stomach, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, one piece of pie, one stick of lemon candy and my dinner."—The Independent.

"See the meter, please?" brusquely asked the representative of the gas company.

"Well," replied the little woman, with a satirical twinkle in her eye. "It's pretty busy, but I suppose you can see it for a moment."—Judge.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

(Chicago News.)

Yes, the cup of love contains many spoons.

Society uncovers a multitude of feminine shoulders.

A pickpocket is an artist with a light and dainty touch.

Ignorance may be bliss, but that kind of bliss isn't worth much.

It is up to you to win the prize; let others explain how they lost it.

You will hear a poor sermon if the preacher's mind is on the collection.

Don't waste words when talking to a woman; cut your story short and let her talk.

Most men do what they do because they think at the time it is the proper thing to do.

The more henpecked a man is the more ferocious he tries to act when he is away from home.

Little drops of water, little grains of sand, increase the grocer's products to beat the village band.

A married woman says it's still a debatable question whether it is better to be a man's first love or his last.

No woman should be expected to work for a husband after marriage. She usually works hard enough trying to get him.

TABLOID PHILOSOPHY

(Philadelphia Record.)

Some women reign; all women storm.

Too many jack-pots spoil a bank account.

A vote is one of the good things that won't bear repeating.

Even the fan shouldn't present his best girl with a baseball diamond.

You never really know a man's true nature until you lend him money.

Charity begins at home, generally by cutting down a wife's allowance.

It's when a man is under a cloud that the shadow of suspicion falls on him.

No, Maude, dear, don't go to the ice-man for frosted cakes; go to the baker's.

Strong-minded women don't expect the men to stand up for them until they get in a crowded car.

Wigg—How does he manage to get solid with all the girls?

Wagg—Through his liquid glances.

Wigwag—Who was it that cried "give me liberty or give me death?"

Henpecke—I don't know, but I'll bet he was married.

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