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IS IT NOT TO YOUR INTEREST TO DO SO?

It is the earnest desire of the editor to make the PUBLIC LEDGER in every way worthy of the town and county in which it is published, and to do so it must command the patronage of our business men, schools, and the people generally. The paper is an Oxford enterprise and untrusting in its efforts to push forward the interest of town and county, and if perchance you should dislike the editor, who has a perfect right to his opinions as well as you have, your patronage would help build up and sustain a paper that does hundreds of dollars worth of advertising yearly trying to draw trade to Oxford. In doing this all classes of our business men, bank and schools are benefitted, and hence, for no other reason you should accord the paper your support instead of patronizing outsiders who contribute not one cent to the benefit of the community. We want to say just here that a number of the business firms in Oxford during the past year did not extend the paper any patronage, and hope they will do so this year, as we will use our best efforts to give them and all others value received at living prices.

We shall continue to work for the material and educational advancement of our people, knowing at the same time that we cannot suit everybody, but will advocate what we believe to be just and right as in the past.

REPUBLICANS ON BRYAN'S PAPER

An editorial paragraph, the last three sentences of which are quoted, appears in a Republican paper. It says: "Admiration and curiosity will induce people to subscribe for Mr. Bryan's paper and he will, very likely, make money out of his latest effort to 'work' the people. The late P. L. Barnum proved that the world is full of curious people who are willing to be gulled. Bryan seems to have realized this."

The probabilities are that in his newspaper business Mr. Bryan will neither "work" the people, in the sense implied, nor will he gull them. He is a man of acknowledged ability—brilliant as well as able—and if he doesn't publish a newspaper that is worth every cent of the subscription price asked for it no one, probably, will be more surprised than the author of the lines quoted; and when people get the worth of their money they are not gulled.

NOT WORTHY OF THE CHILD.

A Cincinnati couple have been blessed with an infant daughter and the father has announced that she shall never be taught anything of the Christian religion. On the contrary, she will be told that God is a myth, that the Bible is not inspired, and that the religion founded upon it is false, gloomy and an enemy of humanity—that death ends all and that there is nothing beyond the grave. Whatever may be one's convictions, a determination of this kind somehow seems revolting and there can be little sympathy for anyone who would thus deprive his offspring of the consolation that comes of faith and hope in a future that shall be brighter and better than the present. Without hope there is very little to make life worth the living. The fact that we are never satisfied with what we have—that there is no absolute contentment—would seem to prove this beyond dispute.

There is nothing pessimistic about Governor Shaw, of Iowa, but on the contrary he is the broadest minded optimist, else he would not have declared that "the close of the most remarkable century in the light of time finds Americans the best housed, the best fed, the best clothed, the best educated, the best churched, the most profitably employed and the happiest because the most hopeful of any people at any time or under any sky. Marvelous are the pages of their history, unprecedented and unparalleled the record of their achievements; great and honorable the annals of their deeds." That, indeed, is a picture of roseate hue.

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GREATLY NEEDED IN THE STATE

The multiplying of the various profitable industries and an active and judicious diversifying of crops are much needed in this State to make it all it should be in production. Unquestionably it has great natural resources, and it has still an immense area of virgin forest, says the Wilmington Messenger.

We hope for brighter days for the South for it has picked up much within a decade, and is wisely progressive now. It can broaden its vision and widen its ways with profit. It has done already many things that have attracted decided attention in the North, and it has also drawn to it some of the surplus capital in that rich section. In cotton manufacturing there has been a great leap. In woollens there is also commendable developments. In other things there are pleasing and attractive signs. But a vast deal remains yet to be done. The mines, the fisheries, etc., must be looked after and more rapidly developed. The multiplying of the various smaller industries must be pressed with uncommon vigor. If all is done that can be done wisely, safely, in the next decade there will be a splendid progress to rejoice over by those who shall have participated in the movement. But in all possible advance on material lines do not allow education to languish or the great moral movement for the betterment of mankind, be in any way crippled or neglected.

If the haze at West Point is done away with, it will so clear the atmosphere many of the lower classes there will breathe easier.

Lieutenant Governor Reynolds says he and his associates expects to invest \$300,000 this year in Piedmont and Western North Carolina.

Concerning the Congressional distribution of free seeds, it's one of the joys of the members' lives to sit on the fence and see them grow in the political field.

While McKinley's Philippine war is costing millions and millions of dollars along with valuable lives, the tax collectors and the undertakers are sure of steady employment.

Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma will probably be admitted as States, as they now have a plenty of population. Arizona has 122,000; New Mexico 193,000 and Oklahoma more than either perhaps.

If Governor Russell explains his message, says the Durham Herald, why the State was called upon to expend something like \$20,000 in lawyer's fees, in addition the salary of the Attorney General, the Legislature should extend him a vote of thanks.

The burning of the orphan asylum at Rochester, N. Y., is appalling. There have been fires and accidents resulting in equal loss of life, but the helplessness of these victims add an unusual pathos to the horror as about 40 of them lost their lives. The home that was meant for their shelter and protection became their destruction.

In two weeks five negroes were lynched in Indiana, and a Westerner who wanted to legalize burning at the stake evidently thought when it came to certain criminals hanging was too good for them. Verily the West and North are now outrivaling the South in lynching criminals, but we no how from Northern Republican press. We want to see the day come when Judge Lynch's services will not be required.

Raleigh Post voices our sentiments when it says: "In every sense we are gratified at the action of the Senatorial caucus Tuesday night in unanimously selecting Major Henry A. London, the Senator from Chatham, for the position of President pro tempore of the Senate." It is both a compliment and honor well bestowed. Thirty years ago—the session of 1870-'71—Major London was reading clerk of that body over which he is now designated to preside in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor."

The Wilmington Messenger says this country is now on the down grade of expenditures, with the breaks up and a full head of steam. The first session of the present Republican Congress sank away over seven hundred millions of dollars of the people's money, and so long as spendthrifts and fanatics are sent to the Congress this rate of speed will continue if it does not grow with the days. The people are asked to sit still while the Congress pass a bill to raise and pay an army of one hundred thousand men.

The caustic Joe King, the great paragon of the Durham Herald, says in discussing the salary of the Governor, the salary should not be neither an incentive nor a hindrance to capable men seeking the office. It seems to us that our Governor should receive as much as a member of Congress, or certainly enough to maintain the dignity of his position without drawing upon his private funds, even if he has them.

The following is the tone in which the matchless Al Fairbrother welcomes the Hon. W. J. Bryan into the ranks: "We welcome him to the field of newspaperdom and hope that this time he will have ample opportunity to distinguish himself as a journalist. It was as editor of a weekly newspaper that we won our fame. Our fortune we made cutting wood and catching drift wood, but our bad reputation as a Great Man was established as an editor of a weekly newspaper. Our paper was also common and the longer we ran it the Commoner it grew."

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How the Legislature Stands.

The general assembly does not contain a solitary negro senator or representative.

There is not a republican member, white or black from a single eastern or middle county. The entire republican strength of twenty-five in both houses comes from counties of the Eighth and Ninth congressional districts. The senatorial districts represented by republicans are 25 b, 25 c, 29th, 30 h, 31st, 34 h and 35 h. The republican strength in the house, 17 members, comes from the counties of Alexander, Ashe, Caldwell, Clay, Davie, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey. There are two eastern and one western populists.

From the eastern and southern or cotton raising counties of the state there is a solid democratic representation, excepting two populists from Sampson and one from Bladen counties.

Divided thus, there are in the senate 27 eastern and 13 western democrats. In the house, 65 eastern and 36 western.

All the republicans come from the tier of counties which produce fruit, grain, grass, tobacco, and whiskey. The composition of the senate is democrats 40, republicans 7, populists 3; of the house, democrats, 101, republicans 17, populists 2. Of the 50 senators 14 are lawyers. In the house, there are 32 lawyers, the exact number of the last general assembly.

There is said to be a much larger average of prominent and experienced public men in the house this session than in the senate. Both bodies, however, are considered far above the average.

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Orphan Asylum Report Grand Lodge.

At the session of Grand Lodge in Raleigh during the past week 28th annual report on the Oxford Orphan Asylum was made by Supt. W. J. Hicks, who threw choice bouquets at the employes who are the main stays of this great institution as he is away most of the time working for the American Tobacco Company. We learn from the Raleigh papers that the reports says:

The property has increased in value more than \$50,000 during the past eight years. There are 215 inmates. During the year their health was excellent. There was only one death. Of the \$7,500 that was pledged by the Grand Lodge to match the \$7,500 gift of the warm-hearted B. N. Duke \$3,942 remains unpaid. State Sanitary Engineer A. W. Shaffer says the Asylum is admirably clean and well kept (as it should be) with an expert cleaner at its head. The Asylum has received \$799 from property bequeathed the Grand Lodge at Minneapolis. The receipts for the year were \$30,796. Of this the State gave \$10,000 and \$3,900 was raised by the chapter of orphans who sang in the State. The balance on hand is \$2,950. There is a shoe shop, woodworking shop, farm and printing office. Some of the boys work half the day in a private furniture factory. There are eight teachers. During the year 22 girls and 14 boys went to approved homes and nine secured employment on salary.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$2,500 additional for erecting and equipping an industrial building at the Asylum. Mr. J. M. Curran is re-elected a director, as he takes a deep interest in the management of the institution which was greatly improved during the past year, the children being better fed and clothed and the cruel treatment of the children was done away with. May it continue its good work and cease to be a place that requires two managers to run it, as some years ago it took only one, caring for more orphans than the present doubled-barreled management.

Will see Astounding Revelations.

One who has a chance of living out the first half of the new century will no doubt witness more astounding revelations than occurred during the whole of the past. The mind of man seems to be approximating the infinite, so wonderful are the inventions that follow fast upon each other. It may be that in a shorter time than fifty years, the citizens of Oxford will be able to step into their own balloon, hitched conveniently to some upper landing, and be wafted to Raleigh, Durham, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and New York City in a short space of time. Or still more marvellous,

may enter a luxurious compartment at some general station, hear the conductor of the Pneumatic Air Line shout "all aboard," note the quick shutting of the doors and in a few minutes landed in New York City to do a day's shopping. This idea may create a smile, but why should it do so? The tubular mode of travel is assuredly no greater wonder than is the method of talking with friends in distant places thro' the telephone. And the pneumatic tube is already in existence for package distribution. It is only a short step from that to passenger traffic. It is bound to come.

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