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THE ALLRED CASE.

The Smithfield Herald expresses its sympathy for Mr. L. A. Allred, member of the General Assembly from Johnston County, as follows:

"One of the saddest cases ever known in the town of Smithfield is the downfall of L.H. Allred. Courteous, affable and polite, he has made many friends whose hearts are bleeding on his account. Trusted by everybody and honored by his countrymen, he had what appeared to be a bright future. But one day years ago in an unguarded moment he diverged slightly from the straight and narrow path, and used for his own purpose funds intrusted to him. Like hundreds of others, he thought he would replace it before it was needed. But it did not stop there. The amount of money he could earn was inadequate to meet his wants, and one step after another, using funds which were not his brought about his downfall. If he were the only sufferer in his career of misappropriation of other people's money, the affair would not be quite so tragic. But hundreds are made to drink the bitterest dregs—no human sorrow could be greater than theirs.

"It is ever the same story. The desire to have the nicest and best, the unlimited expanse with the limited income, the building of handsome and costly homes, the riding in fine automobiles—and yet for the past few years this man has been living a life of the deepest suffering. Not brave enough to stop on his downward road, not brave enough to confess before it was too late, he went on till he stood on the brink of the precipice—and then over he goes. This case is an unutterably sad one, and every heart in this community sorrows with those who suffer most. But through it all, may we see the silver lining, and learn the lesson—the greatest lessons of life are taught through tragedies."

BICKETT AND BUSINESS

So much has been said in the public press about the oratory of Hon. T. W. Bickett, that there is danger that the real strength of Mr. Bickett may be obscured. For fifteen years before he was ever heard of in this State as an orator, Mr. Bickett was a hard-working office lawyer and during these years he laid the sure foundation of his success. To this day, in his own country, he is valued, not so much on account of his power as a speaker, as on account of his judgment and common sense in advising his clients about their business affairs. As a prominent citizen expressed it the other day, "Bickett's office has been a clearing house for the troubles of the unfortunate, and a conversation with him is well nigh an inspiration to a man in financial distress."

Something has been said about a business Governor. If this means a man who has a keen sympathy with the business life of the State, and has the ability to comprehend a business situation, then Franklin county with a knowledge born of experience, presents Mr. Bickett as a business Governor.

THE TYPHOID CARRIER.

The State Board of Health has issued an official bulletin in which it places the blame for the recent outbreak of typhoid fever in Greensboro on a "typhoid carrier" who worked for the Buffalo Dairy. All the epidemic cases occurred on the route of this carrier. The bulletin says this man had two cases of typhoid fever himself, one when he was a child and another about six or seven years ago. Three years ago while this same man was in the employ of another dairy, a small epidemic occurred on his route which epidemic stopped as soon as the dairy was required to stop selling milk. Similarly another interesting co-incidence in the matter of the present epidemic is the fact that shortly after the Buffalo Dairy was required to discontinue business the present epidemic stopped. The State board does not fail to take advantage of the opportunity to score the unsanitary conditions found in the unsewered portions of the city of Greensboro.

NEW BULLETIN

Dr. J. K. Plummer has recently prepared a bulletin on ground limestones for North Carolina farmers. This bulletin gives a description of the deposits of limestone in the Piedmont and Mountain sections of the State and the marls in the Eastern section. It also gives some information with reference to grinding and using of this material. This bulletin will be available shortly.

MISUSE OF WEALTH

A big financial institution in New York, the National City Bank, makes the following statement in a recent circular.

"If \$10,000 is spent upon a dinner there is, indeed, 'distribution,' for music, flowers, service, etc., but if the same sum is spent for draining a swamp a similar 'distribution' occurs and there is also a permanent increase in the food supply of the community."

It would be a bad thing if our people took all its financial and economic opinions from the bankers and brokers of New York City, but the above statement will stand the test anywhere.

A sumptuous dinner, costing a thousand or ten thousand dollars, means an expenditure which does some good to some people. Nevertheless, it is a misuse of wealth, and it is decidedly undemocratic.

You can waste the wealth of the earth and the labor of man in war and in luxury. If you improve the land, devise useful inventions, erect needed buildings, then wealth is well used.

WHY WORRY?

The following extract from one of the recent publications of the Board of Health expresses a great deal in a few words on the subject of heredity in its relation to health.

"Why worry about heredity? Take what you have inherited into your own hands and under your own will shape it into what you would have it to be. If you have inherited a weak body, by right living you can strengthen it; if you have inherited weak lungs, you can make them strong by keeping them filled with fresh air day and night; if you have inherited any predisposition to any disease or weakness, you can overcome this tendency by cultivating good habits, especially those counteracting the weak tendencies. Why worry?"

BUREAU OF CROP ESTIMATES

(Weekly News Letter)

Of the total number of farms in the United States, according to the last Federal census, the number worked by owners was shown to be 3,948,722; the number operated by managers, 58,104; and the number operated by tenants, 2,354, 676.

Approximately 8 per cent of the corn acreage last year was cut for silos, 11 per cent cut green for feed, and 81 per cent matured for the grain, according to estimates made by county crop reporters of the Bureau of Crop Estimates.

During 1914, 3,600,000 dozen eggs were shipped from Shanghai, China, to American Pacific Coast States; their value was \$540,000, equivalent to 15 cents per dozen. The freight rate from China to Pacific coast ports via regular lines is \$8 per ton (17 cases of eggs to the ton, making a rate of approximately 1.6 cents per dozen). Refrigerator space costs \$16 a ton.

A cable report dated June 23, 1915 from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, to the United States Department of Agriculture, forecasts the 1915 harvest of winter wheat in European Russia (54 Governments) as 301,508,000 bushels, and the winter rye crop, 941,736,000 bushels. These are increases over year of 40.3 and 19.6 per cent, respectively. The figures refer apparently to all European Russia except Poland.

The prices of meat animals—hogs, cattle, sheep, and chickens—to producers of the United States increased 0.8 per cent from May 15 to June 15 in the past five years prices decreased in like figure of prices for these meat animals was about 5.1 per cent lower than a year ago, 4.7 per cent lower than two years ago, but 2.5 per cent higher than the average of the past five years on June 15.

IMPORTANT MEETING

The Demonstration Agents of the State will meet at the A. & M. College, West Raleigh, August 16th to 26th inclusive, for their annual Summer School and Conference. All white agents who expect to attend will obtain lodging in the College dormitory and meals at the College dining hall.

Mutts and Better Mutts—Some time ago the Raleigh News and Observer announced that they would begin to publish the famous cartoons of Mutt and Jeff in the issue of August 10th, but we would like to know which Mutt they refer to as they had so many in that issue.

BEST PAINT

What is it? Devoe.
 How Devoe?
 It's 160 years old; but that isn't how.
 It has long been the best; but that isn't how.
 It has been developed by use and study, by study and use, that is how, and approved by experience, many years; that's how.

It commends itself by long lasting and small paint-cost; not cheap by the gallon, but cheap by the job and cheap by the year and ten years, cheap by the lifetime.
 That's how.
 Acme Hardware Company sells it.

LECTURING ADAM AND EVE

Somewhat Humorous Painting in German Church, Work of Artist of the Middle Ages.

In the Church of Saint Sebaldus at Nuremberg there is a delightful mural painting which makes one merry even to recall it. The subject is the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve are being lectured by an elderly man in flowing robes with a long white beard. His beard alone would more than supply Adam and Eve with the covering they lack.

In as easy attitude, with neither haste nor anxiety, he is pointing out to them the error of their ways. He is as detached in manner as though he were a professor lecturing at Leipsic on the fourth dimension of space.

Adam is somewhat dejected and reclines upon the ground. Eve, unabashed, with nothing on but the apple she is munching, is evidently in a reckless mood. She looks like a child of fifteen, with her hair down her back; the defiance of her attitude is that of a naughty little girl.

The world-old problem is under discussion, but with an air of good humor and cheerfulness on the part of the lecturer, as though there were still time in the world, as though hurry were an undiscovered human attribute, as though possibly the world would still go on even if the problem were left unsolved, and this first leafy parliament adjourned sine die.—New York Telegraph.

BARRED FROM HALL OF FAME

Painters of Humorous Pictures Unjustly Treated, is the Assertion Made by Writer.

In literature a man has every chance, if he can, to be as hilariously unbridled as Mark Twain and still take his place unchallenged on the shelf with the greatest; on the stage he may be as essentially a humorist as Joseph Jefferson, and yet go down in history with a halo around his memory; even in the uncorporeal sphere of music he may be as light and bizarre and impish as fancy will permit, without in any way jeopardizing his artistic dignity.

But let him attempt any such gala-hearted display in terms of paint and the most staid academician and the most perfrigid Futurist bang their door with equal vigor in his face, writes Louis Baurly in the Bookman. Which in this day, when there is more talk than ever before of the development of a really national art, seems just a trifle rash.

That a brilliant spirit that without mission or message or school craves only the privilege of making holiday with facts and pelting impartially with their own gay inimitable, irreverent confetti every head that bobs up in the carnival of civilization seems too thoroughly American to be consigned always to the lighter, more ephemeral pictorial avenues.

Value of Mother's Stories.

Sarah Louise Arnold says: "Life shows us that the stories which are heart at the mother's knees are an essential part of our heritage. The child who is deprived of this possession will always miss the charm of literature, the joy of poetry, the swift imagination which enables us to share in that which is foreign to our intimate experience. Except as this appreciation is assured, in childhood, it is never won."

Aside from the literary and artistic value of stories there is no greater force than they for the preservation of the purity of a child. Fill his mind with their rich imagery, their stirring deeds, their ideals—set his fancy going about the mysteries of nature, let him follow the adventures of great heroes, and there will be little room left in his life for sordid or evil things.

The best way to banish darkness is to let in the light. To tell stories to your children is your duty and your privilege.

Everyman says that the Italian soldier is still the man "who eats scarcely anything, drinks water only, lunches on a little paste and a glass of water and dines on a few beans." Germany would probably like a weakened appetite something like this for its Russian prisoners of war.

Miss Grace Schaeffer, director of canning club work in Guilford county, has arranged a very attractive display of the canned goods, jellies, pickles, etc., made by the girls of the canning clubs in the window of one the department stores. The goods are all of the "4-H Brand," the brand of the Guilford girls, and the ladies of Greensboro took notice, the window being surrounded all afternoon. In the middle of the window in big letters appeared "Trade at Home, always!" that is for the benefit of the grocers, and it is predicted they will take the advice, and also that none of the goods canned by Guilford girls this year will have to be sold outside the county.

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