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Why Editor's Edit.

George Fitch, the well-known humorist, has written a very interesting article on "The Editor." Fitch began his newspaper career as a reporter at a week, but today is a contributor at \$50 a week. The last sentence of his observations, which are printed below, probably explains why Mr. Fitch gave up editing for contributing:

"An editor is a tired, nervous man who decides what shall go into a newspaper and explains why it got in afterwards."

"The editor works upstairs at an antique desk entirely surrounded by old papers, and produces the results which enable the business manager to sit down stairs in a room fitted with mahogany furniture and a Persian rug and to respond to toasts at great banquets in solemn state and a dress suit."

"It is the editor's duty to feel the pulse of the world and hold the stethoscope to business; to assist at the birth of history, to translate the present, refute the past and arrange the future; to illuminate ignorance, reward merit, put the spotlight on villainy and the pulmotor on reform; to make statements, and denigrate demagogues, to select presidents' crown letters and score bigger salaries for basaloid pliers; to act as an alarm clock for public opinion, as an elevator for political candidates, and as a seat for every man who says something in a careless moment and who regrets later by declaring that he was misquoted to 'emblem truth, annihilate error, to bring the national laugh at great foolisms."

"For doing all this some editors get as much as \$200 a month."

"An editor can lower a tariff, head off war, harness the wrath of the whole people and raise a million dollars for flood sufferers."

"And some editors are so powerful that they can raise their own salaries \$10 a week."

"Editors are seldom praised, but they do not mind that. If the red-faced man who is seeking an editor fails to find him and has to lick the janitor instead, the editor is well satisfied with life."

"Editors do not often ride in automobiles and if they save any money the business office feels as cheap about it as if it had paid too much for printer's ink."

"Some men are born editors, but more of them die at the job."—The Publishers Auxiliary.

THE KING OF ALL LAXATIVES.

For constipation, headaches, indigestion and dyspepsia, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y., says they are a blessing to all my family and I always keep a box at home. Get a box and get well. Price 25c. Recommended by W. S. Allen and Brittain's Drug Store.

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Francis Womack
"The Insurance Man"

Mr. James Allen Passes Away.

Mr. James Allen, eldest son of Major and Mrs. W. S. Allen, died at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Courts, near Reidsville, Friday afternoon. He had been in failing health for several months, being a victim of the dread malady, tuberculosis. Only a few days before his death he expressed a wish to go out in the country, thinking the change would be beneficial. Early last week his condition became critical and he remained delirious till the end.

After finishing at the Graded School young Allen was for some time connected with his father's drug store, in which position he made many friends. The funeral services were conducted from the family residence on Lawsonville avenue Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. L. P. Bogle, and the interment was at Greenview cemetery.

The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. Ernest W. Staples, James Hutcherson, Henry B. Clark, W. A. Trotter, Jeff Garrett and Sam Hurdle. The flower-bearers were Messrs. Balsley McCollum, John Hurdle, Beck Williams, Jas. Law, James Hamilton, Robert Wray and Sam Walker.

The sympathy of a host of friends goes out to the devoted parents in the untimely death of their son, who was slightly more than 25 years of age.

Reidsville Threatened With Water Famine.

The bursting out of a dynamo at the power plant and the motor at the pumping station spelled equally times for Reidsville Sunday and Monday. There was no water to be had save from a few wells scattered about town, and The Weekly, for one, had to send nearly a quarter of a mile for a bucket of water yesterday morning.

A force of hands worked faithfully all day Sunday and well into the night trying to relieve the situation. The gasoline engine at the pumping station, with the perversity for which these machines are noted, refused to go for some time, and when it did get started the bearings got so hot that it had to be stopped. An expert from Charlotte succeeded in getting the electric motor to going again yesterday afternoon and the situation was relieved. The cistern in front of the market house was drawn upon Monday morning for water to supply the boilers at the power house and came in mighty handy.

The Weekly hopes that every precaution will be taken to guard against a repetition of this trouble.

The Guests of Honor.

All over the land the colleges and schools are closing. It is a season of joy and gladness, of music and laughter, of flowers and gay costumes, and dazzling lights. Young men and women are receiving their diplomas and facing the broad expanse of life, equipped, in a measure at least, for the storms and hidden dangers ahead. The colleges and schools are thronged with visitors, who have come to see their friends and loved ones embark on that uncertain sea. Our space is too limited for us to touch on the many phases of this interesting season, but we cannot let it pass without paying a tribute to a guest to be found in almost every commencement gathering. It is the toil-worn woman, in simple garb, who has come up from way back yonder on the seamy side of life to see her boy or girl graduate. Her bent figure and wrinkled face and homely garments are marks of the privations and hardships she has encountered in order that her child might rise higher and grow stronger and stand closer to the door of opportunity. She is the real heroine; it is she who is the real guest of honor.—Ex.

Rockingham Man Accidentally Killed.

Mr. J. A. Pratt, of Stoneville, Rockingham county, died at St. Leo's hospital Monday morning from the effects of a bullet wound received in the stomach the previous day. The fatal wound was caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of Mr. S. R. Cardwell, a son-in-law of the deceased. The wounded man was brought to Greensboro in an automobile and died shortly after reaching the hospital. Mr. Pratt was 48 years old and is survived by several children. His wife died a few years ago. The body was prepared for burial at a local undertaking establishment and sent to Stoneville Monday afternoon.—Greensboro Patriot.

Bryan Endorses the Currency Bill.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Washington, D. C., June 29.—Secretary Bryan tonight issued a statement on the currency bill prepared by Chairman Glass and Owen of the congressional banking and currency committees. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the president, Secretary Bryan gave his "unreserved" endorsement to the proposed measure and removed all doubt as to his position with reference to currency reform, the ideas of President Wilson and the necessity for immediate action.

"I am glad to endorse most earnestly and unreservedly the currency bill which has been prepared by the chairman of the two congressional committees in conjunction with the president and Mr. McAdoo," said Mr. Bryan. "It is a much better bill than I supposed it to be."

"The plan which the president now urges confers great advantages upon all banks while it preserves to the people, acting through the government, all that is essential for the protection of the public."

"The notes are to be treasury notes issued by the government and loaned to the regional reserve banks. This is in harmony with the democratic contention. There is no surrender of the government's right to the money. The board of control is appointed by the president. Thus the people acting through the government, are in entire control."

"The great point of advantage to the banks—an advantage that ought to make them willing to accept the bill without question—is that it furnishes a currency which they can secure in time of need without having to put up bonds as security. The bond requirement largely neutralizes the advantage of the money issued on them as security, because the banks can not draw back more from the government than they have already invested in the bonds, but where a bank can put up its good assets it is able at all times, without sacrifice, to secure any additional circulation that the company may need, and the governing board can be trusted to issue its treasury notes to the regional reserve banks on terms that will be fair and just."

"The business interests, I think, will welcome this bill as a blessing. It gives them through their banks a promise of relief in any time of stringency, and it gives this promise without putting in the hands of the bank a power that might be used against the public. The bill is a faithful fulfillment of the promise made in the Baltimore platform."

"I feel sure that the Democrats of the senate and house will rally to the support of the bill, and I am sanguine enough to believe that it will receive a cordial support from Republicans as well."

Sympathizes With Reidsville's Unfortunate Firms.

We feel special pain over the troubles of these fine houses. In the first place, these men are our warm personal friends. When we lived at Reidsville, we always found them exceptionally kind and pleasant. The troubles of our friends are ours.

But we are grieved also because we are forced to the unwelcome conviction that business conditions are much away when honest, careful, capable and experienced business men like these cannot hold their own, much less make headway. Doubtless, these firms are more than solvent, and needed only a little ready money. But the money market is controlled by a dozen or so of monopolists who are as merciless as Shylock, and who fatten on the carcasses of the bankrupt. The case of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Co. is repeated every day in the year. In the case of the tobacco company, the cause of the trouble is not far to seek. It is a nine-days' wonder that it has stood so long. While they remained independent, other firms in similar situation have sold out to the Tobacco Trust and grown fat on the pap of monopoly. O Lord, how long! But perhaps these dear old Primitive Baptists will feel a sardonic pleasure in the reflection that they helped to endow Methodist colleges and create Methodist bishops.—Rev. D. Vance Price, in Dixie Methodist.

Appraisers Named for Reidsville's Bankrupt Concerns.

Judge James E. Boyd yesterday issued an order appointing three disinterested parties to appraise the property of Robert Harris & Bro. and J. H. Walker & Co., of Reidsville, firms against which petitions were filed by creditors for bankruptcy a few days ago. The order was issued by Judge Boyd upon considering the report of Receiver Ira R. Humphreys and on the unanimous request of creditors.

Judge Boyd appointed J. N. Gorman, of Richmond; J. N. Watt and J. H. Horton, of Reidsville, who are to appraise the real and personal property of the estates of Robert Harris and William C. Harris and of Robert Harris and Bro., who are ordered to file a copy of the schedule of all assets and liabilities.

The same appraisers are to go over the estates of J. H. Walker & Co. and of J. H. Walker and Alvis L. Harris as individuals.—Greensboro News.

Stokes County Veterans to Have Great Reunion.

Captain W. W. King has announced Saturday, August 2, the date for the old Soldiers' reunion and picnic, which promises to be one of the largest ever held in Danbury. The picnic will be held at the usual place, in the grove at the Methodist church.

One of the largest crowds is expected that day that has ever been in Danbury. One or more good speakers will be here to address the Old Soldiers. Everybody is invited to come and bring full baskets and help give the old soldiers a good time.—Danbury Reporter.

Gov. Craig Cannot Speak at Yanceyville.

The following letter will explain itself: Mr. T. J. Henderson, Yanceyville, N. C.:

"Dear Sir—As you doubtless know, Governor Craig is now in Asheville trying to recuperate. His doctors have told him that he is threatened with a serious nervous breakdown, and that he must decline to deliver any speeches or addresses except those that are absolutely imperative. The Governor directs me to write you and say that he is exceedingly sorry that for this reason it will be impossible for him to be with you on July 5th. He will be compelled to make a short address at the Guilford Battle Ground on the 4th, as this is an occasion of State-wide importance."

"Very truly yours,
JNO. P. KERR,
Private Secretary."

We regret that the condition of Gov. Craig's health forbids the fulfilment of his appointment here in the interest of good roads. But, it is probably well that his engagement is cancelled, since there is no interest in good roads in Caswell, and he is spared the embarrassment of the reception, that might have been accorded him by the people of this county. Our folks would gladly leave the plow in the furrow to come to hear him on a matter of politics, but when it comes to a question of material progress, they haven't any time for the Governor or any one else. Strange into what a state of lethargy we have fallen.—Caswell Sentinel.

Blue and Gray Meet as Brothers.

Gettysburg, Pa., June 30.—Over the field of Gettysburg, where the Blue and the Gray fought fifty years ago, the soldiers of peace from all sections trooped today to the tented city of brown where all will live for the days of the semi-centennial celebration.

The armies united in sentiment, and fact, the blue-linked arms with the gray, marched the dusty roads together, sat down to the same mess tents, and there was no trace of bitterness left.

The officials estimate that nearly 40,000 men are here tonight.

FUN BEGINS EARLY.

Just as soon as the rations of bacon and eggs and coffee, "fruit in season," fresh bread and butter were disposed of in the way all good soldiers dispose of them, the real inspection of the battlefield and the retelling of the story of Gettysburg began with all the pointed criticism that the private soldier knows so well how to make.

"I ain't seen a rebel yet who didn't charge Round Top and take it all by himself," said a lanky Southerner as he wandered into the quarters of the Pennsylvania contingent.

"No, and I ain't seen a Yank who didn't break up Pickett's charge by his own self," said a smiling Pennsylvanian, as they shook hands.

North Carolina veterans to the number of 800 reached here late this afternoon and are camped on Seminary Ridge.

They were led by General Julian S. Carr, Colonel A. H. Eviden, of Salisbury, D. C. Waddell, of Greensboro, Judges Walter Clark and Montgomery, J. Bryan Grimes and W. J. Peale, of Raleigh, Major W. L. London, of Pittsburg, and J. I. Metts, of Wilmington.

The Tar Heel veterans are proud of the part they took in the Gettysburg conflict. The State had 34 regiments of infantry, four of cavalry and four battalions of artillery.

There were over 4,850 Tar Heel soldiers who filled to answer the roll call after the three days' fight around this mountain town, and the veterans who are here tonight are proclaiming to all comers that the State's troops were "best at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and Chickamauga and last at Appomattox." Not only this, but flags bearing that inscription float from the tents of General Carr and all of his officers.

Reidsville Firms Declared Bankrupt.

Judge James E. Boyd yesterday ordered that the firms of J. H. Walker & Co., and of Robert Harris & Bro., both of Reidsville, be declared bankrupt. The order also included the individual members of these firms. They are John H. Walker and Alvis L. Harris of the former, and Robert Harris and W. C. Harris, of the second. The order was given after opportunity had been given to answer the petition of creditors.

They are to file schedules in triplicate in ten days. The matters were referred to G. S. Ferguson, referee, at Greensboro, and are to be taken up before him on July 24 at 10 o'clock a. m.—Greensboro News.

On to Gettysburg.

Rockingham's delegation to the great Gettysburg Reunion of the Blue and Gray left on No. 26 Monday. There were twenty veterans in the party and they presented a handsome appearance, the most of them wearing new uniforms. All were in fine spirits, and we hope that all of them will have a delightful time and return home safely.

The names of the veterans who went from here were: E. R. Harris, P. H. Williamson, L. L. Harrelson, E. E. Gibson, W. D. Hightower, R. H. Hall, F. M. Alcorn, J. M. Banghn, J. S. Saunders, R. V. Osborne, J. M. Small, A. D. Way, J. H. Bennett, A. D. Wall, J. M. Wilson, D. C. Jones, T. W. Hopkins, V. B. Humphreys, J. P. Smothers, A. H. Galloway.

Reidsville Route 3.

The farmers in this section are very busy working their crops.

There was an ice-cream supper given at Mr. R. W. Strader's Saturday night.

Mr. Chas. D. Strader was in town Saturday.

Mr. Robert Dixon called to see Miss Enda Ellington Sunday.

Mr. Earl Strader and sister, Miss Jennie, called to see Miss Lovell at Harville Sunday afternoon.

The Press on the Reidsville P. O. Deadlock.

We did not support Mr. Simmons because we did not like him and we are not blaming him for refusing to appoint those who are not his friends.—Durham Herald.

Begins to look as if John Oliver will never see the inside of the Reidsville postoffice. It never pays to buck against the Lord's anointed—this being Simmons.—Greensboro Record.

It is understood that Maj. Stedman will not withdraw Oliver's appointment, but according to precedent established at Washington, where the deference to Senators is little short of that paid to monarchs he had as well do so, as far as confirmation is concerned.—High Point Enterprise.

It looks as if Col. Alston D. Watts will walk off with the prize after all. Simmons is for him and that is what is the matter. On the other hand Simmons says John Oliver can't come in and John might as well sharpen his pencil and submit a few remarks in his paper. Great is Simmons!—Thomasville Davidonian.

The Chronicle does not believe that Senator Simmons would hold up the confirmation of any Democrat merely because that Democrat happened to be lined up against him in the recent Senatorial contest, but when that candidate made bitter and unjustified attacks upon the Senator either directly or by insinuation we don't blame our senior Senator for not falling all over the septant's neck and offering him a juicy plum on a silver platter. Any Democrat who fights a loyal Democratic candidate as bitterly as some of them fought Mr. Simmons a year and less ago can't hope for much consideration at the hands of the party.—Charlotte Chronicle.

That honesty is the best policy will scarcely admit of controversy. That decency is, too, ought to be learned by this time. At present two postoffice appointments in this State are being held up simply because in the last Senatorial campaign two newspaper critics were intemperate, not to say ruthlessly abusive in their criticism of our senior Senator who was then standing for re-election. Senator Simmons is holding their appointments up, not because they opposed him, but because he and his friends consider that the assaults used poisoned darts in their onslaught. The senior Senator is not given to opposing men simply because they opposed him. He has not opposed the confirmation of a number of men who opposed him and supported his opponents. But an unfair onslaught he justly resents.—Kinston Free Press.

FOR CUTS, BURNS AND BRUISES.

In every home there should be a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, ready to apply in every case of cuts, burns, wounds or sores. J. H. Polanco, Del Valle, Tex., R. No. 2, writes: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve saved my little girl's hot foot. No one believed it could be cured." The world's best sale. Only 25c. Recommended by W. S. Allen and Brittain's Drug Store.

Government Control.

The financiers complain that the president's currency bill puts in the hands of the government complete control of treasury note issue.

This is as it should be.

Control could not with safety be deposited in other hands.

Government officials act for the people and act before the eyes of the country.

Financiers act for themselves and in secret.

The country is fortunate in having a president who takes the people's side on this great question.

Strength to his arm.—The Commoner.

How It Works.

It costs \$72.80 to get a car-load of corn from Chicago, Ill., to Petersburg, Va., a distance of 922 miles. To get the same car-load of corn to Henderson, according to the Henderson Gold Leaf, it costs \$100.80. The distance is 90 miles. The rate from Petersburg to Henderson is 14 times per mile what it is from Chicago to Petersburg. And yet the railroads will try to persuade the people of North Carolina that such an arrangement as this is just.—Charlotte Observer.

The Animated Reels.

The Animated Weekly is a moving picture feature that comes to the Princess Theatre in Charlotte about every Wednesday. It is one of the most instructive and entertaining of the enterprises the moving picture people are getting out, as it gives views of the people concerned in the events of the past few days. On the reel presented Wednesday night was the oration delivered by Mr. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, at the dedication of the monument to the Maine. In the picture Mr. Daniels got up in front of the audience and began reading his manuscript. His familiar facial expressions, his movements and his gestures were so strikingly life-like that one could almost read the words from his lips. Each week some member of the Cabinet is shown in action, Senators and Representatives usually figuring in the scenes. In this way the people at home can get a good acquaintance with the public men. The Observer has wondered that this animated weekly feature does not attract more attention. This paper always likes to post the public on the good things of the times, and this weekly presentation of men and events is one of them.—Charlotte Observer.