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SPECULATIVE HUMBUGGERY.

The recent slump in the prices of Wall Street securities, with the consequent losses to speculators throughout the country, is followed by the usual stories of how this or that prominent capitalist has lost millions of dollars in the decline.

These stories are a species of humbuggery which is meant to deceive the small speculator, and to create in the mind of the little outside speculator, the impression that he has been just as smart as the big Wall Street speculator, and whereas he, the little speculator has lost a few hundred dollars, the big speculator has lost millions.

It may prove some balm to the small speculator, who has just parted with all his available cash, to read that John D. Rockefeller has lost one or two hundred million dollars, proving that there were two fools instead of one.

But such stories as these being circulated as to Rockefeller's great losses, or some other multi-millionaire's great losses, are untrue.

What difference to Rockefeller is the price of Standard Oil stock, whether it is \$100, or \$200, per share, when it has been paid for ten or twenty years ago at one or two hundred dollars per share, and is now paying forty or fifty dollars dividends per share each year, and has paid such dividends for years.

As to the railroad stocks, even if controlled by Morgan or other capitalists, they are not holding stocks on such a decline, as the one recently seen in railroad securities, for they were in position to see the approaching slump, and while giving out interviews on the prosperous conditions of the railroad properties, were at the same time selling to the small speculator, who saw visions of getting-rich-quick by such operations.

If the small speculators in North Carolina, who have contributed during the year a million dollars to the speculative centers, receiving in exchange the experience, and the certain knowledge that there were fools, if these speculators think they have fellow losers in Rockefeller, Morgan and the other financial giants, and therefore are comforted in such companionship, they are indeed simple minded.

For it is only speculative humbuggery, such stories. It is the attempt to again catch the small fool speculator and part him from his money.

AN ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS PROTECTION.

The Merchants Association of this city, a local organization growing out of, and practically being the same in its methods as the Retail Grocers Association, is an organization which has for its purpose the protection of the merchant and local dealer.

It can be said that the Merchants Association, in the pursuit of its methods and purpose, which are expected to be faithfully carried out on the part of each member, has the means of establishing better business methods in the community, and the correction of many trade abuses which now exist.

No greater abuse exists in any community than an indiscriminate and promiscuous crediting among the local mercantile trade.

It is not far out of the way to say, that a town or city whose local merchants grant indefinite credits to its citizens, that those people who can and do pay for what they consume, cannot enjoy any real benefits, such as would be theirs, if there was no indiscriminate crediting.

The merchant with his books filled with unpaid and long standing accounts, is compelled to cater to these accounts, for fear of losing their payment, while the cash customer cannot secure the favor which his money would give him, if all customers were placed on the same footing.

The Merchants Association seeks to protect its members against the trader

who seeks to make accounts and refuses to pay them, as the seeker after store credit finds that his credit ceases after making his first store account, until that is settled.

There is no harshness or unfairness in this purpose of mercantile protection. It is a good business method, and one which not only works well for the retail merchant, but also will prove of benefit to every citizen who wants no credit, but who wants the full market benefits to which a cash buyer is entitled.

The local growth of this organization, numbering about fifty firms, with new additions at every meeting, shows that the retail dealers realize the benefits of the co-operation which the Association gives. And with its greater growth will come greater benefits to both store keeper and customer.

QUIT WHINING AND WORK.

There isn't anything in the world more disagreeable than whining person.

He whines if it is hot. He whines if it is cold. He whines at this, he whines at that, he whines at everything. Whine, whine, whine.

It is just a habit he has fallen into. There is nothing the matter with him. It is just a bad habit.

The whiner is generally an idle person or a lazy one. What he needs is to be set to work—at real hard work, mental or physical. Some work that will interest him and engage his whole attention and he will not have time to whine.

We know two women. One of them does her own housework and takes care of her horse besides. She is happy and singing all the day long. The keyboard of her life sounds no whining note. It is a pleasure to be with her, a good, wholesome tonic to watch her.

The other woman is so situated that she does not have to work. Nothing to do but to amuse herself. She has no zest in life, no interest in anything. She is a bunch of selfishness and whines at everything. Whining has become such a habit with her that her most casual remark is tinged with a whine. She is miserable herself and makes everybody else in her presence miserable. She is a weakling, a parasite, a drag, a heavy weight on somebody all the time.

Get the whine out of your voice, or it will stop the development and growth of your body. It will narrow and shrink your mind. It will drive away your friends, it will make you unpopular.

Quit your whining; brace up; go to work; be something; stand for something; fill your place in the universe. Instead of whining around, exciting only pity and contempt, face about and make something of yourself. Reach up to the statue of a strong, unobnoxious manhood, to the beauty and strength of a superb womanhood.

There is nothing the matter with you. Just quit your whining and go to work.—Medical Talk.

Catarrah Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrah. Send for testimonials free.

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Knew Him. Miss Brightlie—Oh, Mr. Search, there's a young lady here tonight I know you will like! Mr. Search—I feel extremely flattered to find that you have made such a close study of my tastes. Please describe her. Miss Brightlie—She's worth a million.—New York Weekly.

Potent Pill Pleasure. The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers. W. S. Philpot of Albany, Ga., says "During a bilious attack I took one. Small as it was it did me more good than calomel, blue-mass or any other pills I ever took and at the same time it effected me pleasantly. Little Early Risers are certainly an ideal pill." Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Explained. Willie (who has attended three rainy Sunday school excursions)—Ma'mma, why does it rain every day? Ma'mma—Well, Willie, I think that all the farmers must have prayed for rain and God has been answering each prayer separately.—New York Times.

Puts an End to it All. A grievous wall oftentimes comes as a result of unbearable pain from overtaxed organs. Diseases, Backache, Liver complaint and Constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by C. D. Briddham's drug store.

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Botanic Blood Balm, guaranteed to cure even the worst and most deep-seated cases where doctors, patent medicines, and hot springs fail. Heals all skin eruptions, stops all aches and pains, restores all swellings, makes blood pure and rich, completely changing the entire body into a clean, healthy condition. R. R. B. has cured thousands of cases of Blood Poison even after reaching the last stage.

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FIRST DISTILLER ARRESTED. Game Warden Appoin ed. Organiz r for Anti-Saloon League. Ho k Worm.

RALEIGH, August 4.—John W. Upchurch, constable here, is appointed game warden for this county, the nomination being made by the Audubon Society and the Governor having issued the commission. There are already violations of the game law.

W. Hinton of Elizabeth City, who was yesterday elected State organizer for the anti-saloon league, arrived here today, to make his arrangements for taking up his work. The State is to be thoroughly canvassed and organizations perfected in every county and town where they are needed.

The telegraph line to be built from Raleigh to Lillington, along the Raleigh and Cape Fear railway. The bulletin of the State board of health, to appear this week, will deal largely with the hook worm, this is a worm which infests dirt eaters and it is also the germ of leishman. Dr. Richard H. Lewis, the secretary of the state board of health, is exhibiting the worm here under the microscope.

Yesterday six new rural free delivery routes were established in the State. A whisky distiller named Borrell has been arrested in Harnett county for violating the Watt's law. This is the first arrest the State has made so far as known.

Save the Children.

Ninety-nine of every one hundred diseases that children have are due to disorders of the stomach, and these disorders are all caused by indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is just as good for children as it is for adults. Children thrive on it. It keeps their little stomachs sweet and encourages their growth and development. Mrs. Henry Carter, 705 Central St., Nashville, Tenn., says: "My little boy is now three years old and has been suffering from indigestion ever since he was born. I have had the best doctors in Nashville, but failed to do him any good. After using one bottle of Kodol he is a well baby. I recommend it to all sufferers." Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Small Pox In Prospect.

RALEIGH August 4.—In the course of a talk today about small pox Dr. Lewis took occasion to say that he expected to see an even more extensive outbreak of it in the State when cold weather came. By the carelessness of the general public it really appears that they do not care whether they have this disease or not; this in face of the official statement that in the past four years there have been thousands of cases and nearly two hundred deaths in the state.

Not Aspiring. Haskins—I wonder your friend Silvers never went to the legislature. I consider him eminently qualified for public service. Belmont—Oh, there's no doubt about his fitness. That's the very reason, you see, why he never had any desire that way.—Boston Transcript.

The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 50c, at C. D. Briddham's drug store.

The Farthest Limit. "Happes doesn't dare to say his son's own." "It's worse than that. His wife even tips the waiter when they go out to lunch together."—Chicago Record-Herald.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and certain to act, always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all Druggists.

PIDS TENTH.

Patriarch of Venice Elevated to Pontifical Throne.

Conclave Makes an Unexpected Choice After a Short Dead-lock. Favorite of the Italian Government.

Special to Journal.

Rome, August 4.—After taking seven ballots, the Sacred College of Cardinals in conclave, succeeded in electing Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, the Patriarch of Venice as successor to Leo XIII. The new pope-elect is what might be termed a "dark horse" as no mention had been made of his candidacy heretofore.

Cardinal Sarto was born at Riese, in North Italy, in 1835. Extremely independent, he has avoided politics, altogether, to patronize the arts and sciences.

On his promotion to the patriarchate of Venice in 1893, he encountered more or less opposition before he could take possession of his See. It was claimed that the patriarchate was a part of the King of Italy's patronage. But being personally a favorite of Humbert, and to government, the matter was finally dropped and the patriarch was allowed to rule his diocese in peace, beloved by Catholics, esteemed by the government, and respected by his enemies.

The Catholic institutions of Venice have prospered very much under his rule. Sarto is recognized as one of the most learned men of the day. He has always been a leader for truth between church and state, and won considerable renown a few years ago by denouncing certain acts of doubtful authenticity.

Cardinal Sarto was but little known until about fifteen years ago. He was parish priest in the province of Venice the greater part of his life, became a bishop afterwards and was created a cardinal in 1893, being at the same time named Patriarch of Venice.

Sarto chooses the title of Pius Tenth. His election gives general satisfaction especially as he is the man Pope Leo wished as his successor. He is pronounced liberal, and opposes any policy of hostility towards the Italian government.

A Thousand Churches

In the United States have used the Longman & Mortimer Pure Paints during the last ten months.

Every Church will be given a liberal quantity whenever they paint. Don't pay \$1.50 a gallon for ill-used oil, which you do when you buy it in a sealed can with a paint label on it. 8 & 6-14, therefore when you want fourteen gallons of paint, buy only eight gallons of L. & M. and mix six gallons of pure linseed oil with it. It will make fourteen gallons of paint. It's done easily. It makes the paint cost you only about \$1.20 a gallon.

You probably won't need more than ten or twelve gallons of it, because the L. & M. Paint covers so much more surface than other paints. Sales have been tens of millions of gallons; nearly two million houses painted under guarantee to repaint if not satisfactory. Samples, free Sold by our Agents Hyman Supply Co.

Higher Authority.

Callier—Are you sure your mistress is not in? Bridget—Oh am not, but she seems to be, so 'tis not fur the likes of me to doubt it.—Philadelphia Press.

The Line of Least Resistance. "Well, I see that famous author's married, after all." "Yes, it proved easier to find an affinity than a publisher, I fancy."—Detroit Free Press.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run-down system, or dependency invariably precedes suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nervine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by C. D. Briddham Druggist.

Danger of Reversal.

"Don't you think you're working too hard?" "Well, there's a lot of unfinished work before me and I've got to cover the ground in a very short time." "Better slow down a bit or the ground will cover you in a very short time."—Philadelphia Press.

Eat All You Want.

Persons troubled with indigestion or Dyspepsia can eat all they want if they will take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. This remedy prepares the stomach for the reception, retention, digestion and assimilation of all of the wholesome food that may be eaten, and enables the digestive organs to transform the same into the kind of blood that gives health and strength. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. Big cuts what you eat.

RAILWAYS APPRAISED.

Valuation Increased About Seventy Eight Millions Dollars.

HALTOM, August 4.—The appraisalment of the railways and other common carriers is the interesting event of the week. The total figure approximately quite closely the popular estimate. There were a few people who thought the valuation would go as high as \$100,000,000. The Atlantic and North Carolina Railway in which the Falls owned a large an interest, is assessed at \$77,800,000.

It is understood that the railways and other common carriers in interest will be given a hearing next Friday. There have been some intimations that the railways would not make any fight upon the assessment.

The most noticeable increase in valuation in proportion to mileage, is in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line, which system has up to this time been assessed at a lower rate than the others. The western North Carolina railway, including the Murphy branch, is assessed at \$25,000,000 per mile, the same as the North Carolina railway.

The increase in the valuation of the railways is very nearly \$78,000,000. The gross earnings of the railways in this State are about \$10,000,000, and the operating expenses about \$10,000,000.

Government Cotton Report.

Washington, D. C., August 4.—The improvement in cotton conditions generally throughout the cotton belt. It is fruiting well although too rank growth in portions of the central and western districts, and shedding on early lands in the Carolinas are reported. Rain has been detrimental in central and southern portions of the cotton area in Texas, but has been beneficial in the northern portion, while boll weevil appears to be more destructive in a few of the southwestern counties. Clear warm weather is needed in Louisiana, and Texas. The crop continues late.

Mrs. Mollie Allen, of South Fork, Ky., says she has prevented attacks of cholera morbus by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when she felt an attack coming on. Such attacks are usually caused by indigestion and these Tablets are just what is needed to cleanse the stomach and ward off the approaching attack. Attacks of bilious colic may be prevented in the same way. For sale by all Druggists.

The Reason.

Mrs. Newed as husband arrives home from work—Oh, George, our new cook is a perfect gent! Why, she already has the kitchen looking like a parlor. Mr. Newed—Humph! Expecting company tonight, is she?—Town and Country.

De Witt is The Name.

When you go to buy Witch Hazel Salve look for the name De WITT on every box. The pure, unadulterated Witch Hazel is used in making De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which is the best salve in the world for cuts, burns, bruises, boils, eczema and piles. The popularity of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, due to its many cures, has caused numerous worthless counterfeits to be placed on the market. The genuine bears the name of E. C. De Witt & Co., Chicago. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

A Talker's Dam.

In days of old the talker held, when called to mend a pot, would build a dam of molasses, meat, around the leakage spot. The molasses, solder thus was made within due bounds to stay, but when the solder solid was the dam was thrown away. And so the molasses, then unless as a Lake Cohostrate class, became a symbol; hence we say "Not worth a talker's dam."—Boston Monthly.

Violent Attack of Diarrhoea Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and Perhaps a Life Saved.

"A short time ago I was taken with a violent attack of diarrhoea and believe I would have died if I had not gotten relief," says John J. Patton, a leading citizen of Patton, Ala. "A friend recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I bought a twenty-five cent bottle and after taking three doses of it was entirely cured. I consider it the best remedy in the world for bowel complaints. For sale by all Druggists.

His Anxieties Beginning.

"To gratify the curiosity of the public, Mr. Dallierine," pursued the young person with the notebook, "will you please tell me if the first contribution you ever sent to a magazine was accepted?" "The literary celebrity smiled genially. "I am happy to say it was," he answered. "What would it?" "Four dollars for a year's subscription."—Chicago Tribune.

Taken With Cramps.

Wm. Kirnse, a member of the bridge gang working near Littleport was taken suddenly ill Thursday night with cramps and a kind of cholera. His case was so severe that he had to have members of the crew walk upon him and Mr. Gifford was called and consulted. He told them he had a medicine in the form of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy that he thought would help him out and accordingly several doses were administered with the result that the fellow was able to be around next day. The incident speaks quite highly of Mr. Gifford's medicine.—Eliades, Iowa, Aug. 5th.

This remedy never fails. Keep it in your home, it may save life. For sale by all Druggists.

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