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CANDOR.

The Wilmington Star having referred to Col. Roosevelt as a standpatter, Mr. D. L. Gore, a wealthy merchant takes it to ask in these words: "I notice you accuse Mr. Roosevelt of being a standpatter, the man who got 4-1-2 million votes. Dearly beloved, you are mistaken, if he had been a standpatter, the interests would not have sent the force out to Chicago to put Mr. Taft in, or this is what I think, I know nothing." What interests us especially in Mr. Gore's tilt with the Star is that he says "this is what I think, I know nothing." That is candor of the most refreshing sort. Most persons who essay to discuss politics "know" what they are talking about and woe be unto him who ventures to take a different view. Mr. Gore, who is a fine man no matter if he is as we think (we know nothing) a trifle erratic in his politics, frankly admits that there is a possibility that he is mistaken.

CALIFORNIA FOR T. R.

Talking about a neck and neck race, but Wilson and Roosevelt had it in California. In a vote of over half a million, the final and official count having been made, Roosevelt is found to have received 66 more votes than Wilson. As California was all the time prior to the election regarded as a sure thing Roosevelt State, Governor Wilson can feel very well satisfied with the outcome even in California.

SCHEMES.

Says the Charlotte Observer: "We can't say that we feel much sympathy for the dozen or more Wilmington people who dropped money in a wire tapping game. They were not innocent, though they were too-confiding, victims of the scheme. They were out with crooks to 'do' the public, merely failing to understand that they themselves were the victims designed. They got double-crossed, like practically all people who bite at such schemes. In fact, at least nine out of ten confidence games as distinguished from ordinary swindles by false pretence depend upon watching the victim through some appeal to get-rich-quick impulse—get-rich-quick at somebody else's expense, of course—on his part. Never a 'green-goods' or gold-brick or a wire-tapping gang who could have done any business, unless with idiots, otherwise. The man who plays a crooked game with professionals as his supposed partners need expect no other outcome than just this."

Wonder why it is that so many people allow themselves to be taken in? Wonder why it is that folks don't realize that there is no easy money except for those who have plenty of it and don't specially need it any way? We suspect that a weak will is at the bottom of most of the trouble. The solicitor is allowed to have his way. His stronger will dominates that of the solicited one. So there we are right back to that old virtue, hoary with age, namely, the courage to say "no." There are so many plausible gentlemen around with schemes these days that a man has got to be on his guard or he will soon have made enough bad investments to keep him on the anxious seat the balance of his natural life. Stock of all sorts, real estate at remote points where the buyer will never see it for himself and in fact all sorts of pigs in a poke are hawked around with such skill and plausibility that it is well nigh impossible to keep from signing up for some of them. The safe thing to do is to patronize the home market for investments. If you have some money to invest put it in New Bern or Craven county real estate or in a local enterprise where you can keep an eye on it and watch it grow. Let other sections develop their own real estate and finance their own schemes.

PRISON LIFE HEALTHFUL.

The young Greensboro man who killed his employer some time ago because he discharged him from prison life conducive to health. He has gained considerably in weight, the immediate cause of the gain being believed to be the fact that he has not been allowed to smoke cigarettes. No doubt the cure of a lot of ailments to which man is supposed to be heir lies a negative rather than positive treatment. Leaving off some bad and harmful indulgences is very often all that an ailing person needs to put him in good condition.

THE THREE BIG PARTIES.

President Taft has stated that in 1916 the Republican party and Theodore Roosevelt says the Progressive party is here to stay. The prognosticators say that this means that there will be another three-cornered fight for the Presidency four years from now.

Such an arrangement would be eminently satisfactory to the Democrats but it is too much to hope for. The Progressives will swallow the old line Republican party in 1916 or the old line Republicans will absorb the Progressives before that time.

Which process results will depend somewhat on the Democrats in the meantime. If they show themselves truly progressive, there will be no need for Roosevelt's party. If they turn conservative and decide to follow a let-well-enough-stand policy, there will be no need for Taft's party.

HE'S A SPECIALIST.

Wilson will be the first real specialist in government to occupy the Presidents chair. There is no need he says of a lengthy investigation to precede tariff reform. "I have been studying the problem all my life," he said Wednesday in speaking of the tariff. "It's a fine thing to have a man at the head of affairs who has been doing some studying and who has been doing it a long time."

COMING ROUND NICELY.

The progressive cast of things these days is imparting itself very generally and in places where possibly it would not have been expected. But it is human nature to look for room on the band wagon, no matter if one does have to cut something of a ridiculous figure in getting there. Even Senator Martin, the head of the so-called conservative wing of the Democracy in Virginia, is out for an extra session and prompt performance of the party's pledges. Says he: "In my judgment Congress should be convened as soon as practicable after the 4th day of March. I believe the pledges of a party should be absolutely carried out. I can see no reason why the performance of the promises of the party should be delayed nine months. I have not the slightest doubt about such harmony and co-operation among Democrats of the Senate as will secure the passage through that body of all the legislation promised the people in the Baltimore platform."

Woodrow Wilson says he is going to carry out his campaign pledges. That's the only way for him to keep the respect of the voters who cast their ballots for him on the strength of his promises. There are many people in this country who are making a fair living and who probably have no direct cause of complaint as to existing conditions, but who want to see for the satisfaction of themselves and all concerned a start made on the tariff reduction that has been so much discussed and so fondly out how the thing is going to work out. They are tired of so much lip and want to see something done.

ATTEND THE MEETING.

There should be a large attendance of members of the Chamber of Commerce present at tonight's meeting. New Bern is naturally and inevitably going to grow some but its growth and development can be greatly quickened if its citizens get aroused and employ themselves in promoting measures calculated to advance the city's interests. Other cities are on the alert, watching every possibility of adding to their commercial and industrial prestige. The city that lags behind and expects everything to come to it as a matter of course, is going to find itself bringing up the tail end of the procession.

New Bern has extraordinarily good natural advantages. With the right sort of hustle and co-operation on the part of its people it can be made to make wonderful progress in the next few years.

We for one believe that that energy and co-operation are going to be forthcoming, also that it is going to be manifested in a good-sized gathering at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight.

President Taft announces it as his intention to fill as many offices with Republicans as possible before his successor goes in office. Even then there will be enough offices for the new President to fill to make him realize that being President is no snap.

ANYTHING TO CARRY HIS POINT.

We are not disposed to bear down too heavily on a defeated candidate claiming to have done wonderfully well under all the circumstances and adding unfair treatment as a reason why he did not do better. Colonel Roosevelt made a wonderful run, and he did labor under many disadvantages, though most of these were of his own making; but when he says that he fought his fight "without much money" and "with the channels of information to the public largely choked," he challenges contradiction and ought to get it.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot. One wouldn't expect a man of Mr. Roosevelt's standing to distort the facts in order to carry his point. That is, you wouldn't expect it if you hadn't been observing his tactics in political warfare for a number of years. It is well enough and perhaps to be expected for immature persons to claim things that are not so in order to win out in an argument, but something better and more dignified surely could be expected from a world figure

LIKE ROOSEVELT.

The Virginia Pilot will point out that the Bull Moose party had a right good-sized roll. As to the channels of information being choked, that charge is preposterous. Fact is, the newspapers don't dare to leave out Roosevelt news. Folks are gradually learning not to vote for him, but he is such a spectacular individual that they never tire of reading about him.

DIDN'T HAVE TO LISTEN LONG.

Woodrow Wilson has announced that immediately after his inauguration as President he will call an extra session of Congress to meet April 15 for the purpose of revising the tariff. Very shortly after his election he was pressed for something definite as to his plans. But he said he was going to listen a while. It didn't take much listening to find out that there was a big demand for tariff revision.

The folks may be mistaken about it, but they honestly believe that with the tariff reduced the average man will get along better—that he will be able to get what he consumes cheaper and without having his wages reduced or his opportunity to work diminished. He understands that all this will probably mean smaller profits for the captains of industry and their lieutenants, but he also believes that they can easily afford a slight reduction in their income.

THE PROPOSED MONUMENT.

Judge Allen of Kinston intimates that he thinks New Bern should not erect a monument to Baron De Graffenried. We fear the Judge has spoken too late. We don't see much prospect of calling off that monument now. And as a matter of fact no one need feel any regret about it any way. De Graffenried can fairly be classed as an explorer of note and it is to him in this role that the memorial will be erected. It should prove a very valuable addition to the accumulating local and physical evidences of the unusually interesting early history of this city. Besides, it is very possible that the uncomplimentary rumors, wafted down several centuries with the persistence that rumors no matter how ill-founded always have, were not warranted by the facts. In an article that Judge Allen has written on the subject he merely says that he "concludes" that De Graffenried was not an admirable man. This seems to us to indicate a different conclusion might be possible if all the facts, and not alone those unfavorable to the Baron, were accessible. But as we have said, De Graffenried was an explorer and one whose name is inseparably connected with the colonial history of New Bern, and as one of the accepted ways of teaching history is to do it with physical objects the purport of which all who run may read, the movement for the monument to the Swiss noble should, it seems to us, command the hearty support of those of our citizens who would like to see the city of New Bern betray through outward tokens an intelligent interest in its own history.

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JUDGE CONNOR'S VOTE.

Observing that some of the Carolina papers appear to be surprised that Judge Connor voted the Democratic ticket, the Norfolk Virginian Pilot insists that Judge Connor could not honorably have done anything else. Judge Connor was appointed Federal judge by President Taft because of his fine legal attainments, his judicial temperament and his general, all-around suitability for the place. He was not appointed to that high office to gain his vote to the Republican party or to gain his influence for that party.

In fact, we suspect that President Taft would think a good deal less of Judge Connor than he does if the Judge had gone over to the Republican party. The President is himself a man of stalwart partisanship and at the same time not too partisan to be unwilling to accord to others the right to affiliate with whichever party they choose.

In voting the Democratic ticket Judge Connor did just what every one who knew his reputation expected him to do and what he was honorably bound to do unless he had become convinced that the Republican party was more entitled to his support than the Democratic party.

All a man has to do to develop a bad disposition is to have a family. Money may get a man into trouble, but it can also get him out when poverty can't.

There ought to be a great deal of satisfaction in being good, for it cuts you out of a lot of fun.

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PATRIOTISM THAT WINS IN THE END

By BELLE K. MANIATES.

"I wonder if I am an expatriot" soliloquized May Hampton, as she looked up from the perusal of a letter from home, remonstrating with her for her prolonged absence.

It was two years now since she had come to this land of sunny skies to study music and Italian for six months. At the end of that time, the people with whom she had come returned home, but May had formed the acquaintance of an English family who had taken up residence in Florence, and they offered to take her in charge. Her parents reluctantly consented to a continuance of her sojourn, and she was now more loath than ever to return. The charm of sunny Italy had worked its spell, and then, too, her voice was developing so marvelously that she began to have visions of grand opera. Memories of home ties were becoming dimmed, and three months ago she had broken her engagement with Tom Rowden. She could never have done this except by letter, for there had been a fascination about Tom, and her resolutions generally weakened in his presence.

The letter twitting her of being expatriated was from her father, who so rarely wrote to her. He had launched into a eulogy over the United States, and her duty to her family.

With a sigh Kate laid down the letter and began to dress for dinner. Her friends, the Gordons, were having some repairs made to their house, and in the meantime they were all staying at a boarding place.

She was roused from her reflections of the stars and stripes by the entrance of Gwendolen Gordon. "There is a countryman of yours below, May, who has just arrived straight from the states."

"Really?" asked May interestedly. "It's so long since I have seen anyone 'just over.'"

"You will doubtless meet him at dinner. He is tall, well-formed, good color, bright eyes, well-tubbed. Really he might almost pass for an Englishman."

And May was not yet so "expatriated" as not to experience a tinge of resentment at Gwendolen's inference that his passing for an Englishman was the highest compliment she could pay an American. The description reminded her of Tom, and memories of Tom always brought a vague discomfort. He had merely acknowledged the receipt of the ring she had returned, and had formally regretted her "change of heart." After the long, friendly letter she had written him explaining her "career" she had certainly looked for more notice than that. She had anticipated opposition, remonstrance or a beseeching letter from him, possibly a visit from him. Maybe he, too, had "changed." And there had been an unaccountable silence on the part of her family, who adored Tom. Her father, whose views on "honor" and the keeping of a promise were so implacable, had never mentioned or hinted at her action—simply indited an oration on her country.

She went down to dinner with a thrill of anticipation at the thought of meeting a "live man" again, for she had secretly disdained the Italians and the men she had met at the Gordons. She was doomed to disappointment. No stranger appeared, though she prolonged the meal as much as possible.

Later in the evening she was sitting on the balcony of her sitting room when she heard the piano below. There were a few random chords, and then there fell grandly on the air a deep baritone voice rendering the "Star Spangled Banner."

"Oh!" she cried with indrawn breath. By the thrill of ecstasy she knew she was not an alien from her native shores. She hastened down to the salon which was crowded with American tourists drawn thence by the magic of the home song. At the end of the second verse, May was suffering all the pangs of nostalgia. There was something familiar in the voice, and she worked her way nearer the piano for a glimpse of the musician. She was a little faint when she recognized George Amdein, Tom's particular friend. The sight of him brought vivid recollections of home, home friends and Tom.

She slipped into an adjoining little room to compose and adjust her thoughts before meeting him. In vain she tried to stifle her emotions. She crossed the room which was unoccupied, and stepped out to the balcony.

A man turned, and in the golden-rayed moonlight she saw Tom, eager and flushed. "May!" he cried.

"Tom!" she said with a little sob. "I am homesick!"

"Your father sent me to bring you home, May. Will you go back with me?"

At the underlying tenderness in his tones, all her footlight aspirations dropped from her.

"Yes, Tom," she said meekly.

Three months later when Gwendolen Gordon read the account of May's wedding, she commented: "How very American it was to come down the aisle to marital music!"

America is teaching Europe how to dress its windows. Europe is teaching America how to dress its girls in skimpy clothing, which is most unattractive.

The Temperate Man.

James Thorpe, the champion of the Olympic games, is an Indian, and on the Oceanic, discussing the welfare of the Indian race, he said: "Total abstinence is essential to my people. The average Indian cannot drink temperately. His idea of temperance is like that of the country gentleman who said: 'I drink brandy only on two occasions—when I have roast chickens for dinner and when I haven't.'"

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The principal result was that England, Belgium and Holland agreed to put into operation a system of government inspection of plants instead of having that inspection performed by their nurserymen.

This later, it was feared, would meet the expense of raising the prices to the American market. The French government is expected to adopt this government-inspection plan later. Germany has given no assurances.

NOTICE.

The Craven County Farmers' Union is called to meet at the court house in New Bern Saturday Dec. 7th at 2 P. M. All locals are requested to have representation.

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