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GOOD WORK.

Praise is due President Hix of the Norfolk Southern for the promptness and the effectiveness with which he addressed himself to the task of setting his railroad to rights following the great storm of last week. Washington was the point on the line where the storm appears to have wreaked its fury. Thither President Hix hastened and there he stayed until the big task of repairing the wrecked bridges and trestles was well under way. It is said that the bridge over the Pamlico, which is about a mile in length, will be sufficiently repaired for trains to pass over it by Saturday night. For such a work to be done in such a short time will certainly be an achievement in construction work to be proud of.

AMERICANS KILL MEXICAN OFFICER.

Americans at El Paso, Texas, on Saturday killed a Mexican officer who rode across the international bridge and opened fire upon them. The Mexican was drunk and the Americans fired on him because they felt that otherwise he might kill one of both of them. How the Mexicans can make any capital of this incident seems to be something of a puzzle, but they are not a very reasonable folk and it is not at all certain that they will not seek to make the occurrence more serious as affecting their country's relations with this than it really is when sensibly viewed.

AN INTERESTING PUBLICATION.

The August bulletin of the Asheville Health Department has reached us and despite the fact that it is a little late we find it interesting and stimulating as it always is. It contains much to show that the movement for better health conditions is widespread and powerful. Greensboro's warfare on the mosquito and the fly, Durham's employment of a nurse for all of her time to work among the poor, Guilford county's fine health work, a very capable man being employed for all of his time, a strong article by the California Board of Health on "Health as the Chief Property of the Average Citizen" and much other lively and suggestive matter is found in the bulletin. Asheville's Board of Health sets an inspiring example for every other city board of health in the State.

WOMAN AND HER GARB.

Discussing learnedly the question of what women dress for, an exchange says:

"A Kansas City Judge, deciding that 'there is nothing immoral in the slit skirt,' says: 'The women of today have only one idea in view—to dress in a manner that appeals to men; and he adds: 'Well, hasn't it always been so?'"

"The judge may be learned in the law but he knows little about feminine human nature. Woman's least consideration about her clothes is whether they will please a husband or brother or even a lover. Women dress primarily to excite the envy of their own sex. It is true that when Jazelé painted her face and tired her head and looked out at a window it was to lure a man, and certain women have always at times dressed with that object. But that is the ulterior motive. The direct purpose, the all-compelling animus of women's clothes, is to spite other women. They treat as negligible man's opinion of what they wear, well knowing that in his crass ignorance of the dressmaker's art he often thinks women dressed at their best when they have 'nothing on at all'—a mere duck skirt and a shirt-waist."

We have told this exchange once before what women dress for, but it appears not to have seen our remarks on the subject. Women do not dress to appeal to men, and to say that they dress to spite other women is libelous of the sex. One reason that women dress is the same reason that causes men to dress—it is a requirement of civilization and it likewise ministers to comfort.

As to the question of why women dress fashionably, the answer is easy and it does not involve any disrespect for the sex. They dress fashionably because not to dress fashionably is to suggest the absence of the means with which to dress that way and it is characteristic of women as of men not to want to be thought poverty-stricken.

Another reason that they dress fashionably is that thus they are less conspicuous and all sensible people try to avoid being conspicuous. Of course the extremes of fashion in as that the wearers are conspicuous instead of otherwise but in forming a conclusion as to the whole sex, the few who affect

the extreme styles may be disregarded. Another motive with women in the matter of their dress in this way or that is the universal desire, not peculiar to either sex, to be admired. Clothes do not make the woman any more than they do the man, they have a very important function in the impression that one makes on his fellows and women know it as well as men.

NEW BERN AND THE MORSE STEAMBOAT LINES.

It is announced that Charles W. Morse, the steamboat King, will shortly start a steamboat service between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and other points South. Perhaps he might be persuaded to include New Bern in the points South of Norfolk that he has in mind. Since his release from Federal prison at Atlanta Morse seems to have been fully as active as he ever was in his favorite form of activity, that of developing steamboat lines. He has an especial genius in that direction. Certainly his success has been remarkable for a man who was let out of prison before his time was up on the plea that death might be the result of his being kept confined a few months longer. As one newspaper puts it Morse activities now indicate that he is quite restored to his normal health.

PREDICTED DISASTER NOT MATERIALIZING.

Disaster as a result of the new tariff law is freely predicted, but dispatches from New England towns where woolen mills are located do not indicate that the manufacturers of woollens are anticipating any great slump in business. From North Adams, Mass., comes the news that woolen mills are to be run night and day for the next few weeks. The Hoosac Worsted mill, which all summer has been only partly in operation, will be run on a larger scale, say the news reports. The fact is that the protected interests while anxious to keep under the sheltering wings of the government are going to do the best they can under a reduced tariff. It is not business to cut off the nose to spite the face.

MRS. PANKHURST.

The immigration authorities would probably like to keep out Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English militant suffragette leader who is on her way to this country, on the ground that her deeds in England have been such as to make her guilty of moral turpitude, which is a bar to landing on the shores of the United States, but they dare not. For although they have had many difficulties to contend with they would be at a loss in handling a hunger strike. We predict that discretion will be regarded as the better part of valor and that no objections to Mrs. Pankhurst's coming will be made on the ground of moral turpitude.

As a result of the slaying of some Japanese at Nanking by Chinese troops there is talk of war between the two countries. But both countries have recently been set a notable example of forbearance to the end that the horrors of war might be averted and that that example is a factor in causing both China and Japan to go a little slow in their present difficulties is certain.

GREED.

Greedy of the coal operators and greedy of the miners was the underlying cause of the great West Virginia coal miners' strike according to the view of Bishop Donahue as given to the Senate Investigating Committee Monday. Capital is not always exclusively to blame in labor disturbances. It usually does its part to bring about conditions which result in strikes. But labor is sometimes ill-advised, particularly when it is of the immigrant variety and therefore unaccustomed to the American custom of securing justice by legal means instead of by violence. It is likely that the Bishop was right in regard to the West Virginia strike.

President Wilson's popularity is now cinched, Cole Blaise having assailed him on the ground that his Mexican policy is a cowardly one.

BRUTAL RETORT.

Mrs. Longwedde—Such a charming husband Mrs. Von Pickle has! So tender after ten years of marriage!
Mr. Longwedde—Quite natural. It would make a rhinoceros tender to be kept in hot water for ten years.—London Tit-Bits.

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Personals

Tuesday Sept. 9

Sheriff A. H. Stephens, of Oriental was in the city yesterday attending to official business.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. Huff left last evening for a short visit at Havelock.

J. W. Stewart returned last evening from a business visit at Vanceboro.

J. J. Baxter has returned from New York where he went to purchase a fall stock for his department store.

L. J. Moore and Dr. A. F. Hammond, of Pollockville, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Harry Bryan, of Pollockville, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

J. S. Wooten and G. V. Richardson, of Dover, were here yesterday attending to business matters.

T. J. Rouse, of Dover, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

S. W. Everett, proprietor of the Neuse River Inn at Oriental, spent yesterday in the city.

E. S. Weaver, of Arapahoe, was here yesterday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad. Brinson, Miss Cassie Bennett, Alex Bennett and Walter Taylor, of Arapahoe, were among the visitors here yesterday.

F. E. Brooks manager of the Selz shoe store, has returned from a short visit at Greenville.

Prof. J. Henri Bourdelais, of Biddleford, a well-known musical director and composer, with his wife, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dockham at their home on Middle street.

Mrs. T. O. Pigford and little son, of Pollockville, are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Pigford.

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Hendren, after an outing at Shackelford's Banks, left yesterday for their home at Athens, Ga., where Dr. Hendren is located as a member of the faculty of the University of Georgia.

Dr. and Mrs. Leinster Duffy left yesterday for a visit to several Northern cities. They will be gone about two weeks.

Fred M. Hahn left last evening for a business visit at Raleigh.

Miss Alice Ward left yesterday morning for Raleigh to spend a few days with friends before returning to her studies at Peace Institute.

Wednesday Sept. 10

Mrs. J. S. Hackett and child, of Bellhaven, who have been visiting Mrs. Herbert Lupton, on Hancock street, returned home yesterday morning.

J. J. Cowell, of Bayboro, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Dr. A. J. Monk, of Goldsboro, was among the professional visitors in the city yesterday.

Mrs. E. H. Gorham returned last evening to Morehead City after a visit here with relatives.

Miss Vivian Hill, of Miami, Fla., arrived in the city yesterday morning and is visiting relatives on Pasture street.

A. D. Rawls and little son, Bender Rawls, of Arapahoe, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Mrs. B. E. Moore accompanied by Master Benjamin and little Miss Elizabeth Moore are visiting at Seven Springs.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Patterson have returned from a visit at Washington.

Mrs. G. W. Dudley and son William have gone to Beaufort for a visit with relatives.

G. N. Ives spent yesterday at Kinston attending to business matters.

L. L. Brinson, of Pamlico, spent yesterday in the city attending to business matters.

Frank Whitty, of Pollockville, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Dr. W. L. Hand has returned from Black Mountain where he spent several weeks with Mrs. Hand.

Thursday Sept. 11

R. T. Willis and sons R. T., Jr., and Herman, of Morehead City, were among the business visitors here yesterday.

S. R. Street returned last evening from a business visit in Pamlico county.

R. A. Nunn returned last evening from a professional visit in Pamlico county.

Charles Hall returned last evening from a business visit at Carolina City.

Sylvester Gibbs, of Oriental, passed through the city yesterday enroute

to the Western part of the State.

Miss Bertie Spruill passed through the city yesterday morning enroute to Greensboro after having visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Spruill at Ashwood.

Mrs. M. M. Marks left last evening for a visit with relatives at Kinston.

Arthur T. Land left last evening for a trip through the Southern States in the interest of the Cahill Shoe Company, of Cincinnati, O.

A. T. Dill left last evening for Black Mountain where his family have been spending the summer.

Jack Perry, of Beaufort, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss M. E. Johnson, of Richmond, Va. who has for several seasons had charge of the millinery department of J. M. Mitchell & Company's store has returned from Northern markets where she has been studying the latest styles and designs in ladies' headwear.

J. M. Mitchell returned yesterday from Northern markets where he has been to purchase a stock of fall and winter goods for his establishment on Middle street.

Miss Mary Steffy, of New York, has arrived in the city to accept a position as milliner for the Williams-Brewer Millinery Company.

N. M. Lancaster, of Vanceboro, arrived in the city last evening for a short business visit.

J. H. Wadsley, of Winston-Salem, has arrived in the city to accept a position as soda dispenser at C. D. Bradham's new drug store which is soon to be opened in the Eulanks building, corner Middle and Broad streets.

Z. V. Rawls, of Bayboro, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

Henry Simmons, colored, who escaped from the Craven county convict farm a few weeks ago after serving three months of a twelve month sentence, was captured this week at Kinston by Sheriff Taylor and is now confined in the county jail. Simmons still has nine months of his sentence to serve.

A LEADER IN INDECENCY.

Things are certainly at a pretty pass in New York City when the police have to step in and forbid the presentation of plays the scenes of which are laid in disorderly houses. As a source of indecency the American metropolis has undoubtedly attained supremacy.

And now that these indecent plays have been put under the ban in New York, it will be just like the theatrical managers of that city to try to foist them on the people of smaller cities who will possibly find themselves watching these shameful scenes before they know it. Really recent developments of the stage in New York are quite enough to give a great deal of comfort to those who hold that the theatre is wholly bad in its influence.

The Charlotte Observer calls attention to the fact that certain magazines in New York also exploit the underworld and it pertinently adds that in the metropolis the stage and the press are being perverted to amazingly brazen purposes.

JILTED, GOES ON HONEYMOON ALONE

GEORGIAN STARTS FOR EUROPE WHEN FIANCEE ACCEPTS ANOTHER.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 9.—Miss Viola Johnston, the twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McEwen Johnston, millionaire leaders of Macon society, will not marry William H. Felton, jr., the twenty-three year old son of the millionaire president of the Macon Railway and Light Company and former Superior Court Judge.

Formal announcement that the engagement of the young society leaders had been broken was made by their families, following the departure for New York of young Felton on a twelve months' tour of Europe.

The announcement has stirred Macon society. According to the gossip, young Felton, just before leaving Macon, confided to intimate friends that Miss Johnston, who is spending the summer at Lake Toxaway, there met a rich New Yorker, who won her affections and caused her to tell young Felton that she did not love him enough to marry him.

While Miss Johnston was at Toxaway, Felton made two trips there, the second one last week when she broke the news to him that their engagement must end. He returned to Macon and told his father, who communicated the word to the Johnston family. The announcement was the result of their conferences.

The engagement of Miss Johnston and Felton was announced last April. The wedding date had been fixed for Oct. 23. The wedding plans included a six months' tour of Europe. Reservations for the trip had been made. When Judge Felton learned that the engagement was off, he advised his son not to abandon the trip to Europe, but to go at once, and stay twice as long as he had planned.

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The next smallest book is an edition of the "Divine Comedy" of Dante. This is something less than an inch wide, with type so small that a microscope is needed to read it.

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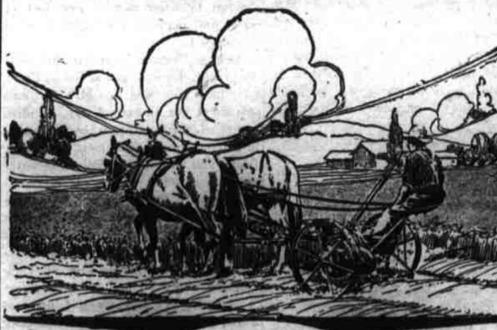
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