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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
While we sit brooding over our troubles and the hardships of our lot, the great world goes tranquilly on, the infinite sky hangs over us, the everlasting order abides, and "God is where He was."  
Charles G. Ames.

The News and Observer says that the Austrians have offered \$4,000 for the head of Gabriel D'Annunzio, an Italian poet. Never knew that a poet was worth that much before.

While other sections of the country are wrapped in the arms of hurricanes and storms, North Carolina escapes their ravages and offers aid to the afflicted. Truly this is a most blessed region.

We notice that the Greenville Reflector has acquired into itself an entire new dress of head letter type. Hurray! Also Hooray! Biggs will now show the other fellows that all his rantings about being a head letter artist have not been idle vapors.

Contrary to the belief of George of the Washington News, we claim not to have been the individual who smashed into the office of the Greenville Reflector a few days ago in search of Biggs. Mayhap it was the paragon on the News and Observer.

The Kinston News is responsible for the statement that no matter how thrilling is the war news, it has grown so monotonous that it is sidetracked at any time for a good live local story. Pretty soon it will get off the front page entirely.

Down at Beaufort the headgear of a female was found in the lodge rooms of a well known order and as each member of the lodge disclaims knowledge of the piece of finery, it has been proposed to offer it for sale at public auction. Looks to us like the people down in the Carteret capital are trying to start something.

If present plans for the next Eastern Carolina Fair materialize, and there is every reason to believe that they will, that event is going to be one of the most successful ever held in North Carolina. The date for the fair has been changed so that there is every probability that the weather will be all that could be desired and this, combined with the unusually large number of exhibits and attractions that are being planned, will assure the success of the big show and will cause it to be patronized by thousands of persons who have never paid it a visit before.

Judging from revelations which have been made during the past few weeks, the town of Hopewell, Va., was about one of the crookedest places on the face of the earth. That this condition prevailed was due to the fact that the people there had practically no government to regulate conditions. A crowd of politicians had handed together to run that town and they certainly did the job up good and brown, so much so in fact that any Virginian will tell you right off hand that it is one of the most wide open, don't-give-a-rip places in the State. There have, as we have said before, been revelations there and there are going to be some more and when the Governor of the State gets through investigating, Hopewell is going to be a whole lot cleaner than it has ever before been.

range. The best water in this stratum is reported to be to the eastward of the Shackleford Point range, nearly on the Bird Island range. Vessels drawing over 13 feet should use this entrance with caution, pending proposed dredging operations and subsequent revision of aids.

EXPLANATION SATISFACTORY  
(Kinston News)  
Just to make sure that the New Bern Journal thoroughly understands our explanation in the matter of the Kinston freemen's visit to this city: The News has been very careful in expressing the real sentiment expressed by our fire ladders. We did not attempt in our explanation to defend any who had brought charges of "crookedness" in the public print. It was a vast majority of the "boys" who praised the treatment accorded them by New Bern for whom we spoke.

STOCK LAW MEANS MUCH TO FARMER  
Chairman of Lenoir Board of Commissioners Tells His Experience  
The following letter from the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lenoir county, has been received by a well known citizen and turned over to the Journal for publication. It deals with the stock law question and is of particular interest here just at this time:  
Kinston, N. C., Aug. 19, 1915.  
Dear Sir:  
I see you are to have an election soon for the purpose of adding Craven county to the no-fence list of counties. A greater step towards progressiveness never could be taken. If there should arise any serious objection refer them to me and tell them to come to see me and I think I can convince any reasonable man that nothing more profitable could be done for our county.

The eradication of the fever tick will overcome all other disadvantages that may occur. When stock law is applied to our county as a whole is effective, the board of commissioners applied to the government for quarantine and eradication of ticks and by our co-operation they at once put some men in our county and in twelve months they rid us of the fever tick which I consider one of the greatest handicaps to the cattle industry.

A year ago I had thirty-five head of cattle, including old and young, in a splendid pasture. They were full of ticks and very poor. I built a dipping vat and followed the instructions of the experts and rid the cattle and the pasture of the ticks. This year I have fifty-four cattle in a splendid pasture. They were full of ticks and very poor. I built a dipping vat and followed the instructions of the experts and rid the cattle and the pasture of the ticks. This year I have fifty-four cattle in a splendid pasture. They were full of ticks and very poor. I built a dipping vat and followed the instructions of the experts and rid the cattle and the pasture of the ticks.

Yours truly,  
R. F. CHURCHILL,  
Chairman.

BRAZIL MINISTER READY TO REPORT  
Senor Cardoza Prepared to Give United States Some Details  
Washington, Aug. 21.—Prepared to report in person on the exact situation in Mexico, Senor Cardoza, the Brazilian Minister in Mexico, who has looked after American interests in Mexico City ever since the recall of Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy, arrived in Washington today. He was met at the station by representatives of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing and escorted to his hotel. He will confer with Secretary Lansing at noon and President Wilson tomorrow.

The Carranza agency here today gave out a communication that has been sent to Secretary of State Lansing by General Candido Aguilar, Governor and military commander of the State of Vera Cruz, under General Carranza. General Aguilar informs Secretary Lansing that he can not answer the latter's note addressed to all Mexican leaders, as he will have to turn the matter over to General Carranza and will abide by his decision.

The Carranza agency stated that similar replies were sent to members of the Latin-American conference by General Alfredo Elizondo, Governor of Michoacan; General Aricat, military commander of the garrison at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, and General Francisco Hurgia, commander of a division operating under General Obregon.

General Carranza today reported to his agency here the capture of Durango in the following message: "I have just received telegraphic advice from General Obregon that General Domingo Arriba took the city of Durango on the 13th."

Rev. L. B. Padgett returned last night from the Western part of the State where he spent some time on his vacation and will fill his pulpit at the First Baptist church at both the morning and evening services today. The morning service will be at 11 o'clock and Sunday school at 9:30.

MEXICANS FIRE ON BORDER TROOPS  
Company Under Captain Holcombe Was the Target  
Washington, Aug. 21.—A company of border troops, Captain Holcombe commanding, was today fired upon by Mexicans, between ranch 80 and Lohiel, while on a practice march.

Three thousand Mexicans are camped south of Lohiel, said to be General Callies' troops.

Lansing and the Latin-Americans must have been ignorant of the solidarity of the Carranza movement, with 150,000 men controlling nine-ninths of Mexico when they addressed the appeal to Carranza's generals. Obregon said when declining to reply to the note. He said Carranza will be supported until he has "entirely pacified" Mexico. He believed it impossible to eliminate Carranza.

Two POLICEMEN HIGHLY PRAISED  
Officers A. L. Dail and C. A. Belangia Have Done Some Good Work  
Mayor William Dunn complimented Policemen A. L. Dail and C. A. Belangia very highly for their excellent work in running down and arresting Ernest Freeman and John Haddock, colored, who are alleged to have stolen a raft of logs from the log pond at Broadus and Ives Lumber Mill Friday night, and who were arraigned in Police Court yesterday on warrants charging them with this offense.

After hearing the evidence for the State in this action, the Mayor allowed the defendants to make a statement. Neither of them denied being in the boat that towed the raft from Broadus and Ives mill to C. H. Hall's mill on Trent river, but each stated that the other one was the one that got the logs out of the pond, and that they were present at the time and they thought that the logs were the other man's property, however, Haddock did acknowledge that Freeman said that the night watchman did not see them and did not know who they were.

After hearing the evidence Mayor Bangert found probable cause and bound them over to the next term of Craven Superior Court under a two hundred dollar justified bond each, in default of which they were committed to the county jail.

The watchman heard the men getting the logs out and phoned for an officer. Policemen Dail and Belangia answered the call, which was made about two o'clock, and they followed the boat around Union Point, and coming to the conclusion that they were headed for Hall's mill they proceeded to that place, where they secreted themselves until the thieves arrived about four o'clock yesterday morning. As they stepped from the boat they were placed under arrest and later carried to the county jail.

HE HAS HIS RIGHTS.  
And Marrying Justice Will Get Em Discreetly.  
Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 21.—A Justice of the Peace is entitled to close his hand upon any number of shining coins pressed upon him by an enthusiastic bridegroom, according to an opinion of Attorney General Webb, rendered to W. H. Rice, Justice of the Peace in Modesto.

Rice, whose very name is suggestive of wedding jollity, asked for a ruling as to whether or not he could accept money after joining jubilant couples, inasmuch as the law forbade him from charging a fee for the operation.

Webb decided as there is no duty devolving upon the justice to marry folks, there could be no objection to his receiving presents if they were thrust on him.

Rev. Warren Davis, of Washington, N. C., arrived in the city last night and will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening services at the Christian church.

BOYS AND GIRLS DO GOOD WORK  
Daughtridge Praises the Pig and Poultry Clubs  
Raleigh, Aug. 21.—In the opinion of Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge the boys' corn, pig and poultry clubs and the girls' poultry and tomato clubs that have been organized throughout the State give promise of quickly relieving the State of the drain of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 that now goes out of the State yearly for supplies that should be raised at home.

He came to Raleigh to deliver an address to the conference of members of the boys' clubs in progress here with the county farm demonstrators and is enthusiastic over the splendid showing that the 235 boys here for the conference make.

In the executive offices of Governor Craig this morning Mr. Daughtridge said that he feels sure that this movement for enlisting the country boys and girls in the club work will develop in the most rapid way possible the production of home supplies and end the drain on the State that has in the past taken about the full money value of the cotton grown as the money crop. He expects these boys' clubs to bring up the production of corn and meat and the canning clubs to have the effect of saving from waste vast quantities of fruits and vegetables that have heretofore been left to decay in the fields or to waste in other ways.

Governor Daughtridge says that the crop conditions in this section, especially cotton, corn and peanuts, are fine and that there is every promise for a more than average yield.

Asked about his campaign for Governor, Mr. Daughtridge declared that developments to his advantage have more than fulfilled his expectations thus far and that as matters now stand he will certainly be in the contest to the finish and with a fine prospect for winning the nomination.

ALLEGED SWINDLER HELD FOR COURT  
Charlie Harding Will Have Chance to Clear Himself  
Charlie Harding, the negro who is alleged to have obtained quite a sum of money from persons by working tricks, was arraigned before Mayor Bangert yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with larceny, but the charges were changed to that of obtaining money under false pretense and he was held under a fifty dollar bond in each of the three cases.

It is alleged that the negro would claim to have found a pocket book containing quite a quantity of money and would offer the victims a sum to keep the secret for him. They would always have to produce some change in order to pay the amount. After getting the change he would keep the whole amount. There were three victims present yesterday afternoon who testified that he had obtained money from them by these tricks.

John Harris was fined five dollars and taxed with the cost of getting on a train while in motion in the city.

C. B. Foy returned last night from a business visit to Pollockville.

Miss Nita Williams left yesterday morning for Richmond, Va., where she will spend several days visiting friends, and from there she will go to Baltimore and New York to buy her fall and winter stock of millinery.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN  
THE DANGER TO AUTOMOBILES AT GRADE CROSSINGS



OBSERVE THE WARNING—DON'T INVITE THIS FATE.  
Washington, D. C.—The following letter has been addressed to the public by Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president of Southern Railway Company:

"The automobile has greatly increased the comfort and convenience of life, and it has been an important factor in the improvement of country highways and so has contributed to the progress of civilization of our time, but just as the railroad did when it revolutionized commerce, the automobile has introduced new social complications and new risks, moral as well as physical.

"The American people are said to be characteristically reckless of human life, and perhaps in nothing is this statement more justified at the moment than in relation to the use of automobiles—not even the railroads. My particular interest in the question is, where my public responsibility lies, in the combination of the two—in the accidents which occur to automobiles and their occupants where highways cross railways at grade; and this is a question of sufficient importance to warrant the attention of every thinking man in the South.

Record For One Year  
The following table shows the appalling record of such accidents on lines operated by Southern Railway Company in the South during the year ended June 30, 1915.

State	Number of Accidents	Fatal Injuries	Personal Injuries	Automobiles Damaged
Alabama	10	4	10	10
Georgia	10	4	10	10
North Carolina	10	4	10	10
South Carolina	10	4	10	10
Tennessee	10	4	10	10
Virginia	10	4	10	10
Total	60	24	60	60

"Without seeking to avoid just responsibility for what the officers or employees of the railroad do or omit, but recalling that a railroad employee whose carelessness causes an accident is, in the public interest, subject to discipline which affects his livelihood, it is probably fair to say that a large proportion of these accidents happened solely through the carelessness of the drivers of automobiles, or their lack of experience in dealing with vehicles at high speed. There are among them also well authenticated cases of deliberate assumption of risk by the drivers of automobiles from pure love of excitement and speed, evidenced by racing with trains and seeking the thrill of a narrow escape. Our engineers report such occurrences daily. If fortunately they are without fatal consequences in the great majority of cases, they are always paid for by a heavy strain on the nerves of all concerned, particularly those of the locomotive engineer, who maintains speed from duty and not for fun. It is not too much to claim for the locomotive engineer a larger equipment of experience and a greater habit of precaution than the average automobile driver. As a class the locomotive engineers are sober, steady and conservative men of long experience in meeting and avoiding risks, for theirs is a dangerous occupation. Their every effort of character, of instruction and of interest is to avoid an accident. Most of the accidents to automobiles at railway grade crossings could be avoided if there were the same restraint of experience and attention at the wheel of the automobile as at the throttle of the locomotive.

Public Vitally Interested  
"It does not suffice the public in any moral sense that the fund made up of the revenues collected by the railroad is usually made to respond in damages for consequences of such accidents. Suicide to collect life insurance has never been deemed honorable, while no one would deliberately sell the life of a mother or wife.

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"Given the history of self-tragedy, maim and highway fatalities and the enormous cost of adjusting them to modern conditions, the elimination of grade crossings is, and in the very nature of the problem must be a gradual development with the growth of population and wealth, but meanwhile, good judgment on the part of all concerned can do much to anticipate the benefits of the admittedly desirable expenditure of large sums of money. The same sober sense of responsibility for life on the part of automobile drivers which actuates most locomotive engineers, and in addition the willingness of the automobile driver in such a high interest to subordinate his time and convenience to that of the greater number represented by a railroad train, can check a waste of life and limb and property which is now increasing every year.

"To this end I appeal confidently for the counsel of every responsible man and woman in the South, whether or not he or she drives an automobile. Words of caution and common sense around the family dinner table can have more influence and can save more lives at railway grade crossings than all the warning whistles, ever blown by a locomotive engineer."

SOUTH AS GRAIN SECTION EXPLOITED BY SOUTHERN  
Atlanta, Ga.—The superlative advantages of the South as a grain producing section will be given great prominence in exhibits which Southern Railway, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Georgia Southern and Florida Railway, Virginia and Southwestern Railway, and affiliated lines will make at thirty state, district and county fairs in the North and Middle West during the coming fall.

An especially fine collection of grain will be shown while the grasses and forage crops exhibited will be of very high character. From the wheat growing section of the South, grain sheaves will be shown from fields yielding as high as 40 bushels to the acre, and the character of other exhibits will be in keeping. The fruits and vegetables to be shown in fairs include a wide variety.

These exhibits come from various districts of the entire territory served by Southern Railway and affiliated lines in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. They will be shown in Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois and each exhibit will be attended by agents, well equipped to tell callers about the various sections of the South.

The first two exhibits will be shown at fairs in Indiana. For all fairs in the Middle West a special exhibit tent has been provided, arranged so that a large number of people can see the exhibit at the same time. Throughout many of the states the Southern Railway exhibit has become well known and is looked for.

SPLENDID RECORD IS MADE IN HANDLING OF PASSENGERS  
Atlanta, Ga.—More than sixteen and a half million passengers—a number greater than the combined population of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky—were transported by Southern Railway during the year ended June 30 with only one fatal injury to a passenger while on a train and that one was standing on a car platform in direct violation of the company's rules.

"This excellent record was shown in the official figures given out indicating the high degree of safety that has been attained in the handling of Southern Railway passenger trains. In marked contrast are figures recently given out by President Fairfax Harrison of Southern Railway, showing that during the same period twelve persons riding in automobiles were killed in accidents at public highway crossings, every one of which accidents could have been prevented had the driver of the car observed the familiar warning, "Stop, Look and Listen."

SOUTHERN ELIMINATING MANY GRADE CROSSINGS  
Danville, Va.—In connection with the double track work which it has had under way in Virginia and North Carolina during the past fiscal year on 102.4 miles of its Atlanta-Washington line, Southern Railway has eliminated 64 out of 73 grade crossings. By the building of overpasses 20 were eliminated, by overhead bridges 19, and by changing the direction of public highways 15. The 19 which remain are so located as to make their elimination physically impossible or they involve prohibitive damages to abutting property.

In all construction work involving the relocation or double tracking of its lines the fixed policy of Southern Railway Company is to separate all important highway crossings of the revised lines wherever practicable. Though this policy means large additional expense, such expense is undertaken as a permanent investment for safety.

Southern Railway has also cooperated with municipal and county authorities in the elimination of many dangerous crossings on others of its lines throughout the South. It has devoted to work of this character as much as its resources and other obligations make possible and President Fairfax Harrison has announced that this policy will be continued.

ALL BUT CAPTAIN ON SHIP FROM PERU HAS BERLEBER  
Port Angeles, Wash., Aug. 21.—The Peruvian Park Alliance arrived here today from Callao, Peru, with all the members of the crew, except the captain, suffering from beri-beri. During the voyage five of the crew died of the disease and were buried at sea.

Mark Hall left yesterday morning for a business visit in Georgia.

W. F. Dowdy spent yesterday at Oriental.

H. G. Tolson left yesterday for a visit to Swansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker and daughter Helen, returned last evening from Dendron, Va., where they spent some time with Mrs. Walker's parents. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. B. Clark, who will spend some time here visiting her brother J. M. Smith, and Mrs. Walker.

Miss Robena Benners left yesterday morning for Cove City to spend a few days visiting Mrs. R. D. Avery.

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