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I see it now, that pewter spoon That always got leaped up too soon, Half sulphur, almost bright as gold, And half molasses, black and old; And then we children, one by one, Would open mouth with many passes, And down our gullets swift would go That sulphur and molasses.

They said it kept the chills away, Prevented bilious fever's sway, Would make the liver jump and get, And keep the blood out of a fret; Would make the stomach feel at ease, Free of poison-laden gases; Was cooling, healing, soothing, all— This sulphur and molasses.

I tell you, it was bad to take, And awful faces we did make, But 'twas no use to beg and cry— That was the law when Spring came by. To put the system in good trim, Instead of pills and other masses, Our mother gave us lib'rally Of sulphur and molasses.

Women are taking rank with men in business more rapidly than many suppose. They are commanding large salaries in business. The largest salary, it is said, paid to any woman in business is ten thousand dollars a year by a California insurance company. She is the lady manager of the concern.

The question is being discussed in Chicago as to whether or not physicians should wear beard. It is claimed by some that the physician's long beard is a means of spreading contagion. If this be true and is so demonstrated it will only be a matter of time when the public will demand that all physicians go clean shaven.

The annual cost of pensions is about \$140,000,000, which ought to gradually reduce every year, until within a quarter of century it will be almost nothing. The St. Louis Globe Democrat calls attention to the fire losses in the United States as another serious drain upon the people's resources. It says:

"The fire losses in the United States in 1894 aggregated \$129,839,700; in 1895, \$128,246,400, and in 1896, \$115,295,500. In a decade over a billion dollars goes up in flame and smoke, attended with many deplorable casualties. The remedy is better building and inspection, the value of which has long been established in Europe."

The New York Dispatch gives an item about the gypsy moth that is interesting. It says:

"The infinite value of little things in their bearings upon life in this world has a most striking illustration in the history of the gypsy moth, which pest the commonwealth of Massachusetts is now imploring Congress to help it get rid of. A Harvard professor who entertained a vain hope of advantageously crossing the European moth with the American silkwork allied with his one solitary imported caterpillar to escape. The result is that to-day an insect destroys the trees within three hundred and fifty square miles of territory and threatens the whole country, and thousands of dollars are expended all to no use."

The House of Representatives in Congress devoted the session of 16th to eulogies on the late Speaker Crisp of Georgia. Among those who spoke was Representative Woodard of this congressional district. Judge D. Armond, of Missouri, closed his remarks in the following beautiful strain relating the future of the great man:

"His spirit—where? Has its existence terminated with the existence of the body? Whatever philosophers may say, man rebels at the thought. The hope, sometimes clung to in desperation, sometimes clung to in the brightest anticipation, that there is a hereafter, and that men live in that hereafter, is one that none of us will give up. The philosophy of ages of calm reasoning has not banished it. It springs of an inheritance of humanity, as a part of the soul of every being that breathes. "We believe—our hopes, our affections, all that we hold dear and dear in life, admonish us to believe, and constrain us to believe—that our friend has not perished, but that, in a higher and nobler sphere, this great intellect, this great, loving spirit, will flourish and expand and achieve new heights, and perform new acts of glory and of grace."

MORAL MUSINGS.

WE NEED MORE CHARITY.

A WORD TO ALL.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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(These "Thoughts," by a layman, are read in five hundred thousand homes, scattered in every State of the Union. In this country they will be found week by week in the columns of this paper only, as we have made arrangements with the author for their exclusive publication.)

To ministers and all teachers of young or old; to all lovers of their kind and servants of ideals; to all who believe in the progress of the race and spend themselves to attain it; to a host of earnest souls more numerous than the sands in an Hour glass, and lacking in cohesion; to such I write this week. Bend down your thoughts to these lowly lines and rise, mayhap, with a broader purpose than I can even darsketch.

Where ten hundred hearts among you now beat high with pure and noble purpose nine hundred odd alone will live to greet the new century. You, who are doomed to die by the way as we move onward to a new age, what benison will you confer upon the warriors for good that are ordained to fight later battles? You, whose eyes shall see the dawn of 1901, what is to be your grandest preparation for your children and children's children as to the new problems of the hundred years to come? Generosity of mind; the surrendering of mutual suspicions.

Often, as a child, have I disturbed an ant-hill to watch each little creature go to its task, some to the defense and others to the removal of eggs and debris. But when I look out upon the wide world, humanity seems far less wise. Men and women of most pure intentions scramble over one another's duties, get in one another's way, and object to many things being done at all unless they are done in a certain set manner or by themselves. Because we are apt to doubt the purity of other's motives, some of the finest and most uplifting souls in the world are hindered in their work and are almost compelled to turn aside to futilities and vexations. Because we do not encourage them with intelligent sympathy they spend life in a dream of causeless warfare, and awake to find opportunity gone, wasted. I should say then the mightiest preparation for the new age that is coming will be for those who strive to serve God and their race, to acknowledge with humility that there are more ways than one of reaching that end. The moral at the end of the old poem "The Nightingale and the Glow-worm" is very apt:

"Hence jarring sectaries may learn Their true interests to discern. Brother should not war with brother And worry and devour each other, But sing and shine with sweet consent, Till his poor transient night is spent; Respecting in each others case The gifts of nature and of grace."

Men do not cultivate rice on mountain tops. The agriculture of a region is suited by the wise ones to its soil and its climate; and he who seeks to grow Alpine plants in the tropics is doomed to failure. The ocean has many ports, and ships there are that traverse it in every direction. To turn all prows the same way would stagnate commerce.

The land has its beasts, the air its birds, the sea its fishes, and all live and move and have their being as a fitting part of a great world of life. A thousand and one things around us show that there is a tremendous diversity in nature and that its work is best carried on by those best suited to the work. So, when we see various ways of trying to benefit our race, ways that are as surprising to us as alligator farming would be to an Esquimau; before we rise to condemn our fellow workers in a very wide and diversified universe, we should do well to remember that we do not know everything, nor is any one so versatile as to be able to suit himself to the needs and the heart-aches and agonies of every other soul.

You religious people, servants of the Prince of Peace, partakers of his spirit, why are there jealousies among you? Why ask everybody to believe as you believe or see with your eyes? Each moment you spend in anxious effort to bring it to pass that your sect or your way shall be supreme, straightway you bury your talent. In the years that you waste squabbling over 'isms and 'ologies there are those multiplying in numbers who care no more for your creed than they care for the reputed gods of Saturn; and whose belief in the actual influence of either upon earthly

affairs is equally strong. The important thing seems not to be how they shall worship Him or acknowledge Him, but, rather, whether they shall continue to worship him at all. Your disputes as to never-settled doctrines, make you sons of Eli to a greater Israel. The weighty matters of the law seem in this age to be to improve the condition of the suffering, to rebuke the selfish, to lighten the way of the laborer, to broaden the life of the farmer, to bring down the kingdom of God to men, to live in life the Golden Rule. Then will your heart never more be distressed because all do not work with you. You will rejoice if they work at all. Your protest is against those that sleep while the world is awake. The workers you shall have no warfare with, "God-speed" shall be your word to them, and "God-guidance."

To all who desire a better worldliness, to all who work for a broader life, to all who yearn after a saner citizenship, I cry aloud from this silent page "More charity for those who reap not with us. More breadth of heart for all who toil for good. More unity of effort as a preparation for the hundred years to come."

Five Miles of Swans.

New Berne Journal.

Near Roanoke Island a short time ago a reliable gentleman informs us that he saw a flock of beautiful white swans nearly five miles long. They flew well together and kept far out into the sound. It is very rare to see these birds in such large numbers, and the old gentleman thought it meant cold weather ahead.

An Old Farmer on Dress.

Selected.

The average man usually finds himself at sea when he undertakes the description of a lady's dress. An old farmer, returning from the wedding of a niece in town was eagerly questioned by his family as to the bride's costume. "Well," said he, "she had on some kind of a dress with a lot of flubbery of some sort or 'nother down the front of it, and a thingamajig on the back of it, with a long tail of some stuff—I don't know what it was—dragging out behind, and a lot of tin-flap flounces over the whole thing. There wasn't no arms to it, and had a lot of white truss, soft and floppy like, on her head, and that's just all I know about it." All of which must have been unsatisfactory to the ladies of his household.

Doing things Well.

Young Reaper.

"There!" said Harry, throwing down the shoe brush, "that'll do. My shoes don't look very bright, but that don't matter. Who cares?"

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," said his father, who had heard the boy's careless speech.

Harry blushed while his father continued: "My boy, your shoes look wretchedly. Pick up the brush and make them shine; when you have finished come into the house."

As soon as he appeared with his well-polished shoes, his father said: "I have a story to tell you. I once knew a poor boy whose mother taught him the proverb which I repeated to you a few minutes ago, and when sent on errands he went quickly and was soon back in his place. So he advanced from step to step until he became clerk, and then a partner in the business. He is now a rich man and anxious that his son Harry should practice the rule which made him prosper."

"Why, were you a poor boy once?"

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THE LEGISLATURE.

A CONDENSED REPORT OF

What the Law-makers are Doing.

Senatorial Election.

TWELFTH DAY—TUESDAY, JAN. 19TH.

(Condensed from the Messenger.)

SENATE.—Not much was done in the senate except listen to the nominating speeches for United States Senator. The vote is given elsewhere.

The lynching bill, of Person, colored, was taken up. Person made a long speech in its favor. The bill had been unanimously reported adversely by the judiciary committee. The bill makes the county liable when a lynching occurs.

Senator McCarthy moved to table the bill; whereupon Person sprang to his feet and demanded the support of all "true republicans." In his remarks he said he was surprised that the republicans should allow democrats to put them in a whole.

The bill was tabled. The resolution of Senator Scales making one-third a quorum of committees was tabled.

Person's bill for another polling place in Edgecombe was taken up. Person demanded another polling place in that county.

Senator Clark, populist, opposed the bill and said Person had redress in the courts.

The bill was lost on its second reading.

HOUSE.—Bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Sutton, to establish two trial justice courts in Wilmington township; to regulate registration of grants of lands by the state.

By Mr. Hancock, to renew and keep in force the charter of the Wilmington, Newbern and Charleston railway.

By Mr. Moore, to put J. M. Johnson, of Bladen, on the pension list.

By Mr. Lusk, to protect game and song birds in the state; to protect political meetings from willful interruption and disturbance.

By Mr. McKenzie, to exempt undertakers who are funeral directors from jury duty.

By Mr. Harris, of Hyde, to protect deer in Hyde county.

By Mr. Person, of Wayne, to repeal the appropriation by the state to the North Carolina Firemen's Relief Association (the state really makes no such appropriation. Fire insurance companies agreed to pay and do pay an additional sum to be used for this purpose.)

By Mr. Murphy, for the protection of hotels and boarding house keepers.

By Young, of Wake, to allow trustees of institution for deaf mutes and blind to employ two physicians.

THIRTEENTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20.

SENATE.—Following bills and resolutions were introduced: By Senator Justice, a bill to repeal the divorce law of 1895; also the act of 1895 relating to sales by trustees and mortgagors.

By Senator Grant, a resolution inviting Dr. J. L. M. Curry to address the general assembly January 25th.

The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

The president announced that the senate would repair to the house to vote for senator.

The senate reassembled at 2 o'clock and immediately adjourned.

HOUSE.—Many bills were reported, among them, favorably, the bill to repeal the act for aid to the State Firemen's Relief Association; the bill to punish public drunkenness and the bill to require seats to be provided for saleswomen in stores.

then read the house journal. It was announced that Pritchard had yesterday received 86 votes, Thompson 42, Doughton 34.

The roll was called on the ballot for senator. Person, of Burke, asked permission to explain his vote. Soddid Hodges. McCaskey announced that he was paired with D. Reid Parker, populist, who would have voted for Pritchard.

Hodges, populist, said in explaining his vote, that he felt he was carrying out the just and honorable contract made in 1895 between the populists and the republicans and reversed at Edenton in 1896. He declared Pritchard was as true a silver man as the state afforded.

Person, democrat, said if the election of Thompson depended on his vote he would give it to him.

THE VOTE FOR SENATOR.

The vote of the senate was as follows: For Pritchard—Anderson, Ashburn, Barker, Cannon, Dickson, Early, Grant, Henderson, Hyatt, Maultsby, McCarthy, McNeill, Newsome, Odum, Person, Ramsay, Rollins, Sharpe of Wilson, Sharpe of Iredell, Smathers, Shore Wakefield, Whedbee, Yeager—24.

For Thompson—Alexander, Atwater, Butler, Clark, Gladdie, Hardison, Lyon, Maxwell, Mitchell, Moye, Merritt, McCaskey, Patterson, Robeson, Shaw, Uley, Walker—17.

For Doughton—Abell, Anthony, Baringer, Justice, Parker of Alamance, Ray, Scales—7.

The vote of the house was as follows: For Pritchard—Abernethy, Adams, Aiken, Allen, Alexander, Arledge, Arrington, Babbitt, Bailey, Bingham, Blackburn, Brown, Brower, Bryan of Chatham, Bryan of Edgecombe, Bryan of Wilkes, Burgess, Candler, Chapin, Chilcutt, Cook, Cox, Crews, Currie, Dancy, Daniels, Dayton, Dewesse, Dockery, Duncan, Elliott, Ensey, Freeman, Green, Grubbs, Hancock, Hare, Harris of Halifax, Harris of Hyde, Hodges, Howe, Lusk, McCrary, Meares, Ormsby, Parker of Perquimans, Peace, Petree, Pinnix, Pool, Rawls, Roberts, Rountree, Somers, Sprull, Sutton of Cumberland, Sutton of New Hanover, Weymess, White of Alamance, White of Bertie, White of Randolph, Wrenn, Yarborough, Young—64.

For Thompson—Speaker Hileman, Barrow, Caster, Cathey, Chapman, Craven, Crumpler, Dixon of Green, Drew, Fagan, Ferrell, Foster, Hauser, Holmes, Johnson, King, McBryde, Martin, Morton, Person of Wayne, Person of Wilson, Platt, Price, Purgason, Schulken, Ward, Whitimer—26.

For Doughton—Bunch, Conley, Cunningham, Creech, Dixon of Cleveland, Duffy, Eddins, Ferguson, Gallop, Hartness, Lawhon, Leak, Lyle, McKenzie, McClelland, McPeeters, Murphy, Nelson, Parker of Wayne, Pearson, Rahsom, Reid, Smith, Walters, Watts, Wilson—26.

FOURTEENTH DAY—THURSDAY, JAN. 21.

SENATE.—The senate met at noon, with prayer by Rev. Dr. Pittinger.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Ashburn, a resolution to investigate the use of several histories in North Carolina schools.

By Senator Alexander, to prevent forfeiture of goods sold on installment plan.

By Senator Clark (by request) in regard to catching fish and trapping and killing deer in Columbus county.

By Senator Ateli, a resolution instructing our senators and representatives in congress to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

By Senator Butler, to prevent discrimination in the currency of the country.

By Senator Anderson, a resolution to reorganize all standing committees.

The bill to amend chapter 57, private laws of 1885, in regard to the Roanoke Navigation Company, passed its second and third readings.

The resolution instructing our senators and representatives to vote for free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, was, on motion of Senator Grant, made a special order for Tuesday next at noon.

Senator Grant, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution that the president of the senate appoint five senators and the speaker of the house appoint eight members to consider the election law and the subject of county government, and it was adopted.

HOUSE.—At 11 o'clock the house met. The attendance of members was light.

The principal bills introduced were: By Mr. Harris, of Halifax, to repeal the act allowing additional county commissioners.

By Mr. Hare, to make it a felony to steal any election book or other official record of election.

By Mr. Hart, a resolution instructing our senators and representatives in congress to work for the repeal of the tax on fruit brandy.

The clerk of the senate read its journal of yesterday and the house clerk

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