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Coal weather.

And now we have cold storage climate.

This is certainly no weather for B. V. D's.

If Theodore Roosevelt slumbers, far be it from us to be an alarm clock.

Bill Spiven's idea of a "rye" face is one decorated by a big red nose.

Eggs and not canary bird tongues are now the delicacies of the season.

Among useful Christmas presents may be mentioned \$10 bills, eggs and coal.

In time of war the bomb is no less destructive than the bum in time of peace.

Advance figures tend to show that several states are running neck-and-neck for the 1916 lynching record.

Some parents go on the principle that if a child is strapped when a boy he won't be strapped when a man.

Many English statesmen are not in favor of stopping the war. But how 'bout the poor devils in the trenches?

Speaking of high finance, it is a well known fact that the longer eggs are held the more scents can be gotten from them.

The political writers may contend that "bossism" has gone, but they need not think all married men are going to believe them.

May be Collector Bailey has recollection of history in its relation to Judges not being able to get elected to office, other than Judge.

The strike of clothing makers may furnish a good excuse for the would-be debonaire gent who is compelled to wear last year's suit.

Having displayed the master hand over Belgium the Teutons now want to show their master hand over the Belgians, and in that difference is where the row occurs.

Between the needs of war and the demands of the circus, so as to paint 'em and thus convert them into zebras, the American mule is having a hard time these days.

Married men who have spats with their wives should refer back to the newspaper accounts of their weddings and they will see that the newspaper writers invariably testified that the "bride is one of the city's most charming young women."

"Let the punishment fit the crime." Sure, and for that reason we favor taking the vast amount of hen-fruit that "Egg King" Wetz has in cold storage, piling it mountain high in the sun, allowing it to remain there for a couple of months and then taking Wetz and tossing him right in the middle of the heap.

"Unlike the Germans," remarks the Columbia State, "Villa does not convert the inhabitants of captured territory into slaves. He converts them into corpses."

Major W. N. Harriss, clerk of the New Hanover county superior court, has received the State's apportionment of the Confederate pension fund for this county and is now ready to dispense it. We bet it is one of the pleasures of his life. In fact, we don't know a man who could derive more pleasure from performing this duty than Major Harriss, whose heart always beats warm for his fellowmen.

DELIGHTED WITH IT.

Up in Asheville they like the commission form of government so well that the people are talking about applying the system to Buncombe county. Just how it would work, in view of the other machinery of a county and the functions of county officials, we do not know. Undoubtedly the principle is correct and, unquestionably the form has proven a big success. Evidence demonstrates it. This character of evidence is near at home; in North Carolina and just over the border some of the disgruntled ones in Columbia attempted to overthrow the form and were literally snowed under by an avalanche of votes of approval at an election.

While there should be no difference in the government of city or county, yet there are certain factors, constitutional factors, connected with the latter that would be hard to obviate and would complicate matters. The very basis of the commission form of government is a few heads and these heads in absolute control, devoting all their time to the positions. In that way there is more concentration, quicker results, when anything is needed, and the governing body is personally familiar with the work and not dependent upon lieutenants for information that is crucial.

In a municipality therefore the chief of police, the treasurer and others, would be mere helpers or employees of the commissioners, but in a county this would not be so with the sheriff, the register-of-deeds, the clerk of the court, and the coroner. Each of these is selected by the people. They have more or less constitutional duties, and therefore county commissioners who were really under the commission form of government would not have full play. It is true that these commissioners by devoting their entire time to the work could render better service, but then the question arises would the difference in service be worth the difference in salary, because you cannot get good men for a mere pittance; in fact, a man cannot live on a mere pittance these days. It may be possible; it may be easy in a large county, but these are serious questions and objections to be overcome, unless the entire form of county government is to be revolutionized.

Still the advocacy in Asheville is a big boom for the commission form of government. It shows how well it works and how splendidly it is thought of by people who are interested more in the material benefit of their community than in the advance of self through the channel of "peanut politics."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The purchase of two prominent downtown sites this week, the object being development, shows conclusively that Wilmington is not lagging and that there are people in this city who are willing to help push it, having faith in its future. That is the right spirit. A little more of it, together with a focus on those things commercially and industrially that Wilmington needs, combined with a game determination to back propositions with more than talk; to back them both for the advancement of the city and because of civic pride, will send Wilmington bounding ahead.

This city undoubtedly has the resources. The thing to do is to take advantage of them. The old saying that "actions speak louder than words" should be remembered. It is not surprising that the entente should at least seek to find out more about the peace proposal of the central powers. If it values public opinion at all it could hardly close its eyes and yell "we cannot see." Inquiry would not pledge the entente in the slightest, while, on the contrary, would not brand them with craving war, with its awful butchery, only for war's sake, and at the same time would give the public chance to understand more clearly. By making due inquiry English diplomacy will regain much of its lost reputation for shrewdness.

This section of North Carolina will again reap a rich harvest from holly this year. Large shipments of the fitting and pretty Christmas decorations—nature's finest—are going north and west from this section. Many a far northern and western home will look festive during the Yuletide because of festoons of North Carolina holly.

Brunswick county has made some large shipments, Mt. Olive reports fifteen carloads have already gone forward and there have been shipments from other spots.

The esteemed Duplin Record, one of our weekly expectancies and pleasures, also celebrates the season by issuing a special Christmas edition. It is A1, and is bound to add to the happiness of the homes it goes into. Editor Taylor is doing good all 'round work with The Record anyway.

MAKING IT A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

Whether it was the behavior of the elements or the talkative propensity of the inhabitants of the number two American metropolis that won for Chicago the sobriquet of "Windy City," occasionally something worth while comes out of that big town. The health commissioner there seems to have been exceedingly active in effort to reduce the cost of living and for which he should be thanked by Chicagoans, as well as watched for example and for lessons by the people of other cities.

A test was made to see what could be done, scientifically, of course, in the way of expenditures for living, and it was ascertained that a person could live nicely on 40 cents per day. We fall to marvel at this, as there are plenty of people who are living on less. The man who is making only a dollar and a half or a couple of dollars a day and has a family of four or five is doing it. Perhaps, however, they are not living 'nicely. There is much to that. Much to stir thoughtful people to seek remedial methods, whether legislative or merely individual.

But the health commissioner of Chicago, as the result of the experiment, has propounded nine maxims that are well worth noting, for any and all times. Several of them are scientific; yet simple and easy to follow. The four and five maxims are decidedly logical, and if followed will save money. They deal with a housewife knowing what to purchase that will not be wasted and not to buy something unseen and, by inference, to make use of many things that are considered leavings. Therein much can be accomplished; much can be saved. But here are the maxims:

- Watch market and food advertisements daily. Menu making requires time and careful thought, especially with regard to adequate amounts. Overestimating means additional expense. Watch table refuse; it will be a guide both in planning and buying. Go to market and make your own selections, thereby getting better values. Buy staples in bulk so far as possible. Buy fruits and vegetables in season. Limit use of butter and eggs, especially while present prices prevail. Use business methods in your housekeeping.

SOME COME-BACKS.

SHOULD COME AND SEE. (High Point Enterprise.) "Wilmington noted," says The Dispatch, but for what we don't know.

OHIO'S PART IN IT.

(Red Springs Citizen.) It should not be overlooked, says The Wilmington Dispatch, that Ohio played an important part in the Democratic election; that the only reason it was not considered the pivotal state was probably because it was heard from first. California's vote came when the sky was darkest and when hope was almost gone. That is why it is probably deemed more important than the vote of the Buckeye State. It may also be because California has held fast to Republican doctrine for so many years, when Ohio has fluctuated, and because it was not expected that California would go for Wilson. However, all honor to Ohio. Without her twenty-four electoral votes Wilson would not have been elected. Ohio was in a strong nest of Republicanism, too. All the States around her went for Hughes, but she stood steadfast for Wilson.

"MONTANA ANSWERS."

(Greensboro Record.) Those who insist upon claiming a monopoly on brains and judgment and who are consistently opposed to giving woman a square deal, have repeatedly expressed doubt as to whether woman in politics would be an influence for good. It was not so long ago that our own distinguished Governor Craig, in an address before the students of the State Normal college in Greensboro voiced such a sentiment when he questioned whether or not the state would be elevated by the votes of its women, or words to that effect.

It was remarked at the time that the utterance was ill-timed and unpopular, the ominous silence with which it was received being not lost on the daring speaker, who had plainly mistaken the temper of his audience.

If there is still in North Carolina a man or woman who shares with the Governor's doubts as to the elevating influences of the woman in politics, the answer is given by wild and wicked Montana, where the percentage of bad women is above the average, and regarding which The Wilmington Dispatch has this pertinent comment:

"Nothing shows the rapid advance and the stronghold of prohibition so clearly as its spread over the west. This section of the country, which song and story had depicted as 'wild and woolly,' where dance halls flourished and gambling halls were conducted openly and with sanction of

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the authorities, is rapidly going dry. "The election just a week ago caused Montana to line-up in the dry column. To those who knew Montana in the earlier days, even a decade or so ago, it will come as a revelation, and must impress them with the great advance, with the great strength of the prohibition cause. Think of Butte, Montana, with its hundreds of saloons, with its dance halls, where beer, rye whiskey and general dissipation flowed until dawn, having the lid clamped on. Tho those who have not been able to mark the changes of recent years, news that Montana, especially Butte, is to be dry will come as something astonishing. Yet it is so. Montana voted 'dry' by 20,000 majority. Nothing better shows how people are thinking and how they are acting in order to get reform."

And the reason? The women—and the majority of women may always be counted upon to be on the right side of great moral questions—awoke to their responsibilities and set seriously to work to redeem a state which had always borne the hardest reputation of any in the Union. To Miss Jeanette Rankin, just elected to congress, is given credit for putting Montana in the equal suffrage column, and not stopping there she gave freely of her time and talents in the ardent advocacy of child welfare, prohibition and other progressive legislation. Starting her career as a social worker, she early realized that clean politics, and her efforts have been rewarded in seeing some of her dreams become glorious realities.

The result in Montana, which makes it a dry territory, is an eloquent answer to the question still being asked by leading politicians in North Carolina: "Will woman in politics elevate or degrade the state?"

De Wealth is an unusual type of millionaire. In what way? He admits that he started out in life with more than a ten-dollar bill

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WILL REMOVE A SOURCE OF FRICTION.

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 14.—Negotiation and arbitration, as the preferable alternation to a Colonial war, have finally removed what was for many long years a source of friction between Holland and Portugal. These two small countries, so famous three or four centuries ago as colonizing pioneers and who still hold important colonial possessions, concluded a boundary treaty as long ago as the year 1904 for the settlement of long-standing frontier disputes in the island of Timor, but the terms of the treaty have only just been put into execution by the transfer to Portuguese hands of the district of Maucator and, on the other hand, the cession of the Noimuti, Tahakay and Tamiru Ailla districts to the Netherlands East Indian government.

Timor, which is situated due south of the Philippine Islands, in the Malay Archipelago, is owned, half by the Portuguese and half by the Dutch, and the existence of such features as the Portuguese enclave of Mamater, has at times led to armed collisions between the respective local authorities. These anomalies are now done away with by the definite mutual transfer telegraphically reported by the governor-general of the Dutch colony. The long delay in the carrying out of the treaty was largely due to fresh differences that arose in the work of frontier delimitation, which it was in due course agreed to submit to arbitration. The Permanent Court of Arbitration nominated M. Lardy the Swiss minister in Paris, as arbitrator, and his decision fell in favor of the Netherlands.

Edith says she'll never marry a man unless he is a thoroughly cultured gentleman. I know, but I suspect that she'd consider a fat bank account as the best evidence of culture and breeding.—Exchange.

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