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A TIME TO BE DESIRED.

We make no apology this week for beginning our editorial column with a paragraph from the peroration of Senator Bailey's great speech on the Railroad Rate Bill. If every person who reads these lines would try to live up to the standard set therein a new day would soon dawn upon us.

"I pray for the time to come when we shall have a new standard to guide our children; when we shall teach them that justice is better than power, and lead them in the ennobling faith that truth shall conquer falsehood in every home where peace abides; and in every land where men are free. Under the influence of higher ideals and more unselfish aspirations all hate and envy will vanish from our minds, and the only evil thought which still must vex us will be the malice which the bad shall forever feel toward the good. When conduct instead of fortune is made the rule by which we judge all men, every boy in all the land, no matter how humble his parentage or how limited his opportunity, will feel the thrill of hope and the carpenter's son will know that if only he is just and brave and honest he will be more respected than the son of any millionaire who ever wasted his father's fortune in idle dissipation or soiled his father's name by gross excesses."

Last Tuesday President Roosevelt tendered Ex-Governor Aycock an appointment as a member of the commission to attend the Pan-American Congress at Rio Janeiro, South America, this summer. It was a high compliment but Governor Aycock could not accept. The position carried a salary of about \$10,000, and expenses.

The people of the entire country will sympathize with the city of San Francisco in her dire distress. The once magnificent city is today in ruins—shaken up with a powerful earthquake and devastated with flames. Her City Hall, costing seven million dollars, her fine wholesale houses, her capacious hotels, her palatial mansions are today a heap of debris and ashes. Many of her inhabitants are dead, injured and homeless. No such disastrous seismic disturbance has ever visited this country before, and the great loss of life and property appals one in its vastness and terribleness.

Elsewhere in this issue of THE HERALD we publish Congressman's Pou's speech giving his reasons for supporting the FAST MAIL SUBSIDY. Following it we publish extracts from the News and Observer, Charlotte Observer and the Wilmington Messenger, criticizing the Congressman, the Raleigh paper against him and the others friendly to the course he pursued. THE HERALD, published at the home of Mr. Pou, regrets that it cannot side with him in this matter. We have not space this week to publish an article showing why we oppose the Subsidy, for that is what it is, pure and simple. Later we hope to give our readers an article showing them what the Subsidy is. We would like to give Congressman W. W. Kitchen's able speech here but have not the room this week.

WHERE ARE THE ORATORS?

In a recent article in the Washington Post, that able and fearless journal speaks of life as one horrid grind in the present House of Representatives. It says there have been words but no sparkle. Where are the great orators that have enlivened the Halls of Congress in the days that are gone? Are there none now to shake the Old Hall with the thunders of their oratory? Are there none to illumine the galleries with the lightning flashes of their wit? Are there none whose silvery tongue of eloquence, whose sharp tongue of wit, whose laughing tongue of humor, whose quick tongue of repartee, whose quivering tongue of satire thrill and enliven the auditor? Perhaps, they are there, but they are silent, their oratory, wit, humor and satire is sleeping, waiting to be aroused.

Occasionally a man rises above mediocrity and for a few days his name fills the newspapers and he is hailed as the coming orator, and then lapses into silence as before. We do not believe the days of oratory are over. There will yet rise men whose eloquence will awaken the nation. The orator of fifty or an hundred years ago would stand no show to-day. So far as we can see it, the reason that the orators of these days fail to arouse the people as in the early days of the republic, is because the people are better educated, better informed, and last but not least, because of the materialistic tendencies of the age—the wild race after the almighty dollar.

But we started out to tell about the orator that the Post discovered. His name is George L. Dykeman and he lives out in the State of Washington. That's about all the Post knows about the gentleman from whom we quote below:

"R. J. McCormick is the next mayor of Tacoma. Everything points in that direction. You can go to yonder eternal mountain, whose brow has been kissed by the birth of every dawn and bathed in the glories of all sunsets; go to your long line of coast where sounds forever the ceaseless thunder of the mighty deep; go to your forests where the first tall and dark moan in the breath of the passing breeze; gaze at your own consciences whose depth no one can fathom but yourself—then listen. Back from it all will be borne this message; McCormick is mayor by the largest majority ever given to any man in Tacoma."

SENATOR BAILEY'S GREAT SPEECH.

According to the press reports the speech of Senator Bailey of Texas in the Senate Tuesday of last week on the Railroad Rate Bill is the greatest speech delivered in that body in recent years. The Senator spoke for four hours and held the closest attention of all the Senators, the reporters and the occupants of the crowded galleries. At its close he was loudly applauded despite the rappings of the Vice-President for order. Senator Bailey is considered to be one of the greatest Constitutional lawyers in the country and in his great speech he not only substantiated this claim, but also strengthened it.

The speech is not one filled with flowery eloquence or fervid flights of oratory, but from beginning to end is a presentment of the cold facts of law and agreement strong enough to convince even some of the great Republican Senators to his way of thinking.

Among the many good things that Senator Bailey said in this great speech the following describes a state devoutly to be wished by every man who loves his country and loves his fellow-man and wants to see exact justice done to all:

"I do not believe that this legislation will lead to the end which some men fear. I believe that the ultimate effect of it will be to promote a better understanding between the railroads and the people. I believe that when it

has made the railroads do the people justice, the people will feel less resentful toward the railroads; and we shall deal with these questions with more of reason and less of passion. It will take the railroads out of politics, and we will hear no more about railroad Senators. I want to see every corporation driven from the politics of this Republic, because corporations have no place in the politics. They are organized for profit and cherish no patriotic purpose. Politics are for men of flesh and blood, made in the image of their God, and not for corporations, which are the mere creations of the law."

THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

In order to accommodate our advertisers this week and give our readers the amount of reading we wish, we publish a twelve page paper. We are not given to boasting but we think we are giving our subscribers a good paper this week. Look over it and see if we are not right in saying this. In addition to the usual amount of news local and general, we publish Mr. Pou's strong speech against the contributions of corporations to campaign committees; President Roosevelt's famous speech on the Man with a Muck Rake; a symposium on railroad subsidy; chapters five and six of "The Wings of the Morning;" and other articles of interest. We also call special attention to the Farm Department and the Educational Column. Also the article headed "Some Business Pointers" may interest business men and clerks. And the advertisements should not be overlooked, for in them you may find something that will not only interest you but save you some money.

We are informed that heretofore every Democratic Senator has voted for the appropriation in the post office bill known as the special mail facility or subsidy.

There are still many people in this county who have not yet paid their poll-tax. Now, this is an important question and should be attended to at once. Unless your poll-tax is paid by May 1st, you cannot vote next fall. No man should lose his vote because of failure to pay his poll-tax by May 1st. Taxes have to be paid and why wait till after the first of May?

Congressman William W. Kitchen says in his speech: "Under the regular pay, exclusive of the Subsidy, the trunk lines from Washington to New Orleans, for transportation and cars, receive from the government the sum of \$1,227,437.09." Then why should Congress give these lines an additional bonus of \$142,000, when everybody who understands the situation believes that the pay is enough?

The people of Johnston county need have no fears that any of the rural delivery routes will be discontinued in this county, according to an interview that Mr. Pou had with the head of this department of the mail service in Washington this week. There has been no order issued that all routes that handling less than 2,000 pieces of mail per month will be discontinued. All routes will be continued if the people living on these routes show the proper appreciation of the service. Let all the people take a greater interest in the routes by taking more papers and magazines. It will not only show to the Government that you appreciate the service, but will add to your knowledge of public events and make you more interested in your homes, your neighbors, your State and your nation.

There is no danger of race suicide depopulating New York city so long as the present ratio of births to deaths is maintained. In that city there is a death every seven minutes and a birth every six.—Wilmington Messenger.



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