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Things, Everlasting Things.

Of all spoken words, none compares in its universal comprehensiveness with the word Thing. The lexicographer states that the word thing is of Middle English origin. I find that it is a most ancient and honorable lineage. There is no record of the speech that primeval man used as the equivalent of the word thing. The earliest use of the word is found Gen. 21:11, "And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight, because of his son." The use of the word is of infinite variety and endless application. To realize the limitless breadth of its use, read and consider the fourth commandment, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth." The word is also used in the tenth commandment to denote all that a man may possess or own "nor anything that is his neighbors." Its use is not confined to any condition of nature or life. Its use passes over and beyond, "the valley of the shadow of death." Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

The word was applied to Christ Himself. "And Nathaniel said unto Him, can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Phillip sayeth unto him, "Come and see." If you will think a moment you will be surprised to realize that the very existence and life of people are made up of things that they can only think, talk and write of things. How dearly they loved to talk of things and it is well that they can and should talk of things. Talk is intensely relieving, entertaining and interesting. Who can see any attractiveness in a person who stands and smiles like a bent over stump or sits as ungraciously and silent as a bump on a log? If there is anything in them you would like to know it. If there were nothing, there would be no gossip and life would lose its spice; when we try to think of such an unthinkable condition, things paralyze our imagination.

There are two things that a live person has to do, since the dead tell no tales, though so far as I know they may hear some, that is they may tell something and hear something. Things make news and news does much to enliven the weary hours of life. It has ever been and is ever more so now the custom of people to inquire "How are things?" or as Shakespeare expressed it, "Hamlet, what's the news?" Rosencrantz. None my Lord but that the world's grown honest. Hamlet. Then is doom day near."

I feel that I have just begun to talk but my head is getting so full of things that I cannot keep up with them. I must add that the great division of things is good things and good things and one bad thing we have with us, and it is likely to remain much longer, is U. P. roads.

JOHN L. BRIDGERS.

Parish Aid Society Bazaar.
On Tuesday, December 13, at the mayor's office, the ladies of the Parish Aid Society of the Episcopal church will have a sale of fancy work, delicious cakes and candy, sandwiches and hot chocolate. Buy your Xmas presents then. Come and get your lunch and supper with us. There will be a great Xmas tree for the children to come and bring the whole family.

CHARLES MORSE RETURNS AT GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST

HAVE, France, Dec. 5.—Chas. W. Morse, whose return to the United States from Paris was requested by Attorney General Daugherty, today boarded a liner for home.

W. A. THIGPEN GIVES VIEW ON LIEN LAW, PACKING PLANT AND DIVERSIFIED FARMS

Editor Southerner:

For years I have known of the value of a produce marketing association for the sale of vegetables.

I believe such an organization, backed by the farmers to grow the different crops and the banks to help them would make Edgecombe a richer county. We have the railroad facilities and an evening service by the trains, the soil and climate and we only need cooperation to grow a volume of business in vegetables sufficient to employ men of ability to market it intelligently.

Tarboro needs a packing house to repack and inspect and brand every shipment.

Now to grow this produce is expensive and at this point is where the money is needed for seed, labor and fertilizer, and it would be a safer risk and settlements come more quickly than financing growing and holding cotton for 25 cents a pound.

I feel like this county is ruined if we can't get out of the rut we are now in, growing crops which only give us returns for three months when our expenses go on for twelve months and banks spend six months collecting and during this time money is tight to us farmers.

This is all wrong. Every farmer in Edgecombe instead of bewailing these calamitous times, especially if he has sold all his cotton and his tobacco, ought to be in the field setting cabbage plants and breaking land for potatoes, peas and other crops.

I do not believe that unless the banks as agents of the government procure loans and deal with the farmers individually under the new arrangement of crop liens by the owner of the land and put him to work, times can get better. Further, I think if the extra session would pass a law declaring every crop lien in the future null and void, expect it be given by the owner of the land, they would save to the credit of the people of the state many times the cost of assembling.

We face a hard winter downturn, living in one of the most fertile counties of the south, for the simple and only reason we have neither the means to go ahead nor an organization to lead and advise.

Edgecombe county needs a scientific, practical trucker to develop the industry by organization and do away with the office of a farm demonstrator for it is not worth the price of the stationery used in office.

We need money to come in all year round and less time business and the time merchant, even if we suffer many inconveniences to make the change.

W. A. THIGPEN.

PACKERS WILL REPLACE EMPLOYEES WHO STRIKE

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Packers in 15 centers in the Middle West today are carrying out plans for the immediate replacement of employees who obey the strike orders of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union.

REV. DR. STEINMETZ TO SPEAK AT CALVARY BANQUET

The Rev. Dr. Steinmetz, rector of Christ church, Norfolk, is to be one of the principal speakers at the men's banquet of Calvary church on Wednesday night.

The committee urges all who have received invitations to reply at once that provision may be made for the proper number.

CYCLONE MACK, IN SPITE OF RAIN-OUTS AND PHYSICAL HANDICAPS, THANKING GOD THAT HE STILL HAS A GOOD DOSE OF OLD FASHIONED BACK WOODS RELIGION!



CAMPAIGN ENDS TUESDAY MACK PREACHING TWICE

Rain Mars Sunday Service for Fourth Successive Time, But Evangelist 'Comes Through'—Three Services Remain.

MACK CONDITION BETTER

It was a small but intensely sympathetic congregation that braved chilling winds and rain to attend the last Sunday night service at the tent and to hear Cyclone Mack preach "Let Us Run the Race." Mack's appearance, too, was daring for the afternoon had been bad and when the time came for him to start to the tent the wind was getting higher and the temperature shooting downward incredibly.

The afternoon service was well attended, comparatively. Mack had expected confidently to preach at both meetings but there was some confusion about his getting from the hospital to the tent and when he was late he decided to remain in his room and better insure his preaching last night.

This morning he appeared on the streets early, after a comfortable night's rest, and announced himself feeling fit for the concluding services of the Tarboro campaign. Miss Palmer, in all probability, will preach at both the afternoon services but Mack will preach tonight on "Sinning Against the Holy Ghost" and tomorrow night "And He Said Tomorrow." After the Tuesday night service, he is going to take a train to "Reas" house, in Bennettsville.

Advertises of the Campaign Here.

Perceptibly weak but with his voice clear and strong, Mack preached almost a full sermon last night. It was a strong sermon even as his sermons go in force of matter and delivery. But, in the beginning, he took occasion to say something of the adversities which have palled on the meeting in Tarboro.

"In the first place, I encountered a strong prejudice against evangelists here. You Tarboro people know that and some of you know how you were prejudiced against me when I came here.

"Again, has it occurred to you that we have been 'rained out' for three successive Sundays?

"Then, at the crest of the meeting, my own illness. I am too weak to be here preaching to you tonight but I am concerned about your soul."

With all the depressing things, Mack said that he liked Tarboro and was crazy about the Tarboro people. In none of the four states that he has campaigned, and the many in which he has preached, has he encountered a more kindly, loveable folk, he said.

Closing Meeting Tuesday Night.

All plans have been made for closing the meeting Tuesday night. That is running it eight days longer than the evangelist contemplated when he came here. Mack himself is going home to take a rest; his party will be scattered around the country until the second Sunday in January, when the Kentucky campaign opens.

References to the frog will offering for Mr. McLendon were made at the afternoon and evening services. Mr. Slaughter, of Tarboro, making the appeal in the afternoon and Mr. Smith, pastor of the Pinetops Methodist church, making it in the afternoon. There was no collection last night, but a great many folks who had received envelopes at previous meetings turned in their contribution.

On Russellism, New Thought, Etc.

By a strange coincidence, Miss Palmer and Mr. McLendon, one preaching in the afternoon and the other in the evening, adjured Christians and converts to watch the literature they read.

"The devil is using brainy people for his work today," Miss Palmer said yesterday afternoon—talking on the subject of the place of learning at the feet of Jesus—"because they don't know enough about the Bible to repel the invitations of new cults. "The Russellites have actually been here, in Tarboro, since this campaign started. That is the biggest lot of rot and rubbish you ever saw and some of you are putting these books in your library.

"If you take the Holy Ghost for your teacher—make that our place of learning—you will never be led into Russellism, Christian Science, New Thought or any of the New Theology" and she suggested some bonfires in town. One has already been held.

The Influence of Literature.

"People reflect the literature they read," Mack said in his last night's sermon. One reason that our people have such low moral standards is the damnable trash they gulp down. On the other hand, Cotton Mathers essay "To Do Good" influenced the whole career of Benjamin Franklin.

"Listen, converts," he said, "light flashy stories with no purpose in them, seriously injure the minds of thousands of brilliant men and women. * * * Remember that familiarity with the bad ruins the taste for good. * * * There is a snake in many a book that has changed the character of a boy through its moral poison so he was never quite the same again."

Talking primarily to Christians and converts, Mack warned them about bad thoughts.

"I can't help English sparrows flying over my head," he said, "but as long as I can use these two hands of mine they are not going to build a home in this wool of mine." The congregation almost roared.

Some the Lord Will Save, Anyway.

Mack caused another outburst last night when he was talking to the converts on evil thoughts, the harboring of which amounts to sin.

"Suppose Dr. Brown, here, was to be awakened by a rap at his door. He answered and saw a broad shouldered, deep crested, lantern jawed, hook nosed crook who said, 'Preacher, I understand you are a good man, that you have a kind heart and are willing to help a fellow that's in trouble. I cracked a safe over at Greenville last night and I want you to open your door and admit me to your home and harbor me for a few days until the excitement is over and I can make my escape.'

"Dr. Brown would say, 'No, I am not entertaining criminals and thugs under my roof.' Could Mr. Brown keep this man from knocking at his door and asking for admittance? You say, 'No.' Neither can you help the devil making evil suggestions and offering evil thoughts to you, but like Dr. Brown, you can say 'No' and resist him."

"Understand that now?" Mack queried. "If you don't, you can run along home, for the Lord is going to take care of you anyhow."

DR. GYLES WILL INSTRUCT BOY SCOUTS TONIGHT

Dr. Gyles is going to give a demonstration of advanced first aid to Troop No. 3 of the Boy Scouts at the school building tonight.

FORD AND EDISON FINISH SURVEY OF MUSCLE SHOALS

FLORENCE, Ala., Dec. 5.—Henry Ford and Thomas Edison today completed a resurvey of the government Muscle Shoals project. The inventor expressed the opinion that Ford's proposal for its acquisition is sound.

IRISH CRISIS HOLDS CENTER IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Irish crisis held the exclusive attention of official circles today.

Premier Lloyd George explained the situation to King George.

The British peace representatives then held a conference, followed by a meeting of the entire cabinet.

Another meeting between the Sinn Fein delegation and government representatives has been arranged.

"FOUR HORSEMEN" STARTS AT COLONIAL THEATRE

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" starts at the Colonial theatre this afternoon, and runs thru tomorrow night. There will be matinee each day beginning at 2:30 o'clock, and the night performance starts at 8 o'clock. The management of the Colonial requests that you get to the theatre on time in order to receive the benefit of the musical program. The theatre is expected to be crowded at all shows, so don't forget the time of starting and be on time.

MR. KENNETH MITCHELL DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Mr. Kenneth Mitchell, a well-known farmer of Oak City, died at Edgecombe General hospital Saturday afternoon following an operation for mastoiditis.

Mr. Mitchell was brought to Tarboro in a serious condition, and never regained consciousness after taking anaesthetic.

The funeral services were conducted at the home in Oak City and the remains interred in the family plot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Congress reconvened for regular session after two weeks' vacation.

MAYOR'S COURT.

R. S. Spain, speeding, \$2.85. Tom Harris, speeding, \$2.85.

MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat:	Open.	Close.
Dec.	1.13 1-4	1.12
May	1.17 7-8	1.15 2-3

Corn:	Open.	Close.
Dec.48 7-8	.48
May54 5-8	.54

Oats:	Open.	Close.
Dec.32 2-3	.32 1-8
May38 2-3	.38 1-4

Pork:	Open.	Close.
Jan.	15.20	16.25

Peanuts Va. 2nds; Local Spanish 80c			
Cotton:	Close.	Open.	Close.
Jan.	17.15	17.47	17.15
Mar.	17.12	17.48	17.14
May	17.19	17.17	16.91
Jly.	16.60	16.74	16.40
Dec.	17.40	17.53	17.30

IRISH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE AGAIN COLLAPSED

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Irish peace negotiations have collapsed, according to statements in responsible quarters and Dail Eireann delegates are expected to return to Ireland tomorrow or Wednesday.

Correspondence in connection with the negotiations will be made public by the government, it was stated, and Premier Lloyd George is expected to make an explanatory statement.

The truce remains in effect and no immediate resumption of hostilities is anticipated.

HARDING CALLS OFF PLANS, TO WRITE CONGRESS LETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Harding cancelled virtually all engagements for today to write a message to congress.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD'S MOTHER DIED TODAY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Frederick Virginia Underwood, mother of Senator Underwood, of Alabama, died at the home of her son, Fred V. Underwood, of heart trouble today.

CONFEREES HOLD INFORMAL MEETS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—While formal sessions of the conference and subdivisions are suspended during the recess until Wednesday, most of the delegates are busy with important "informal" discussions between individuals and groups.

WILL PUBLISH LIST OF MERCHANTS IN "PAY UP"

Everybody should read the list of merchants who have come together to help the public in a great pay-up week from December 10 to 20. The merchants whose names appear on the list are the ones from whom you can secure coupons which will entitle you to your chances for the cash prizes. Every dollar paid means a coupon and every coupon means a chance to win cash for Christmas.

The list will be published in a quarter page ad tomorrow.

PEACE PALACE BECOMES SEAT OF HAGUE COURT

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5.—The first session of the Permanent Court of International Justice is to be held here in January.

The Peace Palace, which up to the present has served chiefly as an attraction to sightseers, will become the seat of the court. If the offers of the Carnegie institution are accepted, the court will have the entire right wing of the building at its disposal.

Institution of Journalism.

MOSCOW, Dec. 5.—Soviet Russia first institute of journalism has just been opened here. Comrade Welleser, member of the third international and an American communist, was one of the speakers.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The bishop of St. Albans complained today that his official income of 2,500 pounds a year is entirely inadequate to meet the necessary expenses of his office and the upkeep of his official residence.