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**THE BUSINESS MAN AND FLOWERS**

Harry Stillwell Edwards, writing in the Atlanta Journal, says that while every Atlanta man is full of Atlanta propaganda at all times, there is one feature of Atlanta that he has never heard mentioned. For some reason the beautiful lawns, great wealth of shrubbery, profusion of flowers and the fine landscape gardening have never been talked in my presence. I have had to go out and discover them. Yet, to the stranger passing thru these and not the others are the glories. By these is the soul of a city judged.

Business men, not here alone, but as a rule everywhere, who interest themselves in flowers do so in private; and in public preserve an attitude of depreciation, of apology. Place a rose in the banker's hand and he blushes; hand the broker a lily, he trembles. But only in office hours. In the rear garden they are both happy and voiceful. But few perhaps realize the influence of flowers on growing children and hence the future homes. Says a famous writer, "I never knew a child that did not like flowers." "Flowers and children are near akin; I never knew a child indifferent to them," said Donald Mitchell Keats the poet told a friend, just before death, that his greatest pleasures in life had come from watching flowers grow. Lovell in his fascinating work, "The Bee and The Flower," writes: "When it is remembered that in many cities there are children who have never seen a butterfly the value of flower gardens cannot be over estimated. The influence of flowers on the development of the human race has been profound and far reaching. So intimately do they enter into every phase of life, so eloquently do they express every emotion." Charles Kingsley delighted to point out the value of flowers to the groing soul: "—from their study comes the inductive habit of mind—that power of judging facts, without which no good or lasting work can be done."

But the great influence of flowers can be realized in another way: first observe art, and then literature. Now strike from them every reference to plants and flowers, and see what is left. Hideous skeletons, only. Even the soul would depart from the architecture, from manufacturers; the acanthus leaf from the column, the wreath from the coin, the flower forms from fabrics. We undoubtedly think at times, in terms of flowers—the soul not the mind—we surround the forms of our dead with our conceptions of their purity; we seek to deck the bride with the equal of her own loveliness. It is not the mere flush of gratified pride that answers when a maiden is paradise, "the roses bloom upon her cheek." Austin Dobson never wrote a more beautiful tribute than is contained in her lines to Phyllida, who was of course his sweetheart. No man could ever talk that way about anybody but a sweetheart:  
 The ladies of St. James, they are painted to their eyes,  
 Their white, it lives forever,  
 Their red, it never dies;  
 But Phyllida, my Phyllida, her color comes and goes,  
 It trembles to the lily, it waves to the roses.  
 There comes a moment in the life of every man when language fails him. Over a bier, or a bridal altar, or a cradle—over a parting or a meeting his heart hursts with its message. He takes the garden path out—he says it with flowers. And when a man selects the flower to express his most sacred emotions he renders supreme tribute to that flower.

**GETTING COLD FEET**  
 Are the Republicans at last getting cold feet on the fact of protection—outside the sacred precincts of wool and steel? George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, a Republican of such prominence as to have been offered the secretaryship of the treas-

ury by Mr. Taft, says: "The present high tariff is a big mistake. We can't do business with the rest of the world so long as they must pay us with gold. If they can't pay in goods, imports of which tariff rates prohibit or make too expensive, the export market will be killed. Remove the tariff barrier, and one step will have been taken in the right direction. Europe formerly took most of our surplus farm products; but can do so no longer what she can pay for."

The western farmers who were to be saved by a tariff on wheat are no longer worshipping at the protection shrine and sooner or later business in general will wake up to the absurdity of the claim that it can help any one except a favored few.

**FROM SMALL TO LARGE**  
 Rev. Simon Tang, a Chinaman who has become a priest by ordination in America, says that in China today the girl who has large feet is the envy of all her associates.

"This," he says "is only natural reaction brought by the old custom of binding the Chinese girl babies' feet. "The old custom even in the interior is fast going out and it is only a question of a few years until this inhuman method of mutilation of a girl baby's feet will be a memory."

Father Tang, who will in September begin his third year's work in St. Louis University, recently sang his first mass here at St. Francis Xavier's College. He is 33 years old and when but a boy in Macao, a Portuguese concession in South China, he began studying for the priesthood.

**THE OPEN FORUM**

Congressman Charles L. Abernethy makes the following announcement from his office which is of particular interest to ambitious young men. "The United States Coast Guard has notified me that they will hold a competitive examination for appointment of cadet engineers commencing September 10th, 1923, and that this is an exceptional opportunity for young men of the right caliber to complete their education at Government expense and to become commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard, one of the military services of the United States, in which is offered service afloat and ashore.

Cadet Engineers are trained to become engineer officers and the age limits for appointment are 18 to 23 years. A person who has passed his twenty-third birthday on the date of this examination is ineligible. Cadet Engineers are trained and educated at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., and each summer are taken on an extended practice cruise.

Cadet Engineers receive the same pay and allowance as midshipmen in the Navy (\$780 per annum and one ration per day). Upon graduation after three years at the Academy, a Cadet engineer, is commissioned as ensign. (Engineering). Commissioned officers of the Coast Guard Rank with officers of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and receive corresponding pay and allowances, grade for grade. The mental examination for cadet engineers, which will follow the physical, will consist of the following subjects: Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry), History, English, Physics or Chemistry or General Science, Latin or German or French or Spanish and General Information. A High School graduate should be able to pass the examination for cadet engineering. Those who have not attended high school should if possible, present certificates showing what courses of study they have pursued and their

**COUNTRY GOSSIP**

DEAR MR. Minton  
 OF THE Goldsboro News.  
 I READ your paper  
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**FIVE MINUTES OF LIFE**

WHAT WILL YOUR SON SAY WHEN YOU DIE?

By Wickes Wamboldt  
 The other day I attended the funeral of a highly successful business man whom I have known intimately for over a quarter of a century. That evening as we sat in the twilight his son spoke to me. "My father was my ideal. I never knew him to do a dishonest thing or even an ungenerous thing. I cannot recall an instance where he was unkind or even inconsiderate in his treatment of my mother. I cannot think of an instance when he was not kindness and consideration itself to me. He always made a chum and companion of me and I felt free to go to him with any problem no matter what it was. "During the world war I saw him refuse to make a clear profit of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, because he felt that to do so would be to take an unfair advantage of the public and of the trade. "He placed friendship always above business. He did not believe that friendship began only where business left off. He was willing to pay, and pay handsomely if necessary, for friendship. "He held that to run a business equitably and ethically there must be sentiment in business. As one result of the sour factory never lacked for supplies during the war, while many of our competitors were having difficulty to keep going. "In the years that I have been in business with my father I have never heard anyone speak unkindly of him. "He was the most thoughtful man I ever knew. He was clean in mind and action. He had a high and wholesome and tender regard for people. And the same time he knew his own rights and insisted on these while giving the other fellow a square deal. "He had the faculty of keeping out of quarrels with people. He contended that it is every man's responsibility to maintain harmony no matter what the other fellow would like to do. "My father was a brave man. We have learned from his physician that for two years he had been suffering with the malady that caused his death, and he had concealed this from my mother in order not to distress us. "My father always had ben and always will be my ideal of a man. My highest objective is to be the kind of man he was."

What will your son say about you when you are dead?

Applications to take this examination should be filed in order that each candidate may be advised whether for not he will be required to take the qualifying examination. A mark for general adaptability will be assigned to applicants for cadet engineer. The examination is strictly competitive. Examinations will be held at Boston, Norfolk, Savannah, Key West, Mobile, New London, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Galveston, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle. Should sufficient applicants be designated at these cities to warrant holding such examinations and such other places as may be designated. The United Coast Guard further states that the opportunity this year is particularly favorable, as there are an unusually large number of vacancies and that it is probable that all candidates who pass the examination will be tendered appointments. Successful candidates will report at the Academy about three weeks after the close of the examination. For further particulars write to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C., or to me at New Bern, North Carolina. CHARLES L. ABERNETHY M. C. New Bern N. C.

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**CHARTERS GRANTED**

Raleigh, Aug. 22.—Charters have been granted the following corporations by Secretary of State W. N. Everett. Vaughn Economy Switch, Company Charlotte, with authorized capital stock of \$250,000, \$11,000 of which has been subscribed. The company, which is authorized to deal in electric switches and machinery is incorporated by T. L. Vaughn, Jr., Winston-Salem; William J. Cooper, Charlotte, and H. P. Gorman, Charlotte. Citizens Ice and Coal Company, incorporated, Salisbury, with authorized capital stock of \$75,000, \$2,500 of which has been subscribed. The incorporators are C. C. Arris, O. V.

cooper and J. W. Waggoner, all of Salisbury. Cumberland Printing Company, Fayetteville with authorized capital stock of \$25,000, \$12,000 of which has been subscribed. The incorporators are E. G. Burkhead, Wilmington; T. A. Lyon Fayetteville and H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville. C. R. Sutton Auto Company, incorporated, with capital stock of \$50,000, \$400 of which has been subscribed. The corporation takes over the old Sutton Auto company. The incorporators are C. R. Sutton, W. B. Payne, James A. Hodgkin and R. E. Paschal, of Greensboro. Leakville-Spray Insurance and Realty company, of Leakville and Spray, capital stock increased from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Spencer, with an authorized capital

stock of \$1100,000, \$50,000 of which has been subscribed.

**COMMISSIONERS MEET**

Asheville, Aug. 22.—Representatives from boards of commissioners of the 100 counties of the state are expected to meet here tomorrow for the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Matters concerning county governments such as road administration and financial problems will be discussed. A number of special addresses on various phases of county government are scheduled. F. Aycock, of Pantego, is president of the association and W. E. Johnson, is secretary and treasurer. The convention will continue in session through Saturday.

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