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There is a great deal of the philosophy of life entertainingly presented and illustrated in an article in this issue on "Losing the Zeal of Life." It is from the pen of Mr. A. B. Williams, formerly of Greenville, S. C., and was copied by us from the editorial columns of the Richmond News.

The desire for a revision of the tariff seems about to work demoralization among the Republican forces of Iowa. They want the tariff revised and they want it bad, and they want it so much worse than speaker David B. Henderson does that when he was re-nominated for Congress the other day he declined the nomination. He gave as his reason for declining that he was not in harmony with the Republicans of his district on the tariff question.

AT ODDS WITH THE BOSSES. At Oyster Bay Tuesday there was an earnest conference of several Republican party leaders with President Roosevelt. Senators Hanna, Spooner, Allison, Aldrick, Lodge and Postmaster General Payne were present. It is no secret that the party leaders like Hanna are strenuously opposed to the President's position upon reciprocity with Cuba and to his utterances against the trusts.

The Senators upon arriving in New York held a conference with Chairman Babcock. An Oyster Bay dispatch says that it was quite evident on the return of the Senators from the conference that there had been trouble, and it looked as if the President had held on to his ideas and declared his intentions in a way to distress his advisers. It is to be hoped that he really did that very thing.

CASE OF LIMITED DUTIES. During the campaign just closed in South Carolina, one of the candidates was mercilessly ridiculed from one end of the State to the other by his opponents for having made, as a congressman, a conspicuous record as a distributor of seeds and pamphlets among his constituents. When the votes were counted, however, Latimer, the defeated dispenser of radish, turnip and watermelon seeds, was elected to the United States

Senate. One editor, who supported Latimer against Evans, took occasion, as a supporter of the newly elected Senator, to remind him that a United States Senator has other and more important duties than distributing seeds and pamphlets. Reading of these things impels one to request the South Carolina editor to tell what those more important duties are in case of a Senator who is a Democrat and an average member of the minority party. It would certainly not require a very great volume to contain a list of them. Legislation in these latter days is enacted not by legislative bodies but by the majority parties in control of those bodies, and in originating, shaping, or effecting any important legislation a member of the minority party, unless the division is nearly equal, finds his field of inviting endeavor rather circumscribed. He can criticize everything the other fellows do, he can get his remarks inserted in the Congressional Record, he can distribute seeds and documents, and can draw his salary. Possibly he may secure a rural free delivery route or two, but beyond these specifications his field of duty is barren enough of important possibilities.

Because there happen to be good pay and not much heavy work in being a minority member of the United States Congress, don't blame the Congressman for it. Let him distribute seeds. Let them all scatter good seeds, and in due time, perhaps, if they faint not they will gather a harvest of votes great enough to place them in the majority party, and then greater opportunities will impose greater duties.

LUCIA LETTER. Sept. 15.—Cotton is opening very rapidly and if it stays dry for two weeks more the bulk of it will be open. The prospect is now that cotton will be all picked out by the first of November or sooner. We had two weeks of hot dry weather in August that blasted the most promising crop of cotton we have had for years past. We will make but a very little, if any more than a half crop. Corn is a fair crop except bottoms that were damaged by high water. Farmers are now making ready for wheat seeding.

Rev. J. J. Gray preached a most excellent sermon at Snow Hill last night. Text—The Samaritan Woman. Rev. W. H. Wilson also preached a fine sermon at Castanea yesterday from the text—Know thyself. Mrs. J. W. Jones and children, of Charlotte, came out Saturday to spend a week visiting friends and relatives. Quite a number of our people have had business at Dallas last and this week.

The Republicans in Convention were very liberal to River Bend in their nominations. Don't expect our candidates, though, will be any harder to beat than the others; although, some of them are very much elated over the prospect of being elected. The Republican nominees for Congress in this State or most of them seem to be afraid to meet their Democratic opponents on the stump. Has the Republican party so men in these Districts the equals of their opponents or are they afraid of much truth? Which? BILLY SNOOKS.

LOWELL LOCALS. Sept. 18th.—Little Margaret Rose, the 6 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reid, died at 4 o'clock this morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church this afternoon. Rev. R. A. Miller conducting the services. The little body was then laid to rest in the cemetery. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Julia Dumont and daughter, Miss Edith, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Linberger, left for their home in Washington this afternoon. Mr. James Reid came home from Oak Ridge to attend the funeral of his little sister, Margaret, which took place this afternoon. Misses Helen and Maude Hoyle left yesterday for Greensboro to attend the State Normal College. Mrs. Keller, of Blacksburg, S. C., is visiting relatives here.

York County Items.

Cotton is reported to be opening so rapidly in this section that the pickers can hardly keep up with it. The probability is that there will be but little cotton to pick this year after November 1. Echoes from the rural free delivery system indicate increasing satisfaction on the part of the patrons of the various routes. There was much opposition to the innovation at first; but now, since the patrons are beginning to realize that each one virtually has a postoffice of his own, this opposition is being dissipated.

A casual conversation between two gentlemen on the streets of Yorkville the other day, one of them over 70 years of age, reverted to the subject of men who had been especially noted in this section for their physical strength. Although several names were mentioned, one especially striking incident came in review, and no doubt there are some old people who could give more facts. "The strongest man of whom I have any recollection," said the septuagenarian, "was Brit Bolin. His name was probably Briton; but he was always known as 'Brit.' He lived up in the Bethany section, only a short distance from the church, and the only time I remember to have seen him was in the early forties. As a little shaver, I went along with a party on a deer hunting expedition in that section, and they called on Bolin to get information and enjoy the old man's yarns. He had retired as a deer hunter on account of age, and did not go with the party. During the occasion, however, there were some interesting reviews of Bolin's hunting adventures, and one of them made quite an impression on me. It was to the effect that some years previous the old man went hunting with one of the McGills. Which one it was I do not remember; but they were on foot, and after they had killed a large deer Mr. McGill became disabled or exhausted, and was unable to make the trip back home, several miles distance. After considering the situation a bit, Mr. Bolin took the deer on his shoulders and had Mr. McGill to climb on top of it, and with this load, augmented by the two rifles, trudged on home, making the trip without great difficulty."

Geo. W. Williams, Esq., was bitten by a supposed maddog last Friday afternoon, and left for Baltimore Monday to put himself under the Pasteur treatment should further investigation make such a step seem desirable. The dog that bit Mr. Williams was a pet collie, which he had owned for quite awhile. The animal was well-known on the streets and had the reputation of being a notorious coward so far as fighting other dogs was concerned. On Thursday he became noticeably quarrelsome, fighting other dogs promiscuously. He kept it up during Friday, and on Friday afternoon Mr. Williams undertook to chain the animal up. While so engaged he was bitten on the wrist. Later the dog slipped its collar, and by this time there developed a settled suspicion that there was something seriously wrong with it. Without delay the dog was shot, and Drs. Bratton and Barron made an examination for evidences of poison. This was because of a theory that poison was the trouble. No poison was found and the only other theory was that the trouble was possibly due to hydrophobia. Upon the advice of the physicians, Mr. Williams left at once for Baltimore, taking with him the dog's brain, with the intention of having it examined by the Pasteur experts. If the examination shows hydrophobia, Mr. Williams will submit to treatment and will be away about thirty days. Otherwise he will probably return by the end of the week.

With the Police. At the Wednesday morning session of Mayor Love's court the following cases were disposed of: Will Stowe, drunk and down, fined \$2.50; two tramps, trespassing on trains, fined \$1 each. A rather pathetic case was presented to Chief Alexander yesterday morning. Mrs. Tom Brown, who came here five or six weeks ago and who is living at the Avon with her three small children, appealed for help from the city in procuring the arrest and return of her husband who deserted them two weeks ago. They are in destitute circumstances and she was making an effort to compel her husband to return and support his family, an effort which can, but prove futile. He is supposed to be at or near Davidson College. This was not the first time she had been deserted and yet she persisted, in terms not to be doubted, that she still loved the man who is treating her so inhumanly. Many and varied, indeed, are the lights and shadows of the police station.

Prospects are reported brilliant for a great state fair in Raleigh this month.

At the Churches.

Lutheran church—Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday by the pastor, Rev. C. I. Morgau. A. R. P. Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Dr. J. C. Galloway. Baptist Church.—Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Watson.

The Shelby Star says that Mr. John Green, of Boiling Springs wounded and captured a few days ago an eagle that measures seven feet from tip to tip of his wings. Presbyterian Church—Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. M. McG. Shields. Morning subject, The Falsehoods of Eve; evening subject, The Shadow of the Rock. Preaching at the Loray immediately after Sabbath School.

West End and Ozark Methodist Churches—Preaching at West End at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bradley. Services at the Ozark conducted at 11 a. m. by Mr. H. H. Mitchell; preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Prof. J. H. Seppark. Main Street Methodist Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday by the pastor, Dr. H. F. Chreitberg. Morning subject, The Divine Plans of Revivals; evening subject, Christians must remove obstacles out of the way of the unconverted. Members who subscribe to the missionary fund will please bring amount of subscription Sunday.

Trees are Treasures.

Time changes all things and time is changing the public and private estimate of trees in this country. When the pioneers came upon a vast wilderness the trees were as much opposed to their making comfortable livelihoods as were the copper-skinned savages. They made war upon the forest with more zeal than judgment; they slaughtered and laid waste. With such beginnings of the people their constituted authorities have been slow to make laws for the protection of mere trees, though gradually the worth of the latter has come to be understood by many. Old trees soon will be held, as they should be to something to be encouraged, fostered and trained in the way they should go. It is only a few years since Dr. Marshall, of this State astonished the public by bringing suit against a telephone company for hacking branches off some stately trees because they interfered with the stringing or proper insulation of its wires. The courts sustained the doctor's contention that ancient trees are treasures. The telephone company will not soon forget the fact, for it was compelled to pay smartly for the destruction it wrought.

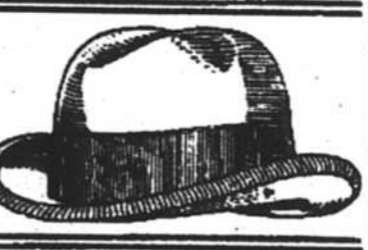
TAX NOTICE!

I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of receiving the state and county tax due for year 1902: Gastonia, Saturday, Sept. 27. Lovell, Monday, Sept. 29. McAdenville, Tuesday, Sept. 30. Bessemer City, Monday, Oct. 1. Stanley, Friday, Oct. 3. Belmont, Saturday, Oct. 4. Dallas, Monday, Oct. 6. Mount Holly, Tuesday, Oct. 7. Min. Island, Wednesday, a. m. Oct. 8. Lucis, Wednesday p. m. Oct. 8. Carpenters Store, Friday a. m. Oct. 10. Landers Chapel, Friday p. m. Oct. 10. Cherrysville, Saturday, Oct. 11. Fullers Store, Monday, Oct. 13. Union, Tuesday a. m. Oct. 14. South Pole, Tuesday p. m. Oct. 14. Pleasant Ridge, Wed. a. m. Oct. 15. Crowders Creek, Wednesday p. m. Oct. 15. Pattersons School House, Thursday, a. m. Oct. 16. Crowders Mountain, Mills Thursday p. m. Oct. 16. Dillings and Kings Mtn. Mills, Friday, a. m. Oct. 17. Cora and Lela Mills, Friday, p. m. Oct. 17. Gastonia, Saturday, Oct. 18. Hardin Mills, Monday a. m. Oct. 20. High Shoals, Monday p. m. Oct. 20. Tuckasee, Tuesday a. m. Oct. 21. Ninaville, Tuesday p. m. Oct. 21. Alexis, Thursday a. m. Oct. 23. Spencer Mtn. Mills, Thursday p. m. Oct. 23. C. B. ARMSTRONG, Sheriff.

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Table with financial data for The First National Bank of Gastonia, including resources like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, and liabilities like Capital stock, Surplus fund, and Undivided profits.

HATS!



We are now showing our Fall Hats for Men and Boys. Our stock consists of the greatest assortment ever displayed in Gastonia; and at prices that enable every Man or Boy to wear a nice dressy Hat. @ @

Robinson Bros.



Children invariably call for a second dish because the delicious flavor of Ralston Breakfast Food appeals to all in need of wholesome food. The whole of Glaxo's Wheat, from which Ralston is scientifically milled, contains protein, vitamins and phosphates most necessary for physical and mental growth. That's why Ralston Breakfast Food is "a health food" with a delightful flavor that's made its reputation. For Sale by Reid & Alexander, Elite Grocery.

AUTUMN OPENING.

And Attractive Exhibit of First Fall Millinery at YEAGER'S NEXT WEEK. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25th & 26th. You are invited to a place among those who will attend this Splendid Seasonable Display of beautiful things for women to wear. J. F. YEAGER, Ladies' Furnishings a Specialty.

Advertisement for Dr. Moffitt's Teethina, a dental product, with an illustration of a tooth and text describing its benefits.

Large advertisement for 'GET READY.' for the magnificent opening at 'THE PEOPLE'S STORE NEXT WEEK.' on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Includes text about millinery and a list of directors.

Advertisement for 'A New Line Added.' Ladies' Tailored Suits ready made. Don't fail to see them. Watch for further announcements THOMSON COMPANY.

Advertisement for 'OPERA HOUSE ONE NIGHT ONLY, Wednesday, September 24th.' featuring 'REAPING THE HARVEST' in four acts.

Advertisement for 'BIG VALUES IN MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS' for Fall and Winter, 1902-1903. As usual we have set the trade a-talking about the great values which we are offering in suits and overcoats.

Advertisement for 'THE HAPPY FELLOW WHO WILL BE RING-ING the BELLE' featuring 'TORRENCE, The Jeweler.' Includes an illustration of a woman and text about jewelry.

Advertisement for 'CHARLOTTE PRIVATE HOSPITAL, 12 North Church Street, Charlotte, N. C.' Medical and Surgical cases treated. Trained Nurses. Modern Equipment. X-Ray Machines and Accessories for giving Electrical Treatment.