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POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes these selections will accord with our views and the views of our readers, sometimes the opposite will be true. But by reason of the subject matter, the style, the authorship, or the views expressed, each will have an element of timely interest to make it a conspicuous utterance.

A Dangerous Combination.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

James Gunpowder and Grace Gass, both of Carthage, Mo., were recently married. Only think of the anxiety that must have permeated their sparking days!

Few Fines Would be Imposed.

Richmond News-Leader.

We would welcome a law requiring every man requested by a hundred of his fellow-citizens to stand for election for a municipal legislative body to obey the request under penalty of heavy fine and imprisonment.

The True Christian Religion.

Raleigh Biblical Recorder.

Mr. Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," quickened the world's heart in respect to imitating Christ. Its dominant theme was "What Would Jesus Do?" That is, to be sure, a high standard of living; but there is a more fundamental attitude. When Mr. Sheldon and Dr. Meyer came across the Atlantic together a newspaper remarked that one represented the Imitation of Jesus as the Christian Life; the other represented the Appropriation of Jesus as the Christian Life. We regard the Appropriation of Jesus as the true Christian religion.

History Vindicating Cleveland.

Yorkville Enquirer.

As to whether Mr. Cleveland has any idea of standing for the presidency again we have no information. We are doubtful as to whether he could get a nomination, and we are doubtful also whether he could be elected if nominated; but we certainly do not believe there is anything to be gained by further denunciation of his record by Mr. Bryan or anybody else. The soundness of his judgment and the wisdom of his action have been too completely and fully justified by developments. There are already too many evidences that Mr. Cleveland will be remembered as a patriotic statesman even after Mr. Bryan has been forgotten as an empty windbag.

Increase of Bribery.

The Nation.

That the crime of bribery, electoral and legislative, is on the increase in this country, we have an accumulation of painful convincing evidence. One deep of shame answereth unto another—Rhode Island to Delaware, Albany to Harrisburg, St. Louis to New York. Men whose right hands are full of bribes sit in the high places of government, go about the streets with heads erect, are in good repute in society and often in the church. Yet they are confessedly making the very pillars of our public life rotten. Popular elections they are turning into merchandise, and rendering the so-called "will of the people" as expressed at the polls a thing for corruptionists to sneer at even while they manipulate their purchased voters.

When Aching Hearts Went Duty's Way.

R. A. Moore, in Biblical Recorder.

It was during the terrrible struggle in the Confederate War known as "the Wilderness Fight"—that the company led by Captain Plato Durham was ordered to change position as the company marched on in the rear of the line of battle. While passing the company of which the father Durham was a member, an acquaintance of the Durhams called out, "Captain Durham, your father was killed last night, and lies just back of the lines, unburied." He marched steadily on. Columbus, who was orderly seargent of the company, said, "My brother, may I not turn aside and bury our father?"

The Captain said in reply, "The country needs every available man to-day, my brother. Our father will be buried."

What We are Worth.

Nashville American.

If Pierpont Morgan owned the world, instead of only a part of it, he would be worth about $400,000,000,000. If he owned the United States his wealth would amount to about $94,300,000,000. The United States has the greatest total wealth and the smallest debt of any of the world's great Powers, but on a per capita basis Great Britain is the richest. While the property and money of that mighty nation amounts to only $59,000,000,000, as against our $94,300,000,000, its wealth amounts to $1,442 per person, while in the United States the wealth amounts to only $1,235 per capita. The second richest nation in Europe is France, which has wealth aggregating $48,000,000,000, or $1,257 per capita. Germany's wealth foots up $40,000,000,000, or $709 per capita. In addition, she has $800,000,000 lent or invested abroad. Russia, with its immense territory and population, has wealth amounting to only $32,000,000,000.

The Legacy of Great Lives.

Dr. St. Clair McKelway, in Educational Conference at Richmond.

And so I know that not in Virginia is the roll of great men the roll of the dead alone. The spirit of Patrick Henry is as alive as are his words. The sublimity of Washington can be conceded to no single mortal, but portions of his transcendent qualities can be ascribed to the heirs of his fame and to the guardians of his dust. The versatility, the philosophy and the genius of Jefferson may be united in no one being, but his virtues and his principles cannot be confined or restrained—or parodied—in the State which he virtually made and which in large sense made him. The example as well as the decisions, the character as well as the learning of John Marshall are neither an extinct nor an outlawed inheritance among his people. The genius and the faith of Stonewall Jackson will ever be a factor among those whom he led and for whom he died. The greatness and grandeur, the magnanimity and the modesty, the consecration and the courage, the example and the incentive which Robert E. Lee personified on the field of war and in the still air of delightful studies in collegiate shades will be not only forever a transforming influence not only within Virginia, not only within the South, not only throughout the republic, but across the seas and around the world.

PREACHER, DOCTOR, LAWYER.

The True Function of the Minister, the Physician and the Lawyer.

Medical Talk.

There was once a minister of the Gospel who had had a great deal of experience and had outlived the time when his fervid evangelical zeal overbalanced his better judgment. He had reached the age of mental development in which good, sound, practical sense had taken the place of a morbid desire to save souls from a supposed impending doom.

One day a man came to him for advice. This man imagined that he was a great sinner and in danger of losing his soul. He went on to tell the minister a long story which revealed very clearly to the minister that the man's concern about the salvation of his soul was mostly, if not wholly, due to a depressed condition of his nervous system.

So the minister advised the man to go home and to think no more about his soul's salvation. To cease searching the Scriptures for the way of salvation, and to go calmly about the duties of life without any fear or misgiving about his eternal welfare. He advised him to see that he made everybody about him happy. To give his house a good cleaning every morning and a nice, fresh bed to sleep on every night. To see that all creatures depending upon him or related to him were made comfortable and happy. Do this for one month and return to me and I will advise you further.

This was the minister's advice. He was a good minister—a wise minister. It is a pity the world is not full of such divines.

There was once a lawyer. This lawyer had passed through that phase of life in which he gloried in litigation and found great relish in stirring up discord by encouraging petty quarrels among neighbors. He had seen the folly of legal procedures and noticed that nearly every one of his clients in the end found themselves worse off than at the beginning.

A man came one day to this lawyer to tell him about a grievance he had against his neighbor. He recited a long story of little differences and minute bickerings by which he had been annoyed, and he had now concluded to begin suit for damages.

The lawyer listened to the story and then began to give his client some good advice. He showed him the folly of further estrangement. He pointed out the trivial character of his complaints. He advised him to go home and lay aside all thoughts of his neighbor's depravity and never mention the matter again for a whole month. If you meet your neighbor, treat him as if you were friends. Don't allow yourself to say a word against him or to do anything unfriendly toward him. If at the end of a month you find yourself of the same opinion that you are now, maybe I will begin your suit for you.

At the end of the month his client was thoroughly ashamed of himself and no suit was ever begun. The neighbors had become reconciled.

This lawyer was a good man—a noble man. What a pity it is that there are not more of them in this world.

There was once a doctor who had practiced medicine so long that he had forgotten all about his graduation and diplomas. His title of M. D. had long since ceased to puff him up and he had entirely lost every vestige of vanity concerning his professional wisdom.

A man came one day seeking advice of this doctor. The doctor listened to his long story of ailments and drug-taking. The patient went on to recount the numerous ailments through which he had passed, and the large number of physicians by whom he had been treated.

The doctor listened to his story attentively, sympathetically. After the patient had finished his story, he advised him to quit taking drugs and visiting doctors He implored him to go home and lay aside the whole matter of drug-taking and doctors and diseases.

For one month don't admit that you are sick. Don't take a dose of medicine. Don't mention a doctor's name. Don't tell anybody that you are sick or admit that you are feeling bad in any particular. Cease at once complaining and think that you are just as well as anybody else. Keep this up for one month, then come and visit me again and I will treat your case with medicine if I find it necessary.

The doctor's persuasions prevailed and the man obeyed his advice to the letter. In one month he returned to the doctor's office better than he had been for years, fully persuaded that he had only to continue in the same way a few months longer, when he would be entirely restored to health.

What a magnificent doctor that was! What a blessing to the neighborhood in which he was located! What a benediction to the families he visited! Who can estimate the value of such a man? May his number increase. May the day hasten when the colleges will be turning out just such men into the world to mitigate human suffering.

The true function of the minister is to lead people to a sweet, trustful confidence in God, guarding them from the fear of sin and evil and all the imaginary calamities with which futurity has been peopled by ignorance and superstition.

The true function of the lawyer is to guide wrangling neighbors out of the quagmires of discord and estrangement into the fraternity of universal brotherhood.

The true function of the doctor is to prevent diseases by winning the obedience of people to laws that govern the body. By teaching them the folly of supposing that there is any other escape from human ailments than right living, and an unshaken faith that a man reaps exactly what he sows, whether it be health or disease

To Collect Back Tax From the Liquor Men.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The State Auditor has had printed a number of copies of the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Williams vs. the county commissioners of Iredell, in which case the plaintiff, in paying his purchase tax, had deducted from the price of his liquor $1.10 per gallon, which he claimed he had advanced to the distiller to pay the government tax, leaving the price only 15c per gallon.

The opinion in this case will be mailed by the Auditor to every sheriff in the State, and accompanying it will be a letter signed by the State Auditor and the State Treasurer, calling attention of the Sheriffs to the matter and directing them, if the retailers in their counties have been in the habit of paying their purchase tax in any such way as this, to go to work immediately collecting back taxes due the State.

The reason for sending out this letter is that it was stated in the argument of the Williams case that it was the general custom of the liquor dealers to deduct the government tax in making their returns, and thus pay less than one-eighth of what their actual purchases called for. The auditor and Treasurer are determined to probe this matter to the bottom.

A Billion-dollar Country.

New York World.

The Treasury Bureau of Statistics reports that from April 1, 1902, to March 31, 1903, inclusive, the imports of the United States for the first twelve months in our history reached a billion dollars. The exports for the same period reached $1,414,786,954. The recent increase in them renders it likely that by the end of the government fiscal year on June 30 they will have reached a billion and a half, and so have broken another record.

Neither our imports nor our exports had reached half a billion dollars in 1870. Imports touched $750,000,000 in 1890, exports in 1880 passed the same sum, and in 1892 first passed the billion mark, receding from it in the "lean years" that followed. But since 1897 they have been continuously above the billion.

In some other respects this is a billion-dollar country. We have one billion-dollar trust and six billion-dollar railway "groups." There is a billion dollars in the savings banks of this State. The farm animals of the country are worth three billions and the farms altogether twenty billions.

A commercial estimate puts the annual cotton crop of Brazil at 200,000 bales (500 pounds each), of which about 50,000 bales are exported.

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The First Shipment Will Probably Be Made About May 1.

Washington Post.

The first shipment of Philippine coin will be made from San Francisco about May 1. Secretary Root gave instructions yesterday to Gen. MacArthur to have officers detailed to receive the coin from the mint and place it aboard the transport for Manila, when it will be turned over to the Philippine government. The largest shipment of coin will be made from New York about ten days later, when the money coined at the Philadelphia mint will be sent by way of the Suez Canal to Manila.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department arranged with the Treasury Department for coining all the silver that will be used, as well as for engraving and printing the paper money that will be put in circulation as a part of the plan for carrying out the act of Congress for the Philippine currency. The proceeds of the sale of bonds, which was awarded yesterday, will be used to purchase bullion and pay the expense of coining and printing the Philippine money. It is expected that soon after the arrival of the new coins in the Philippines the insular government will complete the necessary measures to put them in circulation.

The South Coming to the Front.

Charlotte News.

That was good news that came from Norfolk concerning the arrival in that port of the good ship St. Bede. There is nothing unusual in the arrival of a ship at Norfolk; they put in there every day, but the interest that attaches to this particular ship grows out of the fact that her cargo consisted of cotton goods manufactured in the South and consigned to China. The striking feature of this announcement is that this cargo of the St. Bede's is the first of its kind from the South—the beginning of a new era. The New South, awaking to a realization of her glorious future, waves aside the middleman and ships her own cargoes direct to the great East. It is but a beginning, but other Southern manufacturers will follow suit. Truly it is a great step forward.

The Commencement Orators.

Rev. P. R. Law, in Robesonian.

Commencement orators are in demand. As the years go by the number diminishes. If it were not for a class of fellows who have ambitious schemes in mind the schools would have to close, it appears, without orations. But there is ever to be a remnant, aspiring men, we presume, to keep alive the custom of having a commencement oration. Another thing is noticeable. Those who speak on these historic occasions do not make the elaborate preparation that the fathers did. It is not infrequent that we hear crowds criticising the orators for dealing out extempore, if not impromptu speeches. There is too little honor also in it, to encourage the orator to spend money for oil to get up a highly creditable address. The preachers who happen to be orators come nearer doing their best than any other class.

Andrew Carnegie has given $600,000 to Booker Washington's institute at Tuskeegee, Ala.

Prof. C. C. Crittenden, of the Chair of Pedagogy and assistant professor of English at Wake Forest College, died Thursday.

Six hundred workmen on the new National Soldiers' Home in course of construction at Johnson City, Tenn., struck Friday for an increase in wages. The Home is being built at a cost of $3,000,000.

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