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The government of Mexico now seems to be wherever the president happens to hang his hat.

We print the war stories as they are sent to us but you will have to guess at the truth of them.

Even if the city manager plan is not an improvement over the present system it can not be much worse.

Of course the legislature is not putting off action on the prohibition matter because it hates to tackle it.

If Raleigh gets a postmaster that suits the politicians and the city it should be satisfactory to the rest of us.

If the legislative finance committee can settle the matter without borrowing money they will have done a good work.

But did you ever know an important appointment to be made unless there was more or less trading done beforehand.

We sometimes think that very little of this demand for child labor legislation comes from the people directly interested.

If the women can get any satisfaction out of being notaries public we do not suppose there will be a kick from anybody else.

Those Raleigh politicians should be careful not to keep up the postoffice fight long enough to allow a republican hold-over.

There has been considerable talk of hard times, still we have not noticed that any of the things we have to buy has dropped in price.

Certainly the army is not sufficient to cope with the armies of Europe and it would not be if increased to the number suggested.

The business interests of the country have had time in which to establish a merchant marine if they had been inclined that way.

If it is a fact that the state's affairs are not being conducted in a business-like way the duty of the legislature would seem to be plain.

It is up to the legislature to pass the right kind of prohibition laws and up to the officials of the counties and towns to enforce them.

The republicans may want a merchant marine, yet it appears that they prefer that some one should get a rake-off in the transaction.

It should be remembered, though, that if democrats had formed the habit of sticking to democrats Mr. Bryan might not have been in the cabinet.

On the surface it appeared that all Mr. Wooten had to do was to walk up and take the speakership, although some trading might have been done.

You do not want to think that the city manager would have an easy job of it. One of the hard things he is going to have to do is to hold his job.

The real prohibitionists want a law prohibiting its shipment into the state even if some others who supported the movement do not feel that way about it.

It is all right for the town to employ detectives to work on the blind tigers, but it seems to us that this work should not be delegated to eighteen-year-old boys.

If the commission wants to get at the truth of the thing it should try to get hold of some witnesses not interested in the Sullivan matter one way or the other.

We had been thinking all along that the name of Mrs. Aycock was dragged into the Raleigh postoffice fight by some faction that saw the thing was not going their way.

We do not know that a merchant marine is necessary, still if the government is expected to stand for the loss entailed by such an enterprise it had as well take the chances at a profit also.

Certainly Raleigh is kicking over the proposition to move the institution for the blind to some other town and if it was Durham or any other town the same kick would be made. It is a dead town that will give up anything without a protest.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Charitably Inclined. Great charity and beneficence are being shown by the republican leaders in not wanting the democratic party to injure itself by passing the ship purchase bill.—Wilmington Dispatch.

For Harmony. Do we want harmony? No! Ye-e-s-s! The yesses seem to have it. Well then, let's quit agitating and regulating for a while and recognize the necessity of making concessions as to our differences. Otherwise we will have two hostile partisan camps in which there will be no spirit of compromise.—Wilmington Star.

A Democratic Objection. The argument is frequently made that a primary will not cure everything. Quite right. But if it cures even half it will be a big improvement. One objection to it is that it causes democrats to fight democrats instead of the common enemy. And it takes "heaps" of money—on the part of the candidate.—Greensboro Record.

A Good Sign. "Mis-teer Spee-ker, I arise to a question of personal privilege." When a worthy member of the general assembly yells these words the first thing when the body meets in the morning, and proceeds to denounce some newspaper article, it is generally a pretty good sign that somebody has been telling the truth or been hitting so near it that over-sensitive members are getting uneasy.—Monroe Journal.

Will Be for It. The Charlotte Observer rather takes a whack at the report of the state board of internal improvements—"the Montcastle-Webb report"—but would the Observer minimize their work? Being business men, they saw where the state could save money and so recommended. The state treasurer is merely human, but he will be glad to adopt a system of bookkeeping to conform to the ideas of business. He will not oppose a system that would save the state money, but will welcome it.—Raleigh Times.

Tote Fair. The legislature should not stand back on giving the little short lines of railroads all over the eastern part of the state the relief they ask for from the oppressive effects of the long and short haul clause of the state law. And the next step it should take would be to help the western counties to build the railroads to do some short and long hauling of freight and passengers in that section. The legislature could afford to pass out relief with one hand and help with the other. It should manifest a friendly feeling for the one section, and for the other a progressive feeling.—Charlotte Observer.

A Town to Watch. Raleigh will take the proposition to move the institution for the blind to Salisbury pretty much as it would the pulling of a jaw tooth, for all the state institutions at the capital are supposed to be traditionally founded there. The reasons for the removal of the blind school are sufficient to give Raleigh grave concern and to cause the capital city to look about and see what can be done about remedying the shortcomings enumerated. It would be well, Salisbury is a town of deep, but quietly and forcibly moving influences. Charlotte knows, for this town has not yet forgotten how Salisbury slipped the Southern railway shops away from the post to which this town thought it had the shops securely tied. We should advise Raleigh to keep an eye on Salisbury.—Charlotte Observer.

"PLAIN FOLKS" PLEASSED. Was Ably Presented by the Bijou Company Last Night.

"Just Plain Folks," which was reproduced by the Bijou players at the Academy last night, was better than when offered last week if such a thing was possible. The play is a comedy of the richest order and one that produces a thousand laughs during its unraveling. The audience was not so good as it should have been but this is accounted for by the fact that the play was offered last week and a full house saw it then.

Mr. Glendon, as Zeb and Miss Douglass, as Mandy, were about as rich as one would care to see. Their every utterance, in fact each facial expression from this pair produced laughter which at times became almost hysterical. Too much can't be said of Mr. Burke. He is one of the best character men ever seen here in stock and few better ones have appeared with high priced companies. The quartet worked last night and their rendition of "Bones" was good. Especially pleasing was their offering of "My Darling Lou" and the response to encore on this was imperative.

Tonight's bill will be "The Fell in Love With His Wife," an unusual thing perhaps, and it might be a good idea for all to go out and learn how he managed to do such a thing. The company concludes their engagement here Saturday afternoon when they will reproduce "Tempest and Sunshine," by request. The Honorable William Jennings Bryan will speak at the Academy Saturday night, Manager Deam having decided to give up his rights to the theatre on this occasion as the Academy is the only suitable place in the city for such a lecture.

THIRTY-FIVE HAVE APPLIED

Ask for Admission to the New Night School in Edgemont

OTHERS ARE EXPECTED

Mr. Upchurch Believes That This Number Will Be Increased This Week

Since the announcement was made in the newspapers that a night school would be started in Edgemont for the benefit of people of that section of the city who are not in the school maintained for the benefit of the employes of the Durham hosiery mill, thirty-five applications have been made for admission to the school.

Others are expected to apply, and these with the forty who are already in the night school of the Durham hosiery mill will make nearly a hundred men and women in that section of the city who will be getting a related education. Mr. W. M. Upchurch principal of the Edgemont graded school, is looking after the organization of the other night school, and he is working with the Durham hosiery mill officials, who have agreed to affiliate their school with the new one that is to be started and still continue to pay their part of the expenses of the school.

Just when this new night school will be opened has not yet been determined since all arrangements have not yet been completed. Just as soon as all those who are expected to come into this new school send in their names, the day for opening the school will be named, or rather the night for opening the school will be announced.

Mr. Upchurch wishes to impress on all these who have been thinking of attending this school that absolutely no charges of tuition or admission will be made. The night school will be free.

The additional expenses that will be incurred by the addition of the number of pupils will be paid for by some of the fraternal organization of the city it is expected. The proposition has already been presented to some of the lodges and they have expressed their approval of the general idea and have also expressed a willingness to aid in a worthy work of this kind, by supplying a part of the funds that will be needed for the conduct of the school, which will no be a very great deal.

The school board of the city has agreed to contribute the use of the building, the lights and the fuel. This will obviate any rental or other charges which would have to be paid were it not possible to get the Edgemont graded school for such a purpose. Superintendent E. D. Pusey has been working on a proposition for a night school in some sections of the town, but for the time being has given the idea up, and since he has found it impracticable for this year the night school that is about to be started under the auspices of the fraternalities of the city will serve a very useful purpose and fill a long felt need, which could not be altogether filled by the night school that has successfully been conducted by Mrs. J. A. Robinson for the Durham hosiery mill.

AID FOR RAILROADS.

The State to Continue its Development Policy.

The State of North Carolina will continue its policy of aiding in the building of mountain railroads for at least two more years, if the vote of the house and senate committees last night reflects the sentiment of the general assembly. It was shown by opponents of the system, notable Representative Page, that the stock which the state is receiving in return for convict labor is worthless now and probably will be worthless in the future. It was shown by advocates of the system, notably Representative Doughton, that rich agricultural and mineral sections are being opened up and placed in close touch with the rest of North Carolina.

The Elkin & Alleghany, the Watauga & Yadkin river, the Transcontinental, and the Statesville Air Line are the roads that were under fire. The two first roads are operating freight and passenger trains on a part of their lines and the Statesville Air Line is going ahead with the grading. The people of North Carolina, the Times believes, do not object to aiding in the construction of mountain railroads, and certainly the Elkin & Alleghany and the Watauga & Yadkin River are being built on road-beds, rather than on paper. The principle under which these roads are being built might not be right, inasmuch as it makes it hard for the state to discriminate between the real and the imaginary, but the objects are worthy. These two roads will be worth more to the state than they will cost.—Raleigh Times.

The new waist line is gradually creeping up. It will merge with the bust line in the near future.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, Jan. 28.—Homes in this country for a million and a half of Belgian refugees is the plan of Du-gald Macfayden, who arrived in Washington recently with letters of introduction from distinguished men abroad.

The Belgian legation here and also Mr. Macfayden has conferred with prominent philanthropists. The Belgian minister has received no instructions from his government in regard to the project, but he is in sympathy with all efforts for the relief of his fellow countrymen.

The supporters of the Belgian refugees' relief movement favor the establishment of communities of the refugees in the unoccupied sections of the west and the south.

They point out that the colony plan is the most desirable, because it will mean home-like conditions by enabling the refugees to have neighbors of their own nationality and occupation.

Discussing his scheme, Mr. Macfayden said: "It must be evident to the people of America that at present Belgium relief is only postponing from day to day the pressure of starvation."

"Among the refugees in London there are many who can think of no future except a return to Belgium and an attempt to rebuild their homes, which have been ruthlessly destroyed. Others are looking for an opening in a new land."

"The Belgian people are as a whole as thrifty, clean, industrious and willing workers as any that are found in Europe. But they are essentially a community."

"If they come over here as individual waifs and strays they will succumb to the strangeness of their new surroundings—drift into the foreign quarters of large cities, and add a fresh element to an overstocked market for casual labor."

"If they could come over here as communities—agriculturists, shopkeepers, clerks, teachers, headworkers, and handworkers together in something like their old relationships, they would find it much easier to 'make good,' and they probably would add much more positive and useful element to the life of the United States."

"Such a migration of communities to America would not seriously interfere with the repopulation of Belgium when that becomes possible."

"Belgium was a densely populated country about equal to Massachusetts and one-third more. A dense population can live on a narrow strip of ground when it grows there—but once disturbed, it is very difficult to get it back."

"It will be many years before Belgium is in a condition to support the same number of people as it maintained before the war. While we are waiting for that there is almost time to create a new Belgium on this side of the Atlantic."

"There are in the southern states, in the west and in Canada considerable tracts of land which might be used for Belgian settlements."

"There are also many patriotic and philanthropic Americans ready to advance capital with the object of helping the Belgians and at the same time adding a valuable element to the population of the United States."

"But at present there is one obstacle to this happy consummation—the immigration laws. These laws were not passed for such an emergency as this. They did not contemplate the possibility of a community migration, and at present they effectually close the door of hope to those who would like to help the Belgians to begin again."

"Here the people are the source of law, and it remains for them to give expression to their humanitarian sympathies in such a way as to make these sympathies really effective in helping a distressed people."

"The situation is one without precedent in history. There is no parallel showing what should be done with a population of a million and a half suddenly divorced from its home, its work and its means of livelihood."

Has Two Sides.

The merchant marine question has two sides to it—a shipping business conducted by the government, or a shipping business conducted by a combination of the ship owners who will furnish the ships, do all the business and get all the profits, with the proviso that the government shall make a contribution in the shape of a subsidy. They don't give us much of a choice from which to make a selection.—Wilmington Star.

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