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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The North Carolina Press Association will meet in Asheville on July 23 and 24th.

The National Forest Commission has authorized the purchase by the Government of 11,500 acres of land in the vicinity of Mount Mitchell.

W. C. Ervin, was elected mayor of Morganton last week under the new commission form of government recently adopted by that town.

Ninety one blockade distilleries were destroyed in the mountain counties of which Asheville is the revenue headquarters, during the month of March.

Mrs. Blanche McCall, of Asheville, has brought suit against the street railway company of that place for \$3,000 damages for being put off the cars when she held a transfer from another car.

Ector Smith, president of the States Trust Company, that has been promoting small banks throughout the state has been arrested in Birmingham, Ala., and will be brought to this State to stand trial.

John Sawyer, the mate of a small vessel, plying on the waters near Elizabeth City, disappeared last week and it is feared he has committed suicide, as he has been in bad health and had often spoken of killing himself.

Flies are carriers of disease. Of course if you want to have sickness in your homes you will not clean up your premises. Nor will you use screens or swat the fly. Be warned in time, for the flies are here.—Exchange.

The advocates of good roads in all parts of the State where they are needed can not be too earnest in their work to secure the adoption of measures to build the roads. Keep on talking for good roads till there are elections won to build them.—Exchange.

President Wilson has let it be known that he will be his own guide in naming officials high up in the service of the Government. The endorsement of senators and congressman will be given due consideration, but the President will be his own judge in most cases.

A Pitt county farmer by the name of Jones disappeared last week after writing his son-in-law that he was going to commit suicide. He had his mustache shaved off and while he can not be found his friends hope he is just in hiding somewhere in disguise.

To provide improved facilities for properly handling the growing movement of live stock to Eastern and Virginia markets from the Southeastern states, the Southern Railway is now completing a modern plant for resting and feeding stock on property adjoining the Spencer yards.

On Friday 4th, Mr. Young Love, of Bards Creek, Watauga county, and his son got into a difficulty, when the young man struck his father on the head with a rock crushing his skull. After knocking his father down the young man kissed him and fled. Physicians attended the wounded man and removed several pieces of the fractured bone and at last accounts he was alive.

THE CORN CLUB WORK.

Interest in The Work Growing. Caldwell Boys Strong Organization.

The work of the Boys Corn Club, in the state last year was a revelation to every body who took note of it. This year the work has grown to still larger proportions and there is every reason to believe that old North Carolina will be prouder of her young sons this year than she was last.

On April 1st every county in the state except eight, had Boys Corn Clubs organized. Wilkes county leads the list with a membership of 131 while Mecklenburg comes next with a membership of 124.

Caldwell falls low in the list but has a club of 44 members composed of the following named bright young fellows:

Harvey Abernethy, Owen Bush, Stanley Bush, D. C. Carlton, Dwight Clarke, Bascom P. Cooke, Lawrence Cook, Donald Conley, Quince Craig, Luther Crouch, W. C. Davis, Lonie Druu, Thos. C. Duncan, Robert M. C. Ernest, Wilson W. Evans, Columbus L. Flemming, Lester Flowers, Ross Fox, Marcus L. Greer, Earl Haas, Rufus Hartley, Garland Hoover, Roy Kirby, Brooks Lutz, Clyde May, Ralph McRary, Geo. R. Pope, Oliver Pope, Fred W. Roberts, Bert Rutledge, Albert Shuford, Bert Smith, Ervin Smith, Talmage Smith, Hamilton Steele Jr., Henry Steele, Clarence Tolbert, Ray Tolbert, Floyd West, Rex Williams, Albert Parlier, Truman Sherrill, Fred Brookshire, William Sharpe.

These boys will strive for the prizes and no doubt many of them will win them. In addition to the Boys Corn Club, County Demonstrator Goforth, has on his list about 300 names of men who will cultivate one or more acres in accordance with instructions by the department of Agriculture. With all these men and boys working together under the direction of the best scientific instruction, to be obtained from all the experience of the past, will roll up a corn yield in the county this year that should make every body proud of their efforts. The work of improving the methods of farming is growing rapidly all over the South and Caldwell has caught the spirit with the rest of the state and we expect big things from the efforts.

The adoption of the amendment which provides for the direct election of United States Senators by the people is another blow at the domination of selfish special interests which have done business with the Legislatures of many States. The people are after these influences and have a big stick of their own to use. The slogan of "Shall the People Rule?" is getting an affirmative answer straight along in these days.—Exchange.

The Southern Railway company is to be congratulated on its decision to furnish its passengers with free individual drinking cups. It is now unlawful for an interstate railway to have common or public drinking cups, and while this is in the interest of public health, it has caused much public discomfort as many people neglected to properly provide themselves with cups. An order for half a million cups has been placed for distribution from Spencer and the public will appreciate this move on the part of the Southern.—Greensboro News.

THE WORLD'S MOVEMENT.

For Christianity, Morality and Uplift. Help The Great Cause Along.

To The Editor—Do not Christian people too often skip the reports of their treasurers, and shrink from their import? Alas, too true! Is it because the treasurer or they do not discern the jewel in the casket? It is an irksome, forbidding task, under which good men are made to groan, who "carry the bag" for the disciples of the Lord. To a fit man, a man of quality, to a soul with visions of the real things, as the Holy Spirit mirrors them to "holy and humble men of heart," any treasurer ship lies heavily enough.

When one so trusted and loaded himself divines the real treasure and its glorious purpose, and has the grace of frankness to open out his sensitive soul to us on whom he must lean, we might easily find for ourselves the spirit of comradeship with him, and fashion in our bosoms a kinder feeling towards him, whether he speak out so or not; and whether, withal, he be the treasurer of our own local congregation, or charged with the weightier matters of a world-wide sphere.

This is to preface what I am now asking you to print, if you please; the spiritual basis of the report from one of our general treasurers. He often, in his reports, breaks away from the sordid account of dollars and cents, and instinctively tries to show us "the pearl of great price"; a burdened brother's view of it, and our own moral and spiritual relations, and opportunities in regard to it.

The following, eloquent with sincerity and truth, if you can find space for it, ought surely to bring us inspiration.

E. N. J.

"All round and round the world there seems to be pulsations of a new expectancy. The dark places have been explored; modern invention is making one people of us, and men are feeling their human kinship as never before. History is now making Nations that have been children all these centuries are just growing up to man's estate. It seems a critical time perhaps the most critical time of all the years since Christ's first coming. The world is to be won. People every where are deeply stirred, and it is very dangerous to let slip such a time of deep feeling and moving of the depths. If our Churchmen realized the World Movement in which the Church is engaged, appeals for men and money would be less frequent and better answered. What are armies and dynasties compared to the weapon far more forceful than steel—for it disarms brute force and turns fighting armies into praying hosts.

While the Church is working for the consummation of her ideals she may take to heart one ineffable comfort—God is working too. He is going to bring it to pass, but, like John the Baptist, she must prepare the way. His work lies where love abounds—and where the spirit of charity is, there dwells the Masters of the World. It is our task to fill the world with faith and love and charity and hope. This is the atmosphere in which God works miracles, in which men do not differ, and in which they are determined to understand.

What a vision it is! The

TO REORGANIZE SERVICE.

Most Radical Plan Ever Proposed. May Swap Postmasters.

(By Parker R. Anderson.)

Washington, April 10.—Postmaster-General Burleson has determined to effect the most radical re-organization of the postal service ever proposed in the history of the civil reform of this country. The plan upon which he is at work is distinguished by these features; all postmasters shall be placed under the civil service and required to pass an examination for admission, retention and promotion. Postmasters shall be appointed and transferred without regard to locality so that, for example, a resident of New York could be made postmaster at Greensboro and a resident of Greensboro could be made postmaster at San Francisco.

The postmaster general has reached the conclusion that politics is a blight on the postal service; that postmasters are appointed as a reward for political services and not for their fitness to discharge the duties of the office.

WON'T SPRING PLAN AT ONCE.

Mr. Burleson, however, does not expect to spring this comprehensive plan on Congress all at once. He will begin in a modest way to give a demonstration of his ideas. He will begin his radical change by holding examinations for the 36,000 postmasters which were placed under the civil service by President Taft. Those who pass the examination will be retained and those who do not will be removed. This examination will be open to outsiders also and an eligible list of fourth class postmasters will be established and vacancies will be filled from this list.

It is Mr. Burleson's intention in the appointment of fourth class postmasters to experiment with the proposition of ignoring geographical considerations. Wherever a vacancy occurs the top of the eligible list will be appointed regardless of the fact that he does not reside in the community affected. If this scheme works well Mr. Burleson will ask Congress to enact legislation placing first, second and third class postmasters under similar regulations and subject to assignment without regard to locality.

Babies vs. Poodles.

(Greensboro News.)

That was a severe indictment Mrs. Charlotte Smith, a social worker, brought against cultured Boston this week when, declaring that there was an "active traffic in babies," she charged that "the idol of the home in the Back Bay is the poodle dogs"; that "they run from \$100 to \$1,000, while babies are being sold at from \$2 to \$10, depending upon whether they are blondes or brunettes." Is it possible that some women of Massachusetts have so far forgot their mother love as to place a poodle above an innocent, dimpled babe?—Greensboro News.

The pearl may stand for purity, but it is obtained through the agency of a dive.

whole world merged in one unconquerable host.

"On to the bounds of the waste,

On, on to the City of God!"

Very Truly Yours,
TREASURER.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

Some Interesting Facts About Noted Capitalist by Charity and Children.

(Charity and Children.)

The most powerful captain of industry of his time was J. Pierpont Morgan who died last week and injured the South. This is no complaint against the North, but the purpose is to say that if we have free wool, free sugar and nearly free cotton goods, the tariff now being worked upon in Washington is going to be again a tariff which benefits the North and injures the South. It does the North no particular harm to have steel rails put on the free list. The steel interest of America is competitive with that of Europe without any tariff at all, but it will be enormously to the injury of Louisiana and Porto Rico if sugar is put on the free list. The theory of free trade has always done the South injury. It was a part of the institution of slavery and helped to bring on the Civil War. The South being free trade and not self supporting in a manufacturing way, we lost the Civil War. We agree that there ought to be reasonable reductions in the tariff. We have a tariff made by the standpatters, and it is as unfair to the average American citizen as free trade would be; but there is no use of the whole American population jumping from the standpat frying pan in to the free trade fire and then back again. At least 80 per cent of the American people stand about half way between these two heresies and this great bulk of the people divide and go with one or the other of the militant extremists when there ought to be a fair middle course. We hope the tariff on wool and on sugar will not be cut over 25 per cent and that the tariff on coarse cotton goods will not be cut at all. There may be some room for its reduction on finer grades, but the present tariff on coarse goods is a fair one. This is proved by the fact that there is a reasonable amount of these goods coming in all the time. There is no call of consequence by the people for either a prohibitory tariff or a free-trade tariff. There is a middle ground which at the same time raises revenue and utilizes the revenue tax to promote American industry. This reasonable middle tariff is the one that is wanted by the people of this country, and the Democrats should heed this fact.

Clean-Up Day.

Morganton township voted last week to issue \$50,000 in bonds to make good roads throughout the township.

The Watauga Democrat says that the dwelling of Mr. J. C. Krider, near South Fork, was destroyed by fire last Saturday evening. Fortunately for Mr. Krider, he had only a short time before the fire been paid \$700 by the Virginia-Carolina Railway company for the privilege of moving the house off the right of way of the company.

At the regular annual meeting of the directors of the State Hospital last week Capt. Sawyer of Asheville and A. A. Shuford of Hickory, A. B. Tate High Point qualified as new members. Capt. Sawyer was really an old member having served on the board a number of years ago, while Mr. Shuford was elected in place of his father, the late Able A. Shuford, who was director for many years.

TARIFF AND THE SOUTH.

Charlotte Observer Sees Discrimination Against Soute in Measure Before Congress.

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As an ultimate result, tariffs have usually benefited the North and injured the South. This is no complaint against the North, but the purpose is to say that if we have free wool, free sugar and nearly free cotton goods, the tariff now being worked upon in Washington is going to be again a tariff which benefits the North and injures the South. It does the North no particular harm to have steel rails put on the free list. The steel interest of America is competitive with that of Europe without any tariff at all, but it will be enormously to the injury of Louisiana and Porto Rico if sugar is put on the free list. The theory of free trade has always done the South injury. It was a part of the institution of slavery and helped to bring on the Civil War. The South being free trade and not self supporting in a manufacturing way, we lost the Civil War.

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"Clean-ups" are the absolutely essential first steps for civic improvement. The Civic Committee has set aside next Saturday as the time for this town. As the town is but our larger home, we should insist that the home shall be the type of town life. Cleanliness and order must come first, as beauty cannot be successfully gratified upon dirt and disorder. The Chairman of the Civic Department urges that we make Clean-up Day the most successful yet in the history of our town.

If you want your boy to be a preacher don't lock him up in a room to learn verses of Scripture while there is a game of baseball going on in the corner lot.

A man in a boarding house is justified in finding fault with the meals when there isn't much more to find.