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Succeed Honestly.

MARK HANNA was, perhaps, cartooned and abused more by the Democratic press than any other politician. Yet, we have failed to note a single Democratic paper that did not pay high tribute to him when his departure for the Better Land was spread abroad.

Notwithstanding the cartoonists' best efforts to reduce him in the estimation of the people, he continued to grow in favor and was loved and respected by them. This proves that no honest, upright man need fear the press. A clean character will stand by him inspite of all his enemies might do or say.

This fact, however, should not be taken advantage of by cartoonists and journalists to abuse and ridicule an honest and good man, merely for financial gain and worldly success. They should endeavor to attain the goal of their ambition by making their work portraits and expressions of solid truth.

It should be remembered that true success and that degree of success which is really worth while is only won by aiding and lifting up our fellow man. Helping him up the ladder of success—not pushing him down at every opportunity. This method may not bring as many dollars and cents but it will win the kind of success we should all strive to attain.

Reader, in whatever sphere your ambition for success may run, resolve that you will only employ truth and honesty in your endeavor to attain it.

Notes and Comments.

Four more Russian torpedo boats are reported to have been captured by the Japanese. If this sort of thing continues Russia will have nothing left but air ships.—Asheville Citizen.

Down, the self-styled Elijah II, is now in Australia gathering new dupes. Dowie announces that he will return to this world in one hundred years. One thing certain and sure, and that is that he will be compelled to gather new recruits if he does come back.—The Gaffney Ledger.

Farmers will do well to maintain a level head during the high prices of cotton. The fact that the staple is now bringing 14 cents is no guarantee that it will be anything like that next fall. Raise hog and hominy at home and let your surplus crop be the cotton and it won't make much difference to you whether cotton is 16 or 6 cents a pound.—Gaffney Ledger.

The Asheville Citizen truthfully remarked recently: "Newspaper publicity never injured a good citizen. The fear of exposure has often saved entire communities from the disgrace of revolting crimes. The newspaper of today has a mission to fulfil, and notwithstanding the occasional carping of adverse critics, that mission will continue to be fulfilled."

The Panama treaty has been ratified by an overwhelming majority. Now let us get busy and cut the canal through as soon as possible. It is a big undertaking and the eyes of the whole world will watch with anxiety the progress made by the United States in this great engineering feat. Let this work prove, as other great works have done, that nothing artificial is beyond the power of Uncle Sam to accomplish.

AN UNEXPECTED WEDDING.

The citizens of Columbus were greatly surprised on Sunday evening by the unexpected arrival of a bride and groom. They had slipped off and been united in the bonds of matrimony, unknown to anyone except one or two close relations.

This unexpected invasion of a bridal party caused quite a sensation and the news spread like wild fire all over town. In fact, everybody new it in less time than it takes to tell it. After hearing the news the next impulse was to get a glimpse of the newly married pair. And with that in view a number of people gathered near the scene of their temporary shelter. Who they were was soon revealed by their departure from the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. L. McMurray, for their own cozy little cottage, opposite the Presbyterian church.

The bride was Miss Carrie Laughter, one of Cooper Gap's fair maidens. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sarah Laughter, of Cooper Gap, and a sister of Mrs. A. L. McMurray, of this place. The groom is Mr. Logan H. Cloud, one of Columbus' most enterprising citizens, and is a second son of Mrs. Cloud, and has been a resident of Columbus all his life. He is engaged in the mercantile business and one of the proprietors of the firm McMurray & Cloud, successors to Arnold & Cannon, now of Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloud were "serenaded" by the young people on Monday night. As is the usual custom at these "serenades," there was plenty of noise made by tin pans, bells, etc. Some good music was also furnished.

The ceremony was performed by Squire W. D. Harris, of Rutherfordton, at the home of the bride's mother. Squire Harris said they were the 112th couple he had made happy by tying the wedding knot.

The wedding was a complete surprise to most people, but it is easily seen that it was a love match pure and simple. They are both industrious, which practically assures a successful career for them.

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- J. M. Putnam, Tuesday Mar. 1st, 1904.
- John McFarland, Wednesday Mar. 2nd, 1904.
- Mill Spring, Friday Mar. 4th, 1904.
- Lynch Whiteside's, Tuesday Mar. 8th, 1904.
- Pink Williams, Wednesday, Mar. 9th, 1904.
- Tryon, Mayor's Office, Friday Mar. 11th, 1904.

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W. C. ROBERTSON, Sheriff,

Columbus, N. C., Feb. 1st, 1904.

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