

Heaven on Earth

By Winifred Black

MRS. Cornelia Botkin died in the California Penitentiary the other day.

And the day after she died they took her body up to a little village in the green hills of California and buried her.

There was a funeral at the little old house where her parents lived, and her mother and father sat together at the head of her coffin, and the neighbors came and brought flowers, and the preacher from the little country church preached a simple, kindly sermon, and the village choir sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Come Ye Disconsolate" quite as if the woman whose body lay in the coffin had been a good woman all her life and had never been tried and sent to the penitentiary for murder.

For Mrs. Botkin's father and mother did not know that she had died in prison.

They did not know that she had ever seen the inside of a prison anywhere, and they never heard of the Botkin case, which was one of the most famous criminal cases ever tried on the Pacific Coast.

There is a little paper in the little village where Mrs. Botkin's old father and mother lived, and the paper printed every day accounts of the trial while it was going on.

But they called it the Dunning case and spoke always of Mrs. Botkin as the accused, and the old man and the old woman read the paper and talked the famous murder case over together and never even dreamed that "the accused" was their own daughter.

And all the little village took hold of hands and formed around the old people a cordon of silence, and woe be to any one who dared to try to break through.

We are prone to think of heaven as a place far removed from everything we know here on this earth. But oh, that little village out there, nestling in the green, green hills of smiling California! I wonder if the angels do not look down upon it and smile.—New York American.

The Rockefeller Foundation

Suggestion for the Use of Part of the Fund for Immigrants and Poor Folks

By Joseph N. Francolini

IN connection with the gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller the following plan has suggested itself to me as meeting many ill conditions:

First, the purchase of farm land adjacent to a large city.

Second, on every several acres of the land to be provided a house and warm with horse, cow and farm implements, seeds and trees according to the ground conditions in the judgment of an expert agriculturist.

Third, immigrants and poor people to be transported there and maintained (with a stipulated quantity of flour, dried meat, fruits, etc.), at the company's expense for a few months or more.

Fourth, at the termination of one year or more payments in instalments to be made by farmer to company until full amount of indebtedness has been paid.

Fifth, if at the termination of one year or more the farmer has not made the farm yield a certain percentage of increase another man to be placed there in possession.

The effects of this would be:

First, the dissemination of immigrants and those who live in congested city districts.

Second, the increase of wealth and produce to the country.

Third, the uplift of people who would otherwise live in a deteriorating environment.

Fourth, the provision of a continual fund for this work for a long time to come.

No Danger of Over-Population

By Bolton Hall

IT has been said that the time is not far off when the United States will be unable to support her inhabitants. But those who think that have either forgotten or have not reckoned with the new intensive cultivation of the land.

The island of Guernsey, in the south of England, is from four to seven miles in length, and about four miles in width. It has a resident population of 41,000, and a visiting population of 30,000 a year, which it supports. About \$4,500,000 worth of farm and garden stuff, or a little less than \$400 worth to the acre, is produced annually, with only 11,623 acres under cultivation.

Now, if the whole State of New York were cultivated and populated as that is cultivated and populated, it would yield annually \$15,000,000,000 worth of farm and garden produce, and support 233,641,473 people—that is, about four times the population of the entire United States. Wherein then lies the danger of overpopulation? Only in monopolizing and holding idle the land; where there are unused lands there are bound to be idle hands for all that we eat, use, and wear comes from the land by labor. "Over-population" and "pauper labor" are not the works of nature, and if they should ever come, the people themselves will be responsible.—Practical Ideals.

Opera in Europe

By William Armstrong

AN American going to Europe for appearance in opera finds very quickly the assurance of Italian and German audiences in pronouncing a verdict on the newcomer.

Intrigue does, and will, exist in Italy until the end of the story; it is as inevitable there as garlic and olives. But if the voice be a good one, true to the pitch, and supported by musical instinct, opposition by the best organized clique is generally swept into oblivion.

In Germany, the advent of the American singer, at first looked upon as a joke, grew presently to be a menace to the home product. Possessing exactly those qualities which the public demanded—and in a degree which the German aspirant, in general, did not—they grew into acceptance with that kind of amiability which attends the inevitable.

In Italy the singer is restricted in repertory almost entirely to the Italian school, with often a chance to sing in but one opera for a whole season; in Germany nearly everywhere the performances are of a versatility ranging from operetta to Wagner.—Alfred

NORTH CAROLINA EVENTS

Life in the Land of the Long Leaf Pine

Horse Doctors at Monroe June 23.

The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association will meet in Monroe June 23 and 24 in tenth annual convention. The State examining board will meet at the same time and place for examination of all candidates for license.

The North Carolina Live Stock Association will meet in conjunction with the veterinarians at Monroe, June 23 and 24, for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the live stock interests of the State. Dairy Inspector Conover of the United States government has requested the department to send one of its experienced stock raisers to make an address at that time.

Defective Railway Appliances.

In the Federal Court at Raleigh Wednesday the whole time of the court was taken up with the trial of the long-standing case of the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Norfolk & Western Railroad Co. on the charge of operating a freight train between Durham and Lynchburg that contained cars with defective safety appliances, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Government inspectors who found the defective appliances were the principal witnesses for the prosecution. This is regarded as a sort of a test case for this part of the country and the case will be appealed. A penalty of \$100 only is involved.

Gov. Kitchin Presented Diplomas.

The 115th commencement of the University of North Carolina came to a successful close at Chapel Hill Tuesday when Gov. W. W. Kitchin presented the diplomas to the graduating class in the name of the State of North Carolina.

President Venable, in his annual announcements, announced the election of Prof. Bain, of the University of South Carolina, to head of the Greek department as successor to Dr. Eben Alexander.

One hundred and ten degrees were conferred.

Rowan County Strong Financially.

Rowan county can boast of being in a splendid condition financially, the report of Treasurer Nicholas showing a total cash balance to the credit of the county in the city banks of \$35,889.89. Of this amount \$7,616.68 is to the credit of the school fund, \$3,636.20 to the credit of the county fund, \$4,643.73 to the road fund, and county and special township bond fund \$19,992.90.

Lucky Mistake for Criminal.

Rub Holt, a negro sent from Lexington county to the State prison 2 years ago to serve a sentence of 15 years for attempted criminal assault, turned up at Linwood recently, and it was found that the penitentiary officials had mixed him up with another negro whose time was out but when deputies went down to Linwood to arrest him, he had vanished, and is at large.

Pellagra Victims at Durham.

William H. Wilson, a colored contractor, died at Durham of pellagra. The finding of three new cases among the white ladies of the city and county has not moved the physicians to flight, though 11 deaths have occurred in Durham from this disease. All cases show hope of recovery.

Accommodations for Merchants.

In order to afford better boat facilities for the merchants between New York and Georgetown an additional steamer has been put on the Clyde Line, plying between New York and Wilmington and Georgetown.

Editor's Assailant Captured.

Will Honeycutt, a fugitive from justice and wanted at Wadesboro for trial on two charges, has been arrested at Fort Edward, N. Y. Honeycutt is the man who drew his knife on Editor Bivens of The Ansonian because of publications concerning his actions. He is charged with selling liquor.

North Carolina Nuggets.

The Southbound Railroad that is being built from Winston to Wadesboro will have, when completed, one of the best roadbeds in North Carolina. All crossings and bridges are made of concrete.

The franchise and all property of the Consolidated Power and Street Railway Co., of Fayetteville, was bought by J. Sprunt Newton for \$65,000. The property will be greatly improved.

The North Carolina Democratic Convention will meet in Charlotte July 14.

A license tax of \$750 is placed on the sale of near-beer at Spring Hope.

In some mysterious manner George Simpson, colored, was shot in the lower part of the abdomen at Wilmington Sunday night. He refuses to make a statement.

Any automobile license not renewed before July 1st will be cancelled and \$5 will be charged for a new license.

J. A. Bennett, of Greensboro, was killed by a train while walking alongside the track.

Murphy a Fine Business Town.

The territory tributary to Murphy has the richest timber areas, and mineral resources of great value. The town is located in a picturesque portion of the Southwestern part of North Carolina. A new hotel is being completed at a cost of \$75,000; a new \$20,000 school building is being erected; local business men are organizing a company to erect a furniture factory; a hydro-electric power plant is being developed on the Hiwassee river. A warm welcome awaits any new enterprise.

Lots of News in a Line.

Professor R. H. Latham, of Weldon, has been elected superintendent of the Winston city schools.

The work on the inland waterway is being pushed rapidly and the canal will be opened for traffic in November.

Isaac M. Mearns of Elizabeth City has been appointed assistant district attorney for eastern North Carolina by the United States Attorney General.

FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY

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Historical Event June 11.

One of the most important events of a historical nature that will take place in Eastern Carolina for some time will be the unveiling of a tablet by the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution at Nixonton, Saturday, June 11 at 2 p. m.

This tablet will mark the spot upon which the first law-making body ever convened in the State of North Carolina, but upon which stands Hall's Creek church. This historical spot is situated near the quaint old village of Nixonton and eight miles from Elizabeth City.

Ex-Judge Francis D. Winton, the gifted son of Bertie and a former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, will deliver the address of the day.

The first Albemarle Assembly met February 6, 1665, and was one of the first and most important events in the history of North Carolina.

The State was then owned by the Lords Proprietors who appointed the Governor and his council. These officers, aided by a body of men chosen by the people, made the laws, but all laws had to be approved by the Lords.

"The Old Reliable," Raleigh, N. C.

It is with genuine pleasure we reproduce the following extract from an editorial in The Raleigh News and Observer of May the 18th. There is nothing we can add to it, except our endorsement:

"The News and Observer enters upon its ninetieth volume today, and by a coincidence the editor also celebrates his birthday today; but not the ninetieth!

"Looking back, the management is thankful for the long lease of life and the service it has been able to render to every good cause in the State. It has now reached Appi Forum and 'thanks God and takes courage.' Looking forward, it hopes to be more largely useful in the years to come. It knows that its usefulness depends upon its service to truth, to justice, to equality, to fairness and the preaching of sound doctrine. The paper is consecrated to whatsoever things will lift up and develop North Carolina, and its people. Its mission is in this good commonwealth and to its people, going forward in those things that bring prosperity and true progress.

"Its success is a tribute to the people's desire to sustain an unsubsidized and independent newspaper, vigorous as a party organ, of the type that takes no orders but presents the principles of the party without shadow of turning."

Strawberries Yield Big Money.

Mr. J. C. Brown should feel that he is the champion producer of strawberries in Mecklenburg county. On three-fourths of an acre he gathered 1,834 quarts, which brought him \$196, or an average of 10 1/2 cents a quart. In bushels his berries measured 57.

Remember Confederate Navy Yard.

On a freight warehouse of the Seaboard Air Line Railway in Charlotte, the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy Friday unveiled a tablet so that future generations may know the spot, one hundred miles from navigable waters, where once was located the navy yard of the Confederate States.

Cotton Brought Good Price.

Mr. L. A. Beavers, Iredell county, sold 34 bales of cotton in Statesville to a local buyer, the purchase price being 15 cents the pound. Mr. Beaver has been holding some of the cotton for two or three years.

Stackhouse Escapes Electric Chair.

John Allan Stackhouse, scheduled to be electrocuted in North Carolina's new death chamber, June 10, is granted commutation by Governor Kitchin to life imprisonment. Stackhouse killed his wife in Scotland county. Representation was made to the Governor that the killing was under extenuating circumstances.

Savannah Killed in Fight.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Wielding a pocket knife, Samuel S. Bessinger, aged 65, a Confederate Veteran, stabbed and killed James Payne, aged 29, in a quarrel over money. Mrs. Payne, in an effort to separate the men, was hurled to the ground by her husband, who a moment later received his death wound.

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ALL OBSTACLES REMOVED

Officials Grant Permit For Big Pugilistic Battle July 4

San Francisco, Cal., Special.—With but two dissenting votes and without preliminary discussion the permit for the 45-round battle on July 4, between Jeffries and Johnson was granted Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

The board room was crowded with representatives of church and civic organizations who did not get a chance to voice their protests. The permit was advanced on the Board's calendar and was passed before the objectors knew it. When they learned that the permit had been granted, the protestants indignantly left the room in a body.

By their action the board of supervisors removed the last official preliminary obstacle in the way of promoters, who will now proceed with the erection of the arena. District Attorney Fickert and the chief of police have already announced that they will not seek to prevent the contest.

"A Woman's Scorn," Awful.

Alexandria, La., Special.—Samuel Fords announced Monday morning that he was to be married that night and that it would cost him his life. When Catherine Pritchard, whose name was not mentioned in the announcement, heard the news, she called on Ford and killed him with several shots from a revolver. Jealousy is alleged to have been the motive.

River Appropriations Trimmed.

Washington, Special.—The report of the conferees on the river and harbor bill was presented in Congress Tuesday and was approved. As finally agreed to it carries appropriations aggregating \$51,947,718, a net reduction of \$750,500 from the amount of the bill as it passed the Senate.

Had to be Shown, Anyway.

Washington, Special.—The statute of Missouri passed March 13, 1907, prohibiting foreign corporations from doing business within the state, if they seek litigation in the United States courts, is pronounced unconstitutional by the United States supreme court.

Grand Gift to Negro School.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—A Huntsville, Ala., dispatch says the McCormick family of Chicago has made a gift of \$17,000 to the trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for negroes at Normal, Ala., to be expended in a domestic science building and a new hospital.

Dismissed "Jim Crow" Regulation.

Washington, Special.—An attempt to have the Supreme Court of the United States pass on the authority of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to make "Jim Crow" regulations, met with failure Tuesday, when the court dismissed the so-called Chile (negro) appeal from its docket.

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CAPITAL FACTS

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS

Personal Incidents and Important Happenings of National Importance Published for the Pleasure and Information of Newspaper Readers.

Probably True at Other Places.

Col. W. C. Haskell, Superintendent of Weights and Measures, declared that practically all the 300,000 barrels of flour sold in Washington were short four pounds each of the advertised weight and that Washingtonians were paying annually \$42,000 for flour which they never received. Other items were in proportion, he said. Nearly every package sold in grocery stores was short four ounces, according to the investigations of his office, Colonel Haskell said, and bottled goods were short in quantity too.

Diet Won't Do for a Ploughboy.

Speaker Cannon has solved the problem of the high cost of living. He explained his system to 100 visiting school boys of New York and Philadelphia. He says he spends only 10 cents a day for breakfast, taking but a cup of coffee and an egg sandwich. He declared that when he is recklessly extravagant he spends a nickel more for an orange.

"When a boy, I learned to keep within my income," he said. "Now I am able to do it and thus can save a little for a rainy day."

Not In It For Money.

Preachers are the poorest paid class of men in the country, according to statistics compiled by the Census Bureau. The average pay of the clergymen is computed at \$663.

City preachers get much higher wages than those in charge of rural flocks, except in Catholic churches. The remunerations are fixed by diocesan authorities. The highest average paid by any denomination is to the Unitarians, \$1,653 per year.

Homing Pigeon in Fast Company.

A homing pigeon with repertorial instincts flew into one of the windows of the Senate press gallery Monday. It seemed quite exhausted, and had evidently found an unexpected harbor of refuge when it darted under the Capitol portico after a long flight. Some of the correspondents revived the bird with a little lemonade, and dispatched it on its way. The pigeon had on its leg a band marked: "P. B. 11-490—J. X."

Soldiers to Establish Clubs.

At several military posts the enlisted men are being induced to establish soldiers' clubs outside of the reservation and beyond the government control where in addition to the useful facilities of the garrison hall within the post they may obtain beer, light wines and other beverages under such regulations as will prevent intoxication or excess.

One in Washington Too.

Senator Gallinger introduced in the Senate the joint resolution which has already been introduced by Representative Moore in the House, for an exposition in Washington to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Industrial Art and Expositions.

No Canteens At Soldiers Homes.

The House, after vigorous debate, voted to refuse authority to national homes for disabled volunteers to maintain canteens where the homes are within five miles of towns where liquor is legally sold.

Needs a Light Job.

Upon his own application to be relieved of the duties of secretary to the President, which, it is said, have been so heavy as to threaten his health, Fred W. Carpenter has been appointed by President Taft to be United States minister to Morocco, to succeed H. Percival Dodge, a post which Mr. Taft believes will benefit Mr. Carpenter's health.

Red Cross Sign for Ads.

"The cross is the emblem of the Christian religion. I do not believe in giving any one organization a monopoly of its use. Therefore, I object to the consideration of the bill."

Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, with the above objection, struck from the unanimous consent calendar of the House a bill to prohibit the use of the Red Cross sign by any save the American National Red Cross Society, the measure being particularly directed toward those who use the insignia for advertising purposes.

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