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Only those who do nothing at all never make mistakes.—Balzac.

Saluda will welcome you Saturday.

The County telephone service is coming, some time.

Tryon will not be happy until the golf links are completed.

Crucify him! Crucify him! but Governor Slayton did not wash his hands.

Insurrection promotor Heurta would have better stayed over in Jersey and fought the mosquitos. He has spilled the beans.

Saluda wants all of Polk County to turn out next Saturday and attend the Independence Day celebration. There will be something doing.

President Wilson made a wise selection in naming Robert Lansing for Secretary of State. He is a skilled diplomat and has the reputation of being level headed.

The poorest man in the world is he who has nothing except money, says The Youths Companion. The man who has everything else except money is just as poor and less thought of.

The Asheville Citizen has started a "Wear White Socks" movement. They say it is quite stylish for men and women to wear white hosiery. So be it. Then remember that all hosiery must be cotton to be in style as silk is passe. If this is generally carried out it will help solve the cotton and dye problems. From now on we propose to be ultra stylish, in the matter of hosiery.

In telephone service the fee system for county units is a relic of by gone days. How long will Polk County phone users stand for a toll tacked on to calls within the county?

There should be a universal and comprehensive county service if we are to have any good from telephones. The fee system curtails calls, lessens business and hinders social activities. We suggest that the telephone companies of Polk County get together and give Polk County a real telephone system.

I have often wondered if the diplomatic affairs of the world could be carried on without the cigarette. A celebrated interviewer was working out Secretary of State, Lansing and the secretary looked at his cigarette before answering the interviewer's question. The secretary offered the interviewer a cigarette at one stage of the proceedings. I can remember at Teddy's Russian-Japanese Peace Conference, at Portsmouth, the diplomats all lighted cigarettes before proceeding with the work in hand. Wish the European war could be finished by the combatants puffing cigarette smoke at each other. It would be a degree less brutal than the gas bomb.

It is surprising how few people know anything about the flora of their native states. Here in Polk County there are so many species of wild flowers. I have asked many people for the names of some of them and in most instances can not be informed. I know most every wild flower in my native state. This knowledge was acquired by very little effort and practically no book study. In little journeys through fields and woodland, with a companion, observation and classifications were made. Most all wild flowers yield nectar, from which bees make honey, and the pollen from flowers is gathered by bees to feed their young.

Scientific bee keeping is a stimulus to study the flowers, trees and field crops as well as the habits of bees.

There is a strong fascination about the study of bees.

If one cares to keep bees the financial returns are sufficient "to make it pay." From the amount of wild flowers here, bee keeping should be developed.

Bees are necessary for fruit culture as well as vegetables and grains. Polinization in many instances is done by the honey bee.

It is charged that bees damage grapes. They are not the offenders. Some other insect stings the grape or from other causes the fruit skin comes open and then the bees work on it, without injury perhaps, for the fruit would rot anyway.

The honey crop of this country runs up in to enormous sums. Polk County should keep more and better bees, and like anything else, there must be intelligent effort and modern methods, then it will be very profitable. There is no branch of farming that pays so large returns for the capital and labor expended.

A LITTLE SKETCH

Of the Newly Appointed Secretary of State, Robert Lansing, of New York.

As in the case of John Hay in Spanish war days, the troubled state of the republic relations with European nations has caused the elevation to the highest post in the administration next to the presidency of a man whose proficiency is not political influence but the art of diplomacy.

Although employed frequently on diplomatic missions by Republican administrations and closely associated with his Republican father-in-law former Secretary of State John W. Foster, Mr. Lansing is a Democrat. but it was because of his ability as an international lawyer, not his political affiliation, that he was chosen counselor of the state department to succeed John Bassett Moore.

The other members of the cabinet unanimously favored the elevation of the counselor to the premiership. They believed it not only just, but wise, to make Mr. Lansing in name what he has been in fact—the secretary of state.

President Wilson and Mr. Lansing wrote the notes to Germany and Great Britain which Secretary Bryan signed until he resigned.

The administration is now in the midst of negotiations with Germany and Great Britain which the president and Mr. Lansing have conducted. Mr. Lansing will continue to collaborate with the president on this correspondence and will handle the other diplomatic business of the state department.

None of the many strange changes effected by the war in Europe has been more remarkable than the rise of Mr. Lansing from the comparative obscurity of a practicing lawyer to the post of chief adviser to the president.

When appointed counselor to the department about a year ago Mr. Lansing was serving as agent for the United States in the American and British claims arbitration, an appointment given by Secretary Knox under the Taft administration. Since 1892 Mr. Lansing frequently has been engaged in representing the interests of the United States in claims, arbitration proceedings, and at international gatherings.

He is 51 years old, having been born at Watertown, N. Y., on Oct. 17, 1864. He practiced law at Watertown for several years. He is a graduate of Amherst college and is the author of Government—Its Origin, Growth, and Form in the United States, and of several articles on diplomatic subjects. In 1890 he married Miss Elenor Foster, daughter of John W. Foster, Secretary of State under Harrison.

Some Climates.

The northern parts of Norway and Sweden extend well up into the Arctic circle, while the southern parts come down to the latitude of Glasgow; so there is a wide range between the winter temperatures in those countries. The same applies to Canada.

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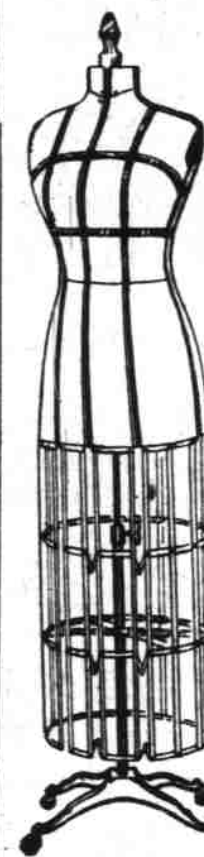
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