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During the temporary absence of Admiral Togo in Tokio General Stoessel swapped names with him.

Cotton has climbed up a fraction in the past day or two. There are indications that point to a further rise.

St. Louis is opposed to race suicide and is bending her energies to increase the population of the city to one million.

Some months ago General Stoessel said: "Port Arthur will be my tomb." But he has decided that some other graveyard will do just as well.

The Japanese fought hard for seven months to capture Port Arthur. Now they've got it, but we'll bet they can't pronounce the names of some of the inner forts.

The "hands" are with us again. Very nice looking body of men. If they do not serve the State well, it will not be due to lack of ability, if appearances are not deceptive.

The boll weevil seems to have got disgusted with the ways of the Texas people and is heard of no more. Probably the weevil didn't know how handy they are with a gun in Texas.

The Enterprise will endeavor to publish the proceedings of the Legislature, especially important bills, or bills of general interest. However, we will not attempt to mention those relating to local matters in distant parts of the State, such as "an act to make Bushy Creek run up hill," or laws requiring fish to wear bathing suits in Chucateck River.

Some people said that the fire district in Baltimore would not be built up in years—the limit being variously estimated at from two to twenty years. Not quite one year has elapsed and they are getting ready to hold a sort of "Built-up" celebration in the next few weeks. Of course the burned district has not all been rebuilt. But they are going to have the celebration while there yet remains a vacant lot or two.

THE ADVANTAGE OF ORGANIZATION.

If the farmers were organized the cotton situation could be handled more effectively, and, no matter who is at fault, the remedy, or remedies, could be found and applied more skillfully.

No organization for business, social or other purposes, has reached anything like perfection. But many professions, trades and business concerns are so well organized that they can accomplish almost anything in reason, and the more vital the undertaking, the better it is handled. The fact that other people are organized makes it all the more important that the farmers act as a unit in some things at least.

A few years ago a large per cent of our agricultural population was organized. Prices of farm products were low, trusts were being organized and the farmers were striking this way and that for relief, for plans to better their condition. Somebody suggested that the financial affairs of the country were out of whack, and no doubt they were. In an attempt to get a remedy many of the organized farmers went into a new party. This caused a division and the politicians did not fail to take advantage of it to widen the breach and scatter the forces. A new regime of politicians appeared on the scene. Some of them were honest, some were not without ability. The education and agitation of that period possibly did good. But some of the leaders of the movement wrecked the craft and about that time prosperity struck the country. No one knows where it came from nor what it consisted of. But it came. It is disappearing to some extent, or appears to be going.

The time may come when a new party seems necessary. But it has been proven that it is not best for organizations to prominently identify themselves with parties, new or old; that is, the membership of the organization. No matter how honest the membership of a new party may be, it has been demonstrated that the leadership of a new party will soon deteriorate to a condition that is no better than the leadership of the old parties.

Of course farmers should be reasonably active in politics. But there is no hope in a farmers' party, judging from the past.

When the farmers organize again it should be for business, social and educational purposes, and party lines should not be again permitted to bar the progress of the organization. There will be plenty of other pitfalls to be avoided. The organization should be for mutual protection, for self-preservation, and not for the purpose of fighting people in other lines of business or opposing other organizations, if it can be avoided.

CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR.

The most important event of the week was the capitulation of the garrison at Port Arthur. This has been reported before, but there is no mistake about it now.

This fortress has been captured twice by the Japanese. In 1894 that country engaged in war with China. Port Arthur was strongly fortified then, but the Chinese were not ex-

perts in that line. The forts were not perfect and they were not adepts in the art of war. The Japanese attacked the place both by land and water, and in a few hours their flag was floating in the city.

The war was of short duration, notwithstanding China had probably ten times the population of Japan, a pretty good navy and an indifferent army. The Japanese navy soon destroyed the Chinese fleet and whipped her army.

Japan intended to take a good slice off China, including Port Arthur. But a combination of Powers, including Russia, England, France and Germany, interfered and dictated the territorial indemnity, and at the same time seized a Chinese Port for commercial purposes, Russia getting Port Arthur. Of course Japan could not resist that combination.

Having nothing but ice-bound sea-ports, Russia seized Port Arthur highly, the climate there being milder than in any part of Russia. Later Russia arranged to build the Siberian railroad through Southern Russia and over Chinese territory to Port Arthur, starting at St. Petersburg. The distance is about 5,000 miles. Diplomats saw that Russia had started with a view to dominating the Chinese Empire, slowly, but surely.

In 1900 the Boxer disturbance in China gave Russia an opportunity. While the other Powers only threw troops into China in the vicinity of Peking to rescue the ministers and compel China to restore and maintain order, Russia began to pour troops into Manchuria, claiming that disorder existed and she must protect her property, the Siberian railroad. After the suppression of the Boxer trouble, all the Powers withdrew from China. But Russia, after having signed an agreement to do so, and making repeated promises, continued to rush troops into Manchuria, threatening Japan and the territory under her control. Failing to get satisfactory evidence of any good intentions on the part of Russia, and believing that if Russia once secured a good foothold in China that she would next threaten the very existence of Japan, that government annexed Korea and issued an ultimatum to Russia about one year ago. Russia continued to try to smooth the ruffled feelings of Japan with one hand and push soldiers into Manchuria with the other. Japan was quick, emphatic, but cautious. Russia still believed that Japan would hesitate to go to war with her. But, like an enraged tiger, Japan leaped upon her big antagonist. She first seriously crippled the Port Arthur fleet and the Vladivostock fleet. Since that time she has destroyed both fleets, with the exception of a few ships that made their way to neutral ports and disarmed. Her army on land has defeated and driven the Russian army back several times. Now that Port Arthur has been captured again, it is not thought that Japan will give it up without a struggle. If the Baltic fleet is located, Japan will crush it, and then the fight will go on between the great armies facing each other near Mukden when the winter breaks. Japan can get reinforcements as quickly as Russia, though her population is less than half that of her foe, for the Siberian railroad has been taxed to the limit all the while. It is not at all improbable that the brave little island kingdom will finally defeat Russia.

WITH THE QUILL DRIVERS.

The Henderson Goldleaf is twenty-four years old—the paper—not the editor. It is a clean, readable paper and gives the news in a manner satisfactory to its constituents.

The Durham Morning Herald has recently put in a splendid press, and the paper presents a much better appearance. But Colonel King's bright paragraphs made it shine somewhat before the press arrived.

Colonel Clark, the veteran editor of the Statesville Landmark, evidently knows that we are opposed to dueling, hence he is inclined to get "sassy."

Col. J. C. Caddell, editor of our neighbor, the Raleigh Times, has recovered from the smallpox and has resumed work on the paper. It is a pleasure to know that he has entirely recovered.

Mrs. Chadwick will put up the plea of insanity. The fellows who loaned the money can do the same.

Cream of the Press.

From the amount involved, it looks like there ought to be more lawyers in the Chadwick case than have yet appeared.—Atlanta Journal.

The legislators are assembling in Raleigh but they will find that the man with an axe to grind is there ahead of them.—Durham Herald.

A man was mobbed in Utah recently for kissing a girl. It is probably against the rules in Utah to kiss less than six at a time.—Augusta Chronicle.

The man who buys a nickel's worth of piety on Sunday is sometimes surprised to see the stock run low and the week still young.—Louisville Herald.

The ginners are determined that the Wall street gamblers shall not have the first pass at information concerning the cotton crop.—Dallas Morning News.

Mr. Bryan probably wonders why the routed Democracy of the nation does not apply to him for comfort and a supply of adhesive plaster.—Macon Telegraph.

The White House Christmas turkey seems to have performed its stunt without attracting attention of the argus-eyed correspondent.—Washington Post.

When a woman can't find anything else to worry about she can do it about whether the baby is going to wear sideburn whiskers when he grows up.—New York Press.

The "third battle of Manassas" seems to have disgusted Congress with the sham battle business and in this respect the army appropriation will be cut.—Atlanta Constitution.

This is a great country in which everybody is very busy regulating somebody else. In time legislation may be prescribed as a remedy for bad grammar.—Dallas (Tex.) News.

"Colorado is making giant strides in agricultural development," says the Denver News. Yes, she is even trying to make two Governor's grow where one grew before.—Washington Post.

There is an intimation that Mrs. Chadwick is insane, or at least that such a defence may be set up when her cases come to trial. If she proves to be unbalanced, it would be interesting to know just what is wrong with the business men who loaned her over a million dollars without security other than worthless bundles of paper.—Charlotte Observer.