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Charlotte is falling behind. John D. Rockefeller and Andy Carnegie both passed through Raleigh recently.

It is said that Richmond capitalists are behind a move to put all the ice plants in the South in a trust. They may find it a big job to freeze us out in the summer.

The esteemed Durham Herald cannot understand "what Raleigh wants with both water works and a dispensary." When bath tubs are introduced in Durham the Herald will catch on.

We do not pretend to know much about farming, but we do know that no farmer can afford to raise cotton or tobacco at any price and buy hay at \$20 per ton. There is not a farm in North Carolina, large or small, that will not produce clover, millet, crab grass, peavine, or some kind of hay, provided an effort is made to grow it.

The Thomasville Times reports "the third attempt" to burn a barn in that vicinity and says the "two former attempts were both successful," while the third attempt "was unsuccessful." No doubt the Times means well. But we are anxious to know what an incendiary means by setting fire to a barn that has been burned "twice since allretty."

A NEW EMANCIPATION.

Mr. C. M. Bernard, the well-known lawyer of this city, was one of the speakers at the recent Tar Heel Club banquet in Greensboro. His speech appears elsewhere in this paper.

The subject was a good one, and it would be a difficult matter to crowd more sense and truth into a five minutes speech on any question. And the words were well chosen. After the emancipation of the black man came the emancipation of the white man, and it is still going on. It is all right to be the descendant of worthy sires, yet that alone does not count today in North Carolina. The working man in any capacity, provided he uses his brain along with his hands, is the man who is helping to steer the ship of state out of the muddy, stagnant lake into the deep, clear stream of progress in North Carolina.

BEWARE OF RUMORS.

For some time rumors to the effect that the cotton growers are not standing up to agreements have been floating around. It is said here that farmers in Texas and elsewhere are selling cotton by the hundreds of thousands of bales. In every instance the scene of the selling has been placed far from where the rumor is set afloat.

In the past few days we have met a number of farmers who are holding cotton and who are reducing acreage. They are uneasy—the rumors have had the desired effect—to dissatisfy and discourage them. They feel that they are under no obligation to continue any concert of action, have partly lost faith in the scheme.

So far as we know or can learn, the rumors are without foundation. The reports of "receipts" of cotton at various markets are doctored. The sale of cotton has not stopped entirely anywhere. But we do not believe that the sales have been one-tenth as large as they would have been under normal conditions. During January and February the sales were extremely small. During the present month there has been a slight increase in number of bales sold, a number of farmers selling a small percentage of the crop on hand. Yet this was done openly, and, in most cases by men who are loyal, but who needed a little money.

We think they should have stored the cotton and gotten the regular advance of about 5 cents per pound. But some of them could not see it that way. Some people imagine that 25 cents per bale per month is "eating up" their cotton. Cotton has advanced enough in three months to pay storage more than a year.

Victory is in sight and we trust that the "don't sell" and "reduce acreage" plans will be carried out. It means much in the future as well as during this year.

SOME QUICK WORK.

President Roosevelt carried every Northern and Western State last fall and made large gains in most of the Southern States. The gains would have been larger but for the continuous tirade against the President on the race question.

After the election it was given out that the President would pursue a policy calculated to win over the opposition in the South. It is apparent that he has done so. He said many nice things about the Southern people and promised that he would be President of the whole country. However, fine words and promises were rather slow in bringing about anything like rapid assimilation, though they were surely doing the work. The climax came when the President appointed a prominent Alabama Democrat Judge, and intimated that there was more to come. Instantly the tone of the press was reversed and many would-be officeholders began to smile. At last the remedy had been found that would cure all sectional and partisan ills. "Great man," they said. "I was against him, but it was merely because he didn't belong to my party," etc., etc. Those who didn't care to come out and openly praise the President have been discreetly quiet.

If Mr. Roosevelt could only have made such an announcement before the election what a difference it would have made in the vote in the South? My! but they would have voted for him.

Hope of office hath charms that will soothe the most savage political breast.

LONG RANGE FORECASTING.

If there is anything that Chicago professors can't think of, we can't think what it is.

The latest is a lecture by Prof. Samuel Williston, Professor of Paleontology, whatever that is, at the University of Chicago. He says that in three million years the earth will be "dominated by birds instead of men."

"It will only be a natural course of events that will ultimately drive man from the dominant sphere on earth," said Prof. Williston. "First came the fishes. They were dominant for a while, and had to give way to the amphibians. Then came the reptiles, and soon they yielded to the mammals. Now the mammals are weakening, and the newest class, the birds, is growing to prominence, and in time, I sincerely believe, will be the dominant inhabitants of the earth."

As he puts it off about three million years none of us will be able to throw it up to him if his prediction doesn't pan out, which shows that he is a smooth artist.

Still, there is something in it. We have quite a number of "birds" now in human form—all sorts of birds. The late legislature was full of "birds."

The Audubon Society ought to get in communication with Dr. Williston and strengthen its cause very much.

Musings of an Old Maid.

BY AN OLD BATCHELOR.

The women who marries a dude need not be surprised if it becomes necessary to take a few boarders.

Some man has said that women are weak. They give evidence of more strength than men every day in the year.

One half of my sex is wearing out their lives trying to produce freckles and the other half trying to get rid of them.

All old maids detest single blessedness, yet most of them consider themselves lucky.

Every truthful man is bound to admit that pretty feathers make a pretty bird. But they will make fun of our efforts to look pretty.

Questions of Location.

Here is a new Mark Twain story, or, rather, an old one, recently come to light:

Some years ago the famous humorist asked a neighbor if he might read a set of his books.

The neighbor replied ungraciously that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let a book leave the house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of his lawn mower.

"I shall be very glad to loan you my lawn mower," said Mark Twain, "but since I made it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it here."

The Tobacco Trust has no need to worry. Until the Beef Trust is made to toe the mark it may rest perfectly easy.—Concord Patriot.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Spring is here. Editor Clark, of the Statesville Landmark, reports the first song of the whippoorwill in that section Monday.—Winston Republican.

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Russia has decided to continue the war to the bitter end. There's no denying the fact that the end promises to be bitter enough.—Rochester Herald.

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Mr. Roosevelt finds consolation in the fact that the advice and consent of the Senate are not needed for him to go and hunt bears.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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It may have been an extreme move on the part of the Southern, still if it settles it for good and always we are willing to overlook it.—Durham Herald.

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Premier Balfour's discovery that prolonged debates impede public business indicates a close study of the United States Senate.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Coal is to be reduced fifty cents a ton the first of April. The Ice Trust will take care to keep the householders from pocketing the difference.—Durham Sun.

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Grover Cleveland says that "Cortelyou is all right." Grover cannot have read some of the passionate speeches made by Alton B. Parker last fall.—Chicago News.

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The legislature created and appointed about 1,000 new officers. The pets must have jobs if it is only a tune and they have to whistle it themselves.—Hickory Mercury.

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Tennessee's election of a successor to Senator Bate sets an example in speed, at least, that might be imitated in Colorado and Missouri.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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If the trusts and the land grabbers ever get a virtuous streak the Government conscience fund will be big enough to fill the deficit hole in the Treasury.—Baltimore Sun.

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Perhaps that American girl who is "touring Europe with a pet pig sitting beside her in her motor car" merely wants to show that she is not ashamed of the origin of her father's wealth.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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The way Russia keeps the Baltic fleet hanging around in the Indian Ocean, neither sending it to the front nor calling it home, reminds one of a poker player fumbling his last dollar and trying to decide whether to risk it or put it back in his pocket.—Topeka Herald.

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Four members of the California State Senate were lately expelled, charged with having received bribes. "Bribes" is an inconvenient word. They should have been "entertained." Then they might have kept their seats.—Puck.

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There are rumors that Japan is willing to make peace on terms which include from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000 indemnity. Possibly the Mikado will consent to cut down the figures a little, but from present appearances it does not appear likely that he will offer bargain-counter rates.—Troy Times.

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Mr. Admiral Rojestvensky, the commander of the Russian fleet, is having a better time than anybody. He has nothing to do except to sail the ocean blue and keep his government guessing where he is at. All reports that he is hunting for the Japanese navy are contradicted.—Charlotte Observer.