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Rojestvensky debated a long time whether Togo or not Togo. He finally decided Togo and now probably regrets it.

According to the News-Leader more than 5,000 gallons of milk are consumed daily in Richmond. But they drink other things in Richmond besides milk.

Several governments have offered to pull Japan off Russia. But the Czar can't make up his mind whether to quit or not. If they will let Japan alone she will settle that sooner or later.

Robert C. Davidson, a wealthy citizen, and ex-Mayor of Baltimore, has converted all his property into cash and sailed for Europe a few days ago with a young woman, leaving his wife to mourn his loss. Of course Davidson was a pillar in the church. But the church was not responsible, it was the man.

Mr. Geo. B. Crater, who recently bought an interest in the Raleigh Evening Times, has taken charge. Mr. Crater has been business and advertising manager of the Charlotte Observer for several years and has no superior in that capacity in the State, and is an excellent man in every respect. He will bring his family to Raleigh later. Mr. M. S. Elliott, city editor of the Observer, comes to Raleigh and will be city editor of the Times. He also stands high in every respect. We welcome these gentlemen here and feel sure that the Times will take on new life.

### FATE OF ROJESTVENSKY.

Admiral Rojestvensky was severely wounded in the naval fight last week, and though he escaped from his sinking flagship to a torpedo boat, that boat was disabled and captured, and with it the wounded Admiral. He was carried at once to a hospital on the Japanese coast and is getting the best treatment. Admiral Togo has visited him, and expressed great sympathy for his plight. Rojestvensky will recover, and remain a prisoner in Japan, but will have perfect freedom, just as Admiral Cervera had in this country after his capture at Santiago.

#### **GRADUATED INHERITANCES.**

The late William Zeigler, of Philadelphia, a millionaire, set the world a good example when he had a provision inserted in his will setting forth that his adopted son, now fourteen, shall not begin to receive the benefits of the will until he is 25, and that he will get the property in graduated installments up to the age of 40. In other words, according to the will, the young man will not become of legal age until he is 25.

Thousands of young men are ruined by inheriting vast sums of money at the age of twenty-one, an age when they are hardly more capable of handling large sums of money than when they were fifteen. Too often the tendency is to be overwhelmed by the quick and easy prosperity. They either plunge into a life of dissipation or speculation, or both, and the fortune, character and health of the young man is soon gone. Frequently an inheritance of a few thousand dollars brings about the same result.

Of course the young man will have ample money for an education and for the comforts of life until he is twenty-five. By that time he will have some sense. The first installment will be sufficient to begin some business, if he is not already established, and the ballance of the fortune will come as he gets older and more capable of taking care of it. There will be less likelihood of his plunging into dissipation or speculation and the inevitable ruin.

Parents who have accumulated more or less property ought to consider the wisdom displayed by Mr. Ziegler and make their wills on the same plan, even for small fortunes.

### MORE LAWS NEEDED.

The Monroe Enquirer says it required no act of the Legislature to keep it from publishing the income tax returns; that it "considered that it would be in just as good taste and as much a matter of public interest to publish the amount of property listed by certain citizens as to publish the returns made by them as to their incomes. However," it concludes, "it looks like a mighty thin law-that prohibitory law against publishing facts from the tax books —and we have no idea it would stand if tested. The tax books are public property and a newspaper has a right to publish anything that may be found on them." But as General Leach used to exclaim, when he reached a climax in his speeches, "Great God, fellow-citizens! don't you understand?"

The Charlotte Observer adds:

The thing to understand now is that if anything is being done that you don't agree ought to be done, the remedy is to pass a law. If the hogs persist in sleeping under the churches in Pitt County-pass a law. If the boys ride bicycles on the street of Roper-pass a law. If the bears won't behave themselves in Big Wildcat Pocosin—pass a law. If there is anything worse needed in North Carolina than public education and foreign immigration, it is more prohibitory laws. To repeat Dr. Mc-Iver's story of the command given by the mother to the house girl concerning the children: "Sallie, go out in the yard, see what John and Mary are doing, and tell them to stop it." If any citizen of North Carolina is now doing anything that is not prohibited by law, a law to cover his case ought to be passed and he ought to be made to stop it."

Gentlemen, you have forgotten several things. Just think of that bill to remove beehives a certain distance from the public roads, and a hundred others.

### A WEIRD STORY.

Recently an item appeared in a Maryland paper giving an account by an alleged eye witness, of strange doings at the home of Mr. Louis Day, in Iredell County, this State, many years ago—in 1842. The witness, Mr. J. R. Turner, stated that the house was "haunted," and described some of the visitations of the "haunt." The Statesville Landmark published Mr. Turner's statements, and another witness has turned up in the person of Mrs. J. W. Gudger, of Davidson, N. C. She writes Landmark and corroborates statements of others.

It is said that rocks frequently fell on the roof of the house as if from a great height. Often they would go through windows and break dishes and other things in the house.

One day a man by the name of Parker took a piece of chalk and marked a rock lying some distance from the house. He returned to the yard and in a few minutes the identical marked rock fell in the yard near his feet.

Mrs. Gudger says that the clothing of Mrs. Day caught on fire several times when she was not near any fire. One day she was sitting in a room sewing. There was no fire at all in the room. Suddenly a cap she had on her head flashed into a blaze and was consumed.

Thus we have it from apparently reliable people that the Day house was really haunted, and that there were no natural causes for the falling of the rock nor the fires. What are you going to do about it? We do not believe in "haunted houses." Yet, there are people who do and they seem to tell the truth.

## How the Birds Saved Her.

A woman whose health was breaking from monotony, and who was resigning herself to a flatness and flavorless insipidity of a stagnant life, resolved to study some branch of the life about her. She chose the life of the birds. Patiently, minutely and lovingly, opera-glass in hand, she watched the little creatures who make nests in the trees and sing about the eaves. She grew five years younger in a single season. She noted the comings and goings of the birds, when they arrived, and when they departed in the spring and autumn, and as she entered into their realm of wings and songs her life took on a new brightness and zest. People began to say, "What a charming woman is Mrs. ----. How much she knows Why, she can tell me the most extraordinary things about birds!"

Of course she could. She was using her eyes.—Margaret E. Sangster. in Woman's Home Campanion.

Justice Holmes, of the Supreme Court, says that dealing in futures is the "self-adjustment of society to the probable." Ever hear gambling called such a nice name before?—Kansas City Journal.

#### CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Father Gopon must have had a pleasant half hour when he got the news.—Chicago Record-Herald.

An analysis of the political roster of Maryland shows no trace of Clay, but a large percentage of Mudd.—Staunton (Va.) Leader.

Events came so swiftly that Togo could not think of anything more to do to the Russian fleet, or he would have done it.—Durham Sun.

The season of green fruit is at hand, and many a case of plain, old-fashioned colic will have to take the appendicitis cure.—Washington Star.

It is noticed that man never admits that he is insane until he has done something and wants to escape the consequences.—Durham Herald.

An Iowa man claims to be entitled to the Servian throne. While he is about it he ought to go after a job that is worth while.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

If Botanist Burbank wishes to confer a real boom on humanity he should set to work to improve the strawberry at the bottom of the box.—Chicago News.

The Japanese navy has given continental Europe an even greater shock of surprise than the one just previously given it by the American navy.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The experts need waste no time and gray matter in demonstrating that Rojestvensky's tactics were faulty. Togo has saved them the trouble.—Pittsburg Times.

Some of those Russian worthies who have been fattening on the war probably argue that the fact that graft is unknown in Japan is another proof that she is not civilized.

The point made against Mr. Loomis is that he borrowed \$10,000 from the wrong party, and that sort of thing is a great fault in a public official.—Memphis News-Scimitar.

Mexico is extending a hearty welcome to Mormons and Dowieites, and the United States will give them an enthusiastic send-off if they will only migrate there en masse.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Snow having been discovered on Mars, Mr. Baer must regret that his divine right to run all the coal mines does not extend to that planet.—Rochester Herald.

It is asserted that Charley Mitchell and old John L. have signed to meet next fall. As to weapons, it is not known whether phonographs or telephones will have the call.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Japan now acknowledges the loss of ships last year. This year's losses may be confided to the world later on. Those Japs know how to keep a secret when it means something.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

A certain beauty specialist has made a talk on the subject of "Woman's Duty to Become Beautiful." She has a gentle way of sentencing women to hard labor for life.—Front Royal (Va.) Sentinel.

The summer resorts have opened up again. The delicate and feeble rich can now have another opportunity to be relieved of some of their cash, while the robust farmer, with a 44 calibre appetite, will continue to plow and sweat, eat his cabbage and beans, drink buttermilk and rest well at night,—Our Home.