

(GEORGE S. MERRIAM)

A little thought will show you how vastly your own happiness depends upon the way other people bear themselves toward you. Turn the idea around, and remember that just so much are adding to the pleasure or the misery of other people's days.

STANDARD OIL CASE

The opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court dissolving the Standard Oil Trust and its 18 subsidiary corporations shows that the people are still supreme and that the courts are still the guardian of the rights of all the people. Probably never before has this high tribunal handed down such an important decision, but for some reason trade circles expected it and there was surprisingly little flurry in the markets of the world. The court says the Standard Oil Company was a monopoly in restraint of trade and therefore ordered it dissolved within six months. The great trust has made it clear that it will obey the decree but as yet has not announced its plans of re-organization.

Frank B. Kellogg who took all the testimony in the case on behalf of the Government said that the Standard Oil organization was not a natural growth, but was born and reared in fraud and oppression, and "hangs over the commerce of this country today like a threatening cloud."

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, he told the court, controlled from 85 to 97 per cent of the oil business of the country, with a financial power beyond that possessed by any other combination ever known. The combination, he added, was "made effective and powerful by reason of preferential rates and rebates in transportation, the greatest ever known to have been made and by unfair and brutal methods of competition, which in and of themselves between merchants and corner grocerymen would not be dangerous, but in the hands of a combination of this size and of this power, are the most dangerous instruments to independent dealers, manufacturers and men engaging in enterprise known in commerce.

There are various tones of comment on the opinion. President Taft is disappointed, there is much gratification in administration circles around Washington and some misgiving, while many Democratic senators and representatives expressed their disappointments as to the "rule of reason" feature of the decision. Senator Culbertson goes so far as to say that it is a greater victory for the trusts than for the people.

WHY TO COLLEGE?

High School graduates, you have received your diplomas in Piedmont, Boiling Springs and Shelby, now go to college. You ask why to college? President Louis Edward Horden of the University of Wooster, O., names six things which young people receive in exchange for their years spent in study.

- (1) Education increases the earning power of the individual
- (2) American youth are ambitious to achieve success in life.
- (3) Youth recognizes that college associations will be of indefinite value to them in after life.
- (4) Education develops the student's individuality.
- (5) Man gains self-respect and recognizes from others more by what he is than by what he possess.
- (6) College training opens up the vistas of the higher life.

As an illustration that the Farmers' Union has for one of its cardinal doctrines that none of its officials shall hold political office, the president of a Georgia division was elected a member of the State legislature a few days ago and before he took his seat, the union held its annual convention and his successor was chosen. By this action the union proves that it is "co-operative and educational," not political. It has for its aim the agricultural advancement of the country by modern business methods and by spreading the gospel of scientific farming.

This was graduation in Cleveland county High schools and a score or more of young men and women were given receipts for having gone through the institutions. Let them continue their education and be prepared for the high duties of life.

A business man said on the streets the other day that he had rather be a crooked success than a straight failure. He does not know that it takes honest dealing to make a permanent success. A crooked success is only temporary.

KINGS Mountain has taken a commendable step in a progressive way by voting \$25,000 in bonds for good roads. We are glad to see our sister town fall in line.

PRESS dispatches tell that peace is about to reign in Mexico. Let us hope that it is not only for a "piece of time" but for all time.

"THE rule of reason" is a powerful rule. The U. S. Supreme Court applied it to the dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust.

Is Mecklenburg losing faith in its Declaration of Independence? The celebration this year is so very modest.

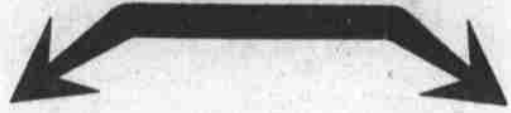
THE daily issue of the Congressional Record is one unspoken speech after another.

A New York church has a lady by the name of Miss Alice Yells in the choir.

Dr. Grigg Graduates

Dr. T. O. Grigg, son of Dr. Miller Grigg of this place graduated at the Southern Dental College, Atlanta this week and also received license to practice in the state of Georgia. He arrived home Tuesday and will practice with his father. He is a brilliant young man, thoroughly versed in the most modern methods of dentistry. The Shelby dental fraternity will welcome him.

Attention LADIES



If you want a nice, stylish shoe that neat, soft and flexible kind, buy the Zeigler shoe. This is a fine line of shoes, the prices are \$2.50 to \$4.00. You should see our cheaper line of the Gordon shoes for ladies and children in patent leather, strap sandals and all solid and fine looking, prices \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Silks! Silks!!

50c Jap Silk now 25c. \$1.00 black Taffeta now 75c the yd. \$1.25 Silks 98c. 50c Foulards now 35c., all new and selling fast. 9 by 12 ft. Matting Art Squares to cover your room \$2.65, the Rugs to match 35 and 48 cts. Window Shades 25c. Trunks and Valises a fine line cheap. Window Curtains at all prices.

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W. C. WHISNANT,
Shelby, N. C.

Wants It Again.

It is now definitely known that President Taft will launch his campaign for renomination when he makes his western trip in September. All plans of the administration forces are being made to that end, and everywhere the President goes he will find that the "stalwart" members of his party will be on hand in force to show their loyalty.

Any Time

Your buggy needs painting is the time to have it done. But now is the best time. Bring it in and let us paint it for you. We make new tops, cushions and backs, put on rubber tires, new wheels, axles, shafts, bodies and seats, in fact anything you may need for your buggy we have it or can get it on short notice. Let us make you a new buggy.

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Best quality Chambrays in perfect short lengths up to 10 yards and in all the colors for only 6c yard.

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In addition to our big line of Hickory Shirtings and Otis Checks we have just added a case of Figured Blue Drill Shirting, a 12 1-2c value that we have put on sale for 10c yd. Don't forget to see this.

Overalls

Big line of Overalls for boys and men in all the grades and to fit every size from the smallest to the largest. See our Men's Overalls at 45, 50, 65 and 75c and the best made by Sweet-Orr & Co., for One Dollar.

Yard Sticks

We have a nice yard stick for every lady customer. Call and get yours before they are all gone.

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