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GAMBLING MANIA.
 We have adverted to the fact that the gambling mania seems to permeate the American people at the present time, to an extent never before known. From the great financiers who manipulate great trusts and railroad systems on down through the scale of activities to the picaninies who play craps in the alley, the effort to get something for nothing is so prevalent, that people take all kinds of chances to accomplish that end. The mania is not confined to the worldlings and non church-members, but persons who stand high in the church often engage in these unfair and questionable schemes and speculations, that are simply gambling when you see them stripped of the technical names by which they are known in polite society. A great deal of this kind of thing goes on under the form of company business or the organization, this, however, does not lessen the crime of the persons connected with it. The teachings of the Golden Rule seem to be entirely overlooked and the idea of getting the largest amount possible, for the least amount given in return, has taken the place of the teachings of the Master. Now the question that comes to most thinking people is "what are you going to do about it?"

A great crusade against gambling, in all its forms, inaugurated with great demonstration and a flourish of trumpets, is not the way to remedy the evils. But a close and searching scrutiny of each individual into his own life and conduct, with the determination to correct his own errors, is the way to check this growing and menacing evil. "What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The persons who accumulate wealth by these unfair means, are not any happier than those who do not, in fact there is a conscious peace and satisfaction that comes to the individual who "provides things honestly," that is unknown to the gambler and grafter.

One way and perhaps the best way, to counteract this gambling tendency, is for each individual to strive against the tendency in his own life and to see to it like Joshua of old that "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The Lenten Season which we are just entering, which commemorates the forty days fasting of the Savior, is set apart by a large branch of the Christian Church, as a special time for self-examination, and those afflicted with this gambling mania will do well to consider it prayerfully during the Lenten Season.

Competitors say I cannot sell goods as quoted. I say I can. J. W. Self.

In Memoriam.
 Miss S. T. Rankin.
 To her to whom all nature's loveliness appealed,
 What wondrous beauty heaven hath revealed!
 To her to whom the sunset sky and altar seemed
 Whence incense of pure reverence up-streamed.
 What must the worship of that Holy City be
 Where beauty in perfection dwells eternally!

To those who in rare moments saw behind the veil,
 That hid her artist soul, what joy it is to feel
 That human weakness now no longer holds her back—
 Of health and strength in heaven there is no lack,
 And so by Fancy let me follow her and see
 What heaven keeps for those who suffer patiently. O. H.

Wouldn't Accept Fee.
 Salisbury, Feb. 28.—It is certain that Democratic sentiment is with Congressman Blackburn. While the tendency is to keep hands off, there are not a few Democrats who will rejoice to see Mr. Blackburn come out on top. There are others who express the hope that if Blackburn is downed, the whole business will go. A surprise was sprung here to-day when W. R. Krider, one of the Asheville witnesses whose testimony brought forth one of the indictments against the Congressman, gave out the following interview in The Evening Post:

"Mr. Blackburn did not accept a fee from me. On the 15th day of March, 1905, a revenue agent seized a wagon and team belonging to me for alleged violation of the revenue laws. I was away from home at the time, but being advised, returned the next day. I called Mr. Blackburn up by the telephone and conversed with him about the case. A compromise had been offered by which I was to pay \$100. This amount I placed in his hands and tendered him a few dollars for services rendered me. "No I can't accept a fee, Bob," he said.

"Mr. Blackburn had frequently given me legal advice during the campaign preceding his election, for which I had not paid him a cent and later I pressed upon him \$500 for these services" which he accepted. This was not considered in connection with his friendly service in my Federal Court case.—Charlotte Observer.

Pushing South and Western.
 Rutherfordton, Feb. 25.—The South and Western Railway people are quite active in this vicinity now and are busily engaged in pushing the work with a view of locating the line so that the construction work can be begun in the early spring. They have three engineering corps in the field—one at this point, one south of town and the other north, locating the line by this place and making the Seaboard Air line connection. That the line will now come by Rutherfordton is almost a foregone conclusion. Division engineer Daniels is here in charge of the work and will remain until the route is finally and permanently located. I also learn from a most reliable source that the Seaboard Air Line will at an early date begin great improvements on their line between this point and Wilmington, preparatory to making this important connection with the South and Western. One authority says that this company will put in new and heavier iron bridges, and straighten the line. This work will all be done by the time the South and Western reaches this place. Charlotte Observer.

WANTED FOR CASH—20 Leicesters Post 8 feet long and not less than 4 inches in diameter at small end.
 H. C. MARTIN.

Carpenters, Steel Squares.
 The large steel squares used by carpenters are such a common tool that perhaps few know when and where they were first made, and how they came to be used, or even give the matter a thought. The making of them is a great industry now, but when the last century came in there was not one in use.

The inventor was a poor Vermont blacksmith, Silas Howes, who lived in South Shaffsbury. One dull, rainy day a peddler of tinware called at his shop to have the blacksmith fasten a shoe on his horse. These peddlers traveled up and down the country calling at every farmhouse buying everything in the way of barter. This one had a number of worn out steel saws that he had picked up in various places. Howes bargained for them shoeing the peddler's horse and receiving the saws in payment, and each thought he had an excellent trade.

His idea was to polish and weld two saws together, at right angles, and thus make a rule or measure superior to anything then in use. After a few attempts he succeeded in making a square, marked it off into inches and fractions of inches and found that it answered every purpose that he intended it for.

In the course of a few weeks he made quite a number during his spare hours. These he sent out by the peddlers, who found every carpenter eager to buy one. Soon he found orders coming in faster than he could supply the demand. One of his steel "squares" would sell for \$5 or \$6, which was five times as much as it cost him.

He applied for and obtained a patent on his invention so that no one else could deprive him of the profit it gave him. It was just after the war of 1812, and money was scarce and difficult to get. But he worked early and late, and as he earned money he bought iron, and hired men to help him. In a few years he was able to erect a large factory and put in machinery for the making of squares, which by this time had found their way all over the country and had made their inventor famous.

Such was the small beginning of a large and important industry. People came miles to see the wonderful forges, the showers of sparks flying from beneath the heavy hammers, and listen to the din of the thousand workmen.

It's an easy matter for a woman to manage a husband if she has tears to shed and knows when to shed them.

The President and Our Schools.
 That our public school system is too deeply rooted in the American heart for any power to successfully overthrow it, we think, beyond question. We must not think, however, that it is safe beyond assault, for never will that time come until Rome and her Jesuits be unmasked and driven from our borders. Rome is now, and will ever be, the mortal enemy of our free school system—and she hesitates not to consign her devotees to the fires of eternal perdition should they send their children to the American school. However, it is refreshing to hear our President speak out—so like the man he is—in behalf of our public school. On December 18th Washington celebrated the centennial of the public S in the District of Columbia. During the celebration a reception was tendered at the White House to those organizations interested in educational affairs, at which the President said:

It has been my good fortune that all of my children have received, or receiving, a portion of their education in the public schools of this District, in this city; and I feel that the advantage to them is incalculable. I certainly do not underrate the importance of the higher education. It would be the greatest misfortune if we ever permitted such a warped and twisted view of democracy to obtain as would be implied in a denial of the advantage that comes to the whole nation from the high education of the few who are able to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain it. But while fully admitting this, it remains true that the most important of all is the education of the common school.

The public schools are not merely the educational centers for the mass of our people, but they are the factories of American citizenship. Incidentally to its other work, the public school does more than any other institution of any kind, sort or description to Americanize the child of foreign-born parents, who come here when young, or are born here.

Nothing else counts for as much in welding together into one compact mass of citizenship the different race stocks which here are being fused into a new nationality—American.

Jacksonville.
 Jacksonville has one institution which it is claimed lacks a duplicate—a trolley line owned and operated solely by negroes. The lines extend through "Spotless Town," where the majority of the ten or fifteen negroes live. The men on the cars are negroes, and each car bears a sign over three seats at one end of the car, "for whites." When I saw this the idea struck me that here was an effective answer to the negro's claim of discrimination by the operation of the so-called Jim Crow car law when some two or three or whatever number of seats is necessary is designated "for negroes" on the ordinary cars. If it is discrimination against the negro to keep him to himself on the white man's cars it certainly is discrimination against the whites to keep them to themselves on the negro lines. I never, however, heard of a white passenger complaining because he could not sit among the colored passengers.

There is apparently a great number of saloons in this city, but I was told that this only seemed to be the case because they were confined to one street. However this may be, one can hardly get out of sight of the whiskey shops. On Saturday nights there is one joint at least, which holds an auction sale—just as second hand furniture, etc., used to be sold in front of the old court house. The bidding as a rule was pretty lively up to within a dime or two of the regular price of the stuff.—J. C. A. in Charlotte Observer.

A woman never gets the water so hot for boiling potatoes as she does for soaking her husband's feet when he has a bad cold.

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 Subsisting on oatmeal and milk at Wilbraham Academy while struggling for an education.
 Left all night on a battle-field for dead.
 Running to his burning home when the wounds received in the army broke out afresh as he fought the cruel flames that were destroying his library, furniture and wedding presents.
 Lying in a hospital in Paris, hearing the physicians say "You have only a few days to live."
 Working on a Boston Paper for \$5 a week, while living on one meal of bread a day and carrying bread and milk home to his loved ones.
 Barely escaping murder at the hands of gamblers in New Orleans, whose precincts he had invaded for news.
 Visiting Babylon, Jerusalem, Rome, Paris and Waterloo, where his vivid imagination peopled those scenes with the historic personages whose memories are imperishable.
 Sick and nigh unto death with fever in a hotel in Rome.
 Standing by the grave of a loving wife, feeling that every earthly hope was buried beneath the sod.
 Singing "Nearer My God, to Thee," on a water-soaked vessel during a dreadful storm, when the captain said, "We cannot survive an hour."
 Undertaking large Christian enterprises with no money, sustained by a heroic faith.
 Turning at last from long-cherished ambition to lay his life on the altar of sacrifice and service.
 Praying all night in The Temple when in extreme need of money to carry on building enterprises, when notes were on the verge of protest, and having his prayers answered in ways beyond human understanding.
 Waiting by the penitent's side before heaven's open door until he hears the echo of rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God!

Women may be able to make cake according to direction, but they cannot manage husbands that way.

You cannot always tell from a young lady's company manners how she will act when there isn't anybody around but homefolks.

FOR SALE—A lot of personal property, consisting of Household and Kitchen Furniture, one wagon and Farming Tools, also several head of cattle, two good cows, Grain, Corn, Wheat and Rye Straw, Fodder and Pea Vine Hay. All the above named property not sold privately will be sold at auction on Thursday March 8th, 1906. A. B. PRESTWOOD, R. F. D. 3, Lenoir, N. C.

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The Blue And The Gray.
 Southern Pines, Feb. 24.—The first attempt of the people of North Carolina to have a reunion of the men who fought in both armies of the civil war culminated to-day in one of the most satisfactory gatherings that Southern Pines ever witnessed. Gov. R. B. Glenn delivered the principal address of the occasion. Gen. J. S. Carr, of Durham, also occupied a conspicuous place on the programme. The occasion was one long to be remembered.—Charlotte Observer.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
 Our \$2.00 and \$3.00 Hats are guaranteed Newland.
 You can get some rare bargains at Watson's.
 WANTED—Men in each state to travel, post signs, advertise and leave samples of our goods. Salary \$75.00 per month. \$3.00 per day for expenses. KUHLMAN CO., Dept. S. ATLAS BLOCK, CHICAGO.
 Shoes at old prices at Watson's.
 GET PAY—While you are sick or hurt. See J. W. Long, Agent Southern Benevolent Association, Lenoir, North Carolina.
 A lot of New Spring Goods at Watson's.
 Ladies Skirts, Furs, Fashions, Capes and Jackets at your own price at Watson's.
 A few \$10.00 suits for \$5.00 at Watson's.
 Don't fail to see the bargains at Watson's.
 Watson will almost give you a suit of clothes. See him before you buy.
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 You can save money trading with Watson.
 WANTED—10 or 15 Wood Choppers to put up cord wood at 50c per cord. E. F. Wakefield.
 STRATED—One Roan or Gray Mare about 12 years old, with white spot near root of tail. The above mare came to J. W. Suddreth's, 4 miles west of Lenoir on Morganton and Lenoir road, on 15th of February, 1906, and is there now. Owner is hereby notified to call and take up said stray mare or same will be sold for charges at the end of 30 days. J. L. MILLER, Ralnger Caldwell Co.

City and Suburban Property.
 11 room house, 1-2 acre lot on North Main Street. A nice home \$3000.00.
 1-2 acre lot near Plant Store. A nice building site \$75.00
 8 room brick dwelling and store combined on North Main Street, \$2000.00.
 8 room, two story house and one acre, West Main and Prospects Streets, \$1500.00.
 12 room house and 1-2 acre, Ridge Street. A nice residence convenient to town, \$1750.00
 7 room house and one acre, just out of town on Taylorsville road. Cheap at \$1000.00.
 6 room house and lot 62x455 feet on Vance Street, \$1250.00.
 32 building lots in West Lenoir.
 4 building lots, extension South Main Street.
 1 lot 140x185 feet, Norwood Avenue and Westman Avenue, \$300.00.
 12 room house and 1-2 acre lot at Granite Falls, Good Hotel, \$1000.00.
 4 room house and 6 acres, barn, well 100 feet deep, just outside of town on extension of North Main Street, \$1100.00.
 6 building lots Beall's Hill.
 14 acres Beall's Hill
 8 room house and 1/2 acre lot, Ashe Street, \$1,500.00
 2 nice building lots near Fairfield.

This is Mattocks & Lenoir's Cat.
 In several instances people have bought property from us and resold within 60 days for an advance of 25 to 100 per cent. Look these over carefully and you can do the same.
 A good trade makes you as happy as a cat.



Farm Property.
 75 acres, 30 in cultivation, 7 room house, 5 miles from Lenoir, \$2,000.00.
 16 acres, 4 room house, near Plant, \$1,000.00.
 64 acres, 30 cleared. Six room house and good barn. Good Fruit and well watered. 5 miles of Lenoir, \$1250.00.
 450 acre Farm at Blackstone. A Nice Residence. Good bottom land. About 1,000,000 feet of timber, \$8750.00.
 200 acres, 7 room house, 6 miles from Lenoir on Yadkin Valley, \$3500.00.
 170 acre farm 7 miles from Lenoir on Lower Creek, \$3000.00.
 26 acre farm, 2 miles from Lenoir, 4 room house and good barn, \$800.00.
 110 acres and four room house on Catawba River. Near Amherst Academy. 4 room house. 80,000 feet of timber \$1250.
 60 acres on Hibriten road, 3 miles from town \$600.00.
 25 acres—15 bottom, 2 miles N. E. of town, \$1250.00.
 263 acre, good farm and premises, 1/2 million of timber, on Smoky Creek, \$4000.00.
 127 acres—1 mile from town, 43 acres bottom, \$40.00 per acre.
 If none of these meet your approval we have others. Just come to headquarters and inquire and we will please you like we have done hundreds of others.
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