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THAT WHICH IS MORALLY WRONG CANNOT BE POLITICALLY RIGHT.

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## Amusement for the Winter Lyceum Course Assured.

The Civic League has just closed a contract with the Alkahest Lyceum System, of Atlanta, Ga., that will give Thomasville's people a series of very fine entertainments during the winter months. The attractions selected are the best that can be gotten, and all of them come to us highly recommended. The series consists of six shows, (two more than we had last season) one to be given each month during the winter, beginning with the month of October.

The attractions engaged are as follows:

Edwin R. Weeks Company, Fisher Ship Concert Company, Alkahest Ladies Quartette, Robt. Parker Miles (Lecture), Wilburn Starr Quartette, Songs and stories of the Red Man. The first in the series will be the Edwin R. Weeks Company, which will appear the latter part of October, the date to be announced later.

### The Rhal Rhal Rhal Boys Leaving for College.

School days are upon us again and within the next few days the different schools and colleges through the country will claim several of our boys, some of whom have already gone, and the others will follow next week.

Below we give a partial list of the young men leaving and where they go:

Mr. Gerald W. Johnson, Wake Forest. Mr. Chas. M. Griffith, Jr., University of North Carolina. Mr. W. H. Kinney, A. & M. Mr. Paul Green, Rutherford College. Mr. Walter Lambeth, Trinity Park. Mr. Willie Julian, Bethel Academy. Mr. Everett Cates, Whitsett, Mr. Lionel Strayhorn, Rutherford College. Mr. Henry Yow, Catawba College. Mr. Walter Stone, Liberty-Piedmont Inst. Mr. Wallace Stone, Liberty-Piedmont Inst.

### Capt. F. C. Robbins Eulogized.

There is not a better citizen in Davidson County or in N. C. than Capt. F. C. Robbins, of Lexington. He lives on a plane so exalted that his very name is a terror to a political trickster and demagogue. He has done more, perhaps than any other man in the county to exemplify in his own life and to promote with all the energy of his nature the cause of civic righteousness in Davidson County. May his useful life be spared yet many years!—*Charity And Children.*

### Thomasville's Two New Cotton Mills to Start Soon.

We are told by Mr. C. G. Hill, that he hopes to get the Amazon Cotton Mill running by October 1st. Mr. T. J. Lillard informs us that the Jewel Mill will probably start up about November 1st.

When these mills are started Thomasville will take on new life. They will give us diversified industry—just what we have needed for a long time—and the very thing necessary to make Thomasville take her place along side of the best towns in the State.

Watch Thomasville grow.

### Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Armfield Crossing the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Armfield left Wednesday for a long journey across the continent, having for their destination Los Angeles, California, where Mr. Armfield goes to attend the American Bankers Association.

Their route calls for a change at Charlotteville, Va., and from there they will go to Cincinnati and on through Chicago, Denver, Yellow Stone Park, Butte and Missoula. Before returning, they will visit several points of interest, including the Grand Canyon and some points in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Armfield will be away about six weeks.

### Cupid vs. Devil, Cupid Leading By a Narrow Margin.

In Davidson Superior Court, held in Lexington last week, four divorces were granted. During the same week marriage license were issued to only six couples.

And still the old mill continues to grind, while Cupid shoots his arrows as if nothing had happened.

## Old Soldiers Going to Norfolk.

### Boys of '61 to Renew Their Devotion.

Thomasville will be well represented when the United Confederate Veterans of North Carolina meet in Norfolk, Va., September 6.

Among those going from here are Messrs. P. L. Ledford, "Uncle Dock" Ferabee, "Uncle Billy" Marsh and P. C. Thomas.

### Admiration For Mr. Parham, Democratic Nominee For House.

Mr. B. W. Parham, having been nominated by the Democrats for the House from Davidson county, has severed his editorial connection with THE THOMASVILLE DAVIDSONIAN, as he "wishes to devote his time and attention to the coming campaign and desires to leave both himself and the paper unfettered in expression on issues and men." It would not have been at all indelicate for Mr. Parham to have continued as editor of the paper, but his high sense of the proprieties is to be admired.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

### Mr. C. L. Bushnell Resigns as President of the Myers-Green Furnishing Co.

Mr. C. L. Bushnell, who several months ago succeeded Mr. J. C. Green as president of the Myers-Green Furnishing Company, has resigned and will leave Thomasville within the next few days. He is now in Reidsville, but will return to Thomasville in the next few days and wind up his affairs here before leaving for his new home. He has not decided definitely yet where he will locate.

During Mr. Bushnell's short stay here he has made many friends and we regret to lose him.

### Mr. Parham Gone Home Recuperating a Few Days Before Pitching into the Campaign.

Mr. B. W. Parham, Davidson's candidate for the House of Representatives, is at his home in Oxford this week, resting up and getting himself in trim for the coming campaign. He is a little run-down now, having had very little vacation during the summer, but upon his return, he will be ready to throw himself into the campaign. And he is going to fight. He is going to fight hard, too, and he is going to win.

### Mr. E. F. Pepper Leaves.

Mr. E. F. Pepper, who has been bookkeeper for the Lambeth Furniture Company the past five years, left last week to take up his duties as a "Knight of the grip" for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. His territory embraces Western North Carolina and Eastern South Carolina.

Mr. Pepper leaves behind him many warm friends and if he should ever grow tired of carrying the grip, and decide to cast his lot with us again Thomasville will give him a warm welcome.

### Mr. P. R. Mason Severs Connection With Cramer Furniture Co.

Mr. P. R. Mason who has been with the Cramer Furniture Company for several months has resigned to accept a position as traveling freight agent for the Missouri Pacific Rail-way, with headquarters in Greensboro. His many friends will be glad to learn that he will continue to make Thomasville his home.

Mr. Mason will assume his new duties today. It goes without saying that he will make good. He is not a new man on the road.

### Gate Day for Thomasville—Everybody's Day to Surpass All Former Events.

Mayor Burgin is making arrangements to give Thomasville and the surrounding country a big day October 1st. He says the "Big Day" this year is going to be still "bigger" than anything we have ever had. We are going to have three military companies, brass bands, red lemonade and everything you can conceive of in the way of prizes.

We hope to be able to print a full program next week. In the meantime don't forget the "Big Day" Oct. 1st.

### Verdict for \$1,000.00

The jury in the case of John Lane, suing the Southern Railway for \$15,000 damages for injuries received in yards at Spencer, last week awarded plaintiff a verdict of \$1,000.

## "LORD GOD OF HOSTS, BE WITH US YET, LEST WE FORGET—LEST WE FORGET!"

Evidently there is a reform on in Davidson county. The Thomasville DAVIDSONIAN says: "We rejoice to observe a growing sentiment against the buying and selling of votes in this county. In this campaign, on the Democratic side at least, (and we believe the same thing can be said of the Republicans) not a dollar will be spent to debauch the suffrage." In past campaigns in Davidson county, it is generally understood, votes were openly bought at so much per head, like so many cattle—and such votes are not much better than cattle. This practice gave Davidson a notorious reputation, but the public will be glad to see that the county has determined to purify its morals. It is to be hoped that the good resolutions of both the Democratic and Republican parties of that county will be lived up to.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

## Webster's Weekly Asks a Pertinent Question.

Mr. P. C. Thomas, an aged Republican politician of Davidson county, figures it out in the columns of Sunday's *Charlotte Observer* that a million dollars goes out of the State annually for whiskey as a result of State prohibition law. He asks the question how many miles of good roads would this build if kept at home. Perhaps Mr. Thomas will inform the readers of the *Observer* next Sunday how many miles of good roads the license system built in his county and the other counties of the State during all the years that distilleries and barrooms held full sway.—*Webster's Weekly.*

## Liberty Association Programme.

The following order of exercises will be offered to the Liberty Association for adoption at the session with the Orphanage church, September 6-8.

### TUESDAY.

11 A. M. Introductory sermon, Rev. S. D. Swain.  
2 P. M. Organization and reading letters.

3 P. M. Report on Sunday-schools.  
4 P. M. Report on Orphanage. Adjournment.

### WEDNESDAY.

9:30 Devotional Exercises. Miscellaneous business.  
10:15 Education.  
Liberty-Piedmont Institute. Ministerial Education.  
11:30 State Missions.

### THURSDAY.

9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises. Miscellaneous business.  
10:15 Woman's work.  
11 Foreign Missions.  
2 P. M. Ministerial Relief.

## Correction.

In our State News column last week, we stated that "the entire Board of County Commissioners has been indicted for alleged violations of law and failure and neglect to perform their duties." We copied this item from the state papers and failed to state that the board referred to belongs to Granville county and by reason of our failure to do this we did our own board an injustice, and to them we hereby tender our apologies. It was an oversight.

### Mr. Alfred Cox Leaves for the Far West

Mr. Alfred J. Cox, son of our townsman, Mr. D. C. Cox, left last week for the state of Kansas, going there to associate himself in business with his Uncle.

Mr. Cox is one of Thomasville's most promising young men and he will succeed wherever he goes. His ability, his strength of character together with his untiring energy will surely bring him success.

THE DAVIDSONIAN extends its best wishes to this bright young man and predicts for him a bright future. If he ever forgets Horace Greely's command and decides to turn his face to the East again, we trust he will come back to "the land of the long leaf pine."

## A Beautiful Incident

### General Carr Pays Tribute to a Wilkes Veteran Who Embraces the General.

In the course of his addresses here last week before the old Confederate veterans, Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, paid a glowing tribute to our countryman, Mr. Henry Hays, of Gilreath. He said that Mr. Hays was the bravest and most fearless soldier in the Confederate Army; always alert to duty he was the first to respond to any emergency call and furthest in battle; when comrades were cut down beside him, Mr. Hays never faltered, but pushed to the forefront and leaped in the thickest of battle. After the address, Mr. Hays was ushered up the aisle and introduced to Gen. Carr, who, with tears in his eyes, proudly embraced him. To have seen these two gallant sons of '61 who for four years struggled for a lost cause, meet and exchange greetings was truly pathetic to the onlooker.—*Wilkes Patriot.*

## Notice.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, will be in Thomasville at Thomasville Hotel on Thursday, Sept. 15th, one day only. His practice is limited to diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glasses.

### "Am I Getting Old?"

Henry Ward Beecher, crossing the street in Brooklyn one day, received a distinct shock. It was, however, mental rather than physical. "Get out of the way, old man!" was what a rude driver called to the great preacher in the crowded street. Mr. Beecher says it was the first intimation to him that he was getting old, or that anybody thought of him as an old man. He was conscious of a distinct shock, and a stranger calling him "old man" gave him cause to pause in more senses than one.

What, then, are the signs of age? and when ought a man to consider himself no longer young? The dividing line between Poverty and Wealth has happily been described and fixed for all time by one of those strokes of genius for which Charles Dickens is famous: "If your income is twenty dollars and fifty cents, and your expenses twenty dollars, then you are a rich man. But if your income is twenty dollars and fifty cents, and your expenses twenty one dollars, then you are a poor man," is for substance the Dickens formula. And it is final: there can be no mistake about that. The equatorial line between Poverty and Wealth is infallibly fixed by the formula, and the rule is so simple and so easily applied that any man can apply it for himself and tell on which side of the line he happens at the time to be.

Can we discover, with like clearness, the equatorial line of age? When is a man justified in considering himself old, or getting old? An incident will help us to find the line. After Horace Greely had finished his stump-speaking in the West, when himself a practical candidate, some one asked him if life was worth living. "When more want to stay in than go out," was his strange answer. Asked to tell what he meant, the rugged old man explained, that if in his political meetings, more people staid in the hall when he was speaking than went out, when they were free to stay or go, he concluded that his speeches were worth hearing. He applied the same rule to human conduct in the choice of life or death. "When more people want to stay, than go out of life, then life must be worth living." Here, then is the formula of age. If you want to stay and keep up the fight, you are young; no matter what your Anno Domini may be. Otherwise, you are old.

This also is final; there can be no mistake about it, either. If with the dawn of a new day you spring to your work and are interested in it, old age is not yet before you, no matter what else may be upon you. But if you had "rather go than stay" you are down and out. The line has been crossed.—*Christian Observer.*

### Hard to Convince.

Little Tommy (eldest of the family, at dinner)—Mamma, why don't you help me before Ethel?  
Mamma—Ladies must always come first.  
Tommy (triumphantly)—Then why was I born before Ethel?—*Tit-Bits.*

## Notes of Travel.

Going from the Kanuga Lake Club near Hendersonville to Switzerland inn near Mount Mitchell station on the Clinchfield road I took occasion to go by the State hospital to pay a little visit to Mr. Caldwell. We talked much and of many things and the visit was an exceedingly pleasant one for me certainly and for us both I think.

While Mr. Caldwell and I chatted my sister, who was with me, went off with Mrs. McCampbell and looked over some of the domestic features of the big institution. She has told me since she left that the kitchen and all its appointments were apparently perfect and certainly immaculate. The State hospital now has more than 1,000 patients and the care of these must be a big undertaking. It can only be done by a system well worked out and well executed. We have looked over some kitchens in the suburbs of Boston and were delighted with the Yankee cleanliness and conveniences but none surpassed the cleanliness and arrangements at the hospital. In addition to the visit to Mr. Caldwell I was very glad to have the opportunity to ask Mr. John McCampbell show me something of the work at the institution. The first striking feature is the magnitude of the buildings and the grounds.

About 60 to 75 years ago, perhaps longer, Miss Dorothy Dix gave her time without stint and practically consecrated her life to the amelioration of the condition of the sick and unfortunate. She worked at her own expense and addressed many Legislatures in the interest of those unfortunate sick who were inadequately cared for. Surely it would do Miss Dix's heart good if she could see the magnificent institution which the State, through its appointed trustees and their officers has built and is operating. There are those who think that Mr. Caldwell's chiefest pride is *The Observer*. As the product of his work and intellect his pride in the paper is just and modest. But for himself and his associate trustees and along with Dr. Murphy, former superintendent, and Dr. John McCampbell, present superintendent, I am sure that for himself and these others Mr. Caldwell's first affection and pride is for this great and beneficent institution of the State, of whose board he is chairman. Then after that he loves *The Observer* and those who worked with him to make it.

One of the features which particularly interested me was the new colony at the hospital. A colony is a sort of country settlement, a farm as it were. Away from the main buildings about a mile or more are three brick buildings for 100 selected patients who are able to do more or less farm work. They raise corn, vegetables, and other crops suitable to the soil and climate. This helps to reduce the cost of the operations of the institution, because these colonies are largely self supporting.

Another economic feature is the nurses' home. The moving of 60 nurses to this new home made room in the hospital proper for 100 patients. In the home the nurses have a reading room and welfare facilities. When the nurses are off duty they can go to this home and really be off duty.

Dr. McCampbell spoke of further improvements and economies he hoped to accomplish. He has in mind a psychopathic laboratory and through which all patients may be passed when they enter the institution. He would want the best appliances and facilities for aiding in a proper diagnosis of each case. He would have in this special entrance hospital hydro-therapeutic baths and he would keep each new-entering patient in some cases one day, in other cases he would watch and treat cases for six months before passing them into their proper places in the institution. Some cases would probably be cured in this diagnosis: laboratory hospital and all cases would be much better understood by such a full and scientific and psychic examination. I have probably not nearly properly expressed here what Dr. McCampbell expressed to me, but the subject interested me as showing something of the degree of advancement of the plans of the trustees and the superintendent.—*Charlotte Observer.*

Courting half a truth, you usually wed a lie.

## STATE NEWS.

Raleigh—James B. Allison, the white man of Asheville who is under sentence to be electrocuted for the murder of Floyd McGehee was placed in the State Prison at Raleigh last Friday.

Lexington—Mr. John E. Young attempted suicide by shooting himself last Wednesday night. He was serving as a juror in the case of Lane B. Railroad and this case, it is thought, unbalanced his mind. And we don't wonder.

Durham—General Julian S. Carr, commander of the United Confederate Veterans of North Carolina has chartered at his own expense a special train to carry the North Carolina Veterans to the reunion at Norfolk, Va., in September.

Winston-Salem—S. Walter Jise, for 22 years manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Winston-Salem shot and killed himself last Friday afternoon in the back room of his office. The only reason assigned for the rash act is over work and declining health.

Raleigh—The North Carolina Supreme Court convened Monday for its fall term. A class of 77 was present to take the examination for license to practice law. Three of this number are negroes. This is said to be one of the largest classes on record.

Leaksville-Spray—The Leaksville people are planning for a big day and a good time on Sept. 5 (Labor Day). They are going to have some big men to address them, having engaged Gov. Kitchin, Maj. Charles M. Steadman and Hon. S. P. Graves, Major Steadman will formally open his campaign at that time.

Greensboro—Ex-Judge W. P. Rynum of Greensboro, and the law firm of Roberson & Barnhardt, of High Point, have been retained as counsel for Dr. and Mrs. Vestal, who are in the Guilford county jail on the verdict of a county jury charging them with the murder of Bessie Thomasson, a white girl of Statesville, this summer. The trial is said to come off at the September term of Guilford's superior court, which convenes on the 19th. The counsel employed is now at work on the plea that they will put up in behalf of the accused.

Wilmington—Virgil Hurley, a native of Wadeville, Montgomery county, was drowned last Friday while out bathing at Wrightsville Beach. While in the water about a thousand feet from the shore the young man's struggles were noticed and all efforts possible were made to rescue him but to no avail. Death was due to heart failure produced by exhaustion. He was 23 years of age and until three days prior to his drowning was a telegraph operator for the Atlantic Coast Line at Smith Creek Bridge.

Dunn—A very odd sort of a delegation was sent from Salemburg, Sampson county, to Dunn last Saturday and the stir they raised was worse than a republican convention.

It seems that one Mr. Ernest Pope, of Dunn, has been giving his attention to a Sampson damsel, Miss Inez Cooper, and Mr. Barrows Underwood was also interested. A few days ago, it seems that Mr. Underwood met the young lady at Falcon and they agreed to skip and get married, so he took her to a friend's home and left her, to go for the preacher and sent a man for the license, and while gone, the father of the girl and Mr. Pope got wind of what was going on and went and found her; so they stole her from the other lover and Mr. Pope brought her to Dunn, and Monday went to Smithfield and secured license and was married and they are now living at Dunn. The other fellow, with his friends, went up to Dunn Saturday and have been trying to get the girl, claiming that she was forced to marry. Up to this date, they have failed to get the girl.

### "Uncle Billy" Marsh Improves Town Commons.

"Uncle Billy" Marsh is at work again, or perhaps we should say he is still at work for he is usually doing something. This time, he is giving his attention to a side walk alongside of the commons and the work he has done adds a great deal to the general appearance of things on Main street. "Uncle Billy" is untiring in his efforts to beautify Thomasville.