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A WORTHY CAUSE.

Although little has been heard from him on the subject recently, Mayor Buxton is still enthused over his civic improvement plans, and, aside from his purpose of having conditions permanently bettered, he is especially anxious to have the city present the best possible appearance before October 4, when the Virginia League of Municipalities holds its annual meeting here. There will be people here from all over the State on the 4th and 5th to attend the sessions of the League, and on the 6th great crowds are expected to come for the launching of the armored cruiser North Carolina. Among various other distinguished people who will be guests of honor on launching day will be Governor Swanson, of Virginia; Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, and Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte.

With the view of giving all these people a pleasing impression of Newport News and vicinity, as well as to "boost" civic improvement generally, the mayor wishes to urge everybody to put in some good work in the "house cleaning" direction during the next few weeks. He proposes to have the city government do its part of the work. The unpaved streets have been in bad shape on account of the continual rains this summer, but the street force has found time to begin work along the improvement line by cutting down weeds and grass on unpaved sidewalks.

The mayor's appeal is worthy of the serious and immediate attention of the public, and every business man, property owner and head of a household should regard it as a personal matter. Civic improvement, like charity and some other things, begins at home. A write-up in one of the leading municipal magazines this week declares that only too often the man who goes about crying for civic improvement does not see that his own back yard is kept clean.

If a man lets weeds grow in his back yard his neighbors—particularly if they are bothered by mosquitoes—will hardly pay a great deal of attention to his pleas for betterment of public conditions.

NO REASON FOR DELAY.

On numerous occasions during the past six years the newspapers, the mayor, the chief of police, committee chairmen and others have called to the attention of the council the need of having the city ordinances codified and published. Once or twice appropriations for this purpose have been recommended by the finance committee in the annual budget, but the council has never seen fit to carry out such recommendations. The only excuse offered is that this is a thing that can wait; that it is not an absolute necessity. Now it is certainly true that the city can manage to exist without having its ordinances codified, but it is equally true that the police records could be kept in some sort of fashion on a slate instead of upon a proper record book and that the council could hold its meetings in Mayor Buxton's office instead of at the city hall.

It is indeed very necessary that the ordinances be published in proper form. Under present conditions no one in the city knows just what ordinances are in existence. Six years ago, when the city was just four years old, the city charter and the

various acts of the council were published in a very neat little volume. Since that time many of the ordinances contained in that volume have been repealed, others have been amended and scores of new measures have been passed. Even a man who attends all council and committee meetings and keeps in close touch with municipal affairs cannot remember everything that has been done in six years and with the records in their present shape it is almost impossible for one to get definite information even from a close examination of the clerk's records.

Such a state of affairs should not exist. It makes trouble for the police department and the public generally.

THE VALUE OF A RAILROAD.

The Oregon tax commissioners are grappling with the most important phase of the railroad rate law. They are trying to decide whether the value of a railway is the amount formally turned in to the tax assessor or whether it should be estimated upon the selling value of the stock of the company. All efforts to reach a reasonable compromise between the "taxation" value of the property and its market value has proved futile. When the tax assessor goes around the owner becomes a pessimistic bear; when a prospective purchaser is on the string he becomes an optimistic bull. Corporations, however, have no monopoly on these tactics, although they undoubtedly are the most persistent and most flagrant tax dodgers having probably gotten into the habit because of the intangible and fluctuating character of their securities and the doubt concerning the real value of the franchises under which they operate.

Some fair and equitable method of arriving at the true value of railroad property should be agreed upon, not only because such knowledge is necessary in fixing upon the corporation's fair share of the burden of taxation, but because it is bound to prove a vital issue in enforcing the rate law. Is a "fair and reasonable rate" a just return upon the real cost of constructing and operating the road? If so, is it right to make the public bear the burden of fat dividends on watered stock, which represents no value save the corporation's ability to hold up the public?

If Virginia's commissioner of agriculture succeeds in luring to the fertile fields of the Old Dominion the sturdy yeomanry of England he will be the best Koiner of prosperity the State has had in a long time.

Mr. Nicholas Longworth evidently is an adept in the versatile art of explaining how his "gang" opponents do not amount to much.

The national literary bureau of the Democratic party has gone out of business because its teachings were not in harmony with the government ownership ideas of Mr. Bryan. However, one may feel like objecting to the dominating influence of a single personage, it must be true that the bureau was not very firmly grounded in the principles it has been promulgating, if it permitted a single speech "to put it out of business."

The ten-cent cotton dictum of the growers will be heeded if the growers cannot secure the staple for less money.

Of all the crimes thus far charged against Hippie, the bank looter, his peculiar brand of hypocrisy is the worst.

NEW METHODS IN INSURANCE.

Metropolitan Company Issue an Interesting Statement.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, has just distributed some official information in the form of a statement which would be quite unprecedented in the history of life insurance were it not for the fact that this same institution has before treated its policyholders to similar surprises.

The company announces that it has declared and is paying a cash dividend upon its industrial policies maturing in 1906, amounting to more than two millions of dollars. The full significance of this action is apparent when the nature of the Metropolitan Life's insurance contract is

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understood. This company is in no sense mutual. It does not "estimate" or guess at what it will be able to pay an insured person when his policy matures, but agrees to pay a definite, specified sum in return for a definite, specified premium paid by the insured according to contract.

It need not be assumed that the Metropolitan Life desires to pose as a philanthropic institution. Undoubtedly its growth in popular favor and its tremendous accession of new business year after year are in part due to voluntary application of profit. It may be "all business" but if so, it is the sort of broad gauge, open-handed business that might be widely imitated with good results to all concerned.

SHAW IN NORTH STATE.

North Carolina Citizens Welcome Distinguished Visitor.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 11.—Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, addressed a large audience of representative people at Statesville today at noon. He delivered practically the same speech he made at Salisbury last night. He was accompanied to Statesville by a number of prominent Republicans, among them, Congressman Spencer Blackburn, by whom he was introduced.

Following the speaking in the opera house, the secretary was tendered a public reception at the Hotel Iredell, and after the reception was given a drive over the city and suburbs. The people, irrespective of party, joined in the reception to the distinguished visitor during his stay at Statesville, as they have elsewhere and he was profoundly impressed with the hospitality of North Carolinians.

Tonight he left for Asheville, accompanied by Internal Revenue Collector Brown, of the Western North Carolina district.

He is scheduled to speak in Asheville tomorrow and in Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday.

BOTH DUELISTS KILLED.

Conductor and Contractor Kill Each Other on Train.

(By Associated Press.)
MACON, GA., Sept. 11.—Lee W. Hicks until recently a stockman in this city, was shot and killed today at Brookville, Fla. He was a conductor of a train.

Lee W. Hicks, and J. M. Higginbotham, a contractor, of Brookville, fought a duel with pistols on the platform of a car as the train was leaving the station. Both men were killed.

\$1,200 Fire at Woodstock.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
WOODSTOCK, VA., Sept. 11.—The residences of Dr. D. D. Carter and D. D. Davis were damaged by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$1,200.

They were from the country, and their first visit to London, and a notice in their hotel puzzled them considerably. It ran: "Breakfasts, 8 to 11; lunches, 12 to 2; teas, 3 to 5; dinners, 6 to 8; suppers, 8 to 11." "Say, Gargle," said one to the other, "'cordin' to this here, there bein' so vary much talk 'fer solightseel.'"—St. James' Gazette

Advantage of Being a Brute.
"Do you think animals feel pain as deeply as we do?"
"I've never studied the subject, but it is safe to say that they don't worry as much as we do over pains that have not yet been felt."—Chicago Record

TRUE TO SWEETHEART

Clerk Refuses \$25,000 to Give up His Best Girl.

BROKER WANTS THE YOUNG WOMAN

Three Offers Made to the Boy But

He Rejects Them all With Scorn—

Both of the Young Persons Work

in Adjoining Offices in Gotham.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Frederick Kiley, twenty years old, private secretary to W. R. Collins, a trustee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was made his sixth offer today by Wall Street broker, to give up his attentions to his sweetheart, Miss Clara Thiele of Brooklyn.

The broker, in a telegram, offered the young man \$25,000 if he would desert in his attentions to his nineteen-year-old fiancee.

Miss Thiele is a stenographer employed by John N. Ryan, also a broker for the Equitable, whose office adjoins that of Mr. Collins. Mr. Kiley plainly showed perturbation today when it was made known to him that the story of the offer had become public.

"I'd like to know how this affair, which concerns but three people, became public," he said, "but I won't deny that it is true."

"I have been bothered for three months by the man who wants me to give up Miss Thiele, and there is more behind the affair than I can tell at present. I will say that \$25,000 is no inducement for me to give up my sweetheart."

The young woman is exceedingly pretty and is an accomplished swimmer.

"I met the man, who has been following me so assiduously, about a year ago," said Miss Thiele, "but have never been out anywhere with him. He has proposed marriage to me, but I have always refused him."

Much Exaggerated.

"Tell me," said the inquisitive foreigner, "do American girls affect men's clothes?"

"No," replied the gallant native, "not to any extent."

"Well, well, is that really true?"

"Well, of course, a little rouge may stick to the shoulder of a fellow's coat occasionally, but then it's easily brushed off."—Philadelphia Press.

Clean and Intellect.

It is doubtful whether a great chess player is often, we are sure he is not of necessity, to be regarded as a man of powerful intellect. It has never been shown that the greatest masters of the game were men with big brains for anything but chess.—London Saturday Review.

Her Plea For Delay.

"Will you be my wife, Jane?"

"Will you ask me again, John?"

"Why?"

"Because I'd like to look round a little before I give you the direct answer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

For Hygienic Reasons.

Mistress—Why have you not swept this morning? Servant—For hygienic reasons. Madame raises the dust sufficiently with the train of her skirt. We must give the microbes a little rest.—Paris Armatae.

When men are friends there is no need of justice, but when they are just they still need friendship.—Aristotle.

NATURE'S WARNING.

Newport News People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you through the urine.

Notice the kidney secretions.

See if the color is unhealthy—

If there are settlements and sediment.

Passages too frequent, scanty, painful.

It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

To ward off Bright's Disease or diabetes.

Doan's have done great work in Newport News.

J. W. Chandler, day clerk in Hotel Lexington, says: "When a man is annoyed with pain in the small of the back and the kidney secretions contain a sediment like brick dust, he may be certain that his kidneys require attention. To know this is one thing, but what to do under the circumstances is often a mystery. My advice to anyone aware of these complications is to go to Allen's drug store for Doan's Kidney Pills and take a course of the treatment. Two boxes so strengthened my kidneys that when their action became normal the backache ceased."

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An Ingenious Accusation.

"The favorite horse of the Chinese Emperor 'Tsi,' said a Chinese statesman, 'died through negligence on the part of the royal master of the horse. The emperor was so enraged at this that he drew his sword and would have run the careless functionary through the body."

"But the learned mandarin, Yentse, struck up the emperor's sword, saying:

"Sire, this man has not yet been formally accused of any crime. He deserves to die, but his accusation should come first. It is the law."

"Well," said the emperor, 'tell me what he has done.'

"Listen, you rogue," said the mandarin, turning to the trembling master of the horse—"listen to a catalogue of your heinous offenses. In the first place, you have allowed a horse to perish that his majesty had intrusted to your care. In the second place, it is on your account that the emperor became so exasperated that he was actually on the point of disgracing himself in all his people's eyes by killing a man for the sake of a horse."

"Enough," said the emperor, appreciating the rebuke. 'Let him go. He is pardoned.'

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Sultan of Turkey Has Cancer.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 11.—Sultan Abdul Hamid II., is afflicted with cancer. This is the latest explanation of the illness of the Turkish ruler.

Dog Days and Rabies.
There is not the remotest connection between dog days and rabies; indeed, the records show that the fewest cases of rabies occur in July and August. There are more cases in April, November and December than in any other months.—Springfield Union.