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DEMOCRACY VERSUS REPUBLICANISM.

The financial business of the country is slowly recovering from the shock it received by the decision of the Northern Securities case. The law under which this case was tried, the court before whom it was tried, the lawyers by whom it was prosecuted, the administration that urged the lawyers to the prosecution, were all Republicans.

It is becoming very plain that the business interests of this country cannot be satisfactorily conducted by the people under interference by the government run according to Republican paternalistic principles. We have had the business of the country tortured by being lopped off or stretched out, not according to the dimensions of its requirements, but according to the capacity of the procrustean bed, created under the National Bank act, a special Republican scheme of banking, and in no way akin to Democratic principles of free banking.

We live in a civilized age and in a civilized country, but there is a great deal of latent savagery in the breast of men, and there is a constant struggle between the law and the mob. One or the other must rule. We must make the law supreme, or the mob will have its way.

GOOD ROADS FOR CHESTERFIELD.

We are gratified to learn that the people of Chesterfield are moving in the direction of good roads. A meeting of the Good Roads Association of the county was held at Chesterfield Courthouse on Tuesday and steps taken to forward the work.

A PROBLEM.

The school boy who wrote that "in onion there is strength," was not so far wide of the mark as may appear at first sight. At this season of the year most milk drinkers will agree with him.

In playing to the galleries which he supposed were filled with those who would applaud any attack on trusts and combines. These agents of modern industry have many friends, not only among the "pluto-crats," but among the quiet investors of modest sums who see neither reason nor principle in the assaults upon the companies in which they have embarked their hard won earnings.

THE WAY OF THE MOB.

One of the most characteristic exhibitions of mob violence that we have seen described for many a day is to be found in the story which we printed yesterday from Joplin, Mo.

One would suppose that after the mob had wreaked its vengeance on this man it would have been satisfied, but it is hard to satisfy a mob. The mob spirit was rampant, the blood of the mob was stirred, and there was thirst for more blood.

This shows how dangerous it is for a mob to gather for any purpose. Some may say that this negro deserved to be summarily dealt with, but when the mob got well started it did not stop with his execution.

Several years ago a mob gathered in a Virginia town to lynch a negro, and when it was ascertained that the judge had ordered the sheriff to protect the prisoner at all costs, there were cries for the blood of the judge, and a prominent citizen of the town, in speaking of the matter afterwards, said that the mob would probably have lynched the judge if he had appeared on the scene at the time.

ENTHUSIASM AND TEMPERANCE.

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Some of the Mississippi papers note the fact that there has been a marked decrease in the number of lynchings in that State of late. A complete explanation of the change is not furnished, but it is thought the promptness with which murder and assault cases are now tried and the tendency to administer the death penalty have had much to do with it.

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Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Roanoke World in a column and a half article ably defends this proposition: The enactment of the bill now pending in the Legislature providing for a tax of one dollar on every hundred dollars' worth of coal and mineral mining output would, in our judgment, prove a most hurtful and costly experiment to the people of this State.

The Salem Sentinel says: The Richmond Times-Dispatch says Newport News is going to have a kind of double-barrelled carnival. The ones we have in this section are regular business, but they blast business while they are going on.

The Lynchburg Advance says: It cannot be many years before the cheap lands and general climate of the South will draw from the Northwest thousands of wide-awake, intelligent farmers who will have the means to purchase cheap homes in this section and contribute by their industry to the development of our rich natural resources.

A FEW FOREIGN FACTS.

The only ancient gold diggings yet discovered which are of sufficient magnitude to be those of the Ophir of David and Solomon are those of the Zambesi region. The gold contributed by David alone to the building of the temple being \$3,000 talents of the gold of Ophir, would be in value over \$50,000,000.

Sho Masuda, a female servant of Niwagawa, Japan, has had a green ribbon conferred upon her by the Japanese Bureau of Decorations for remarkable fidelity to the family that employed her. She is said to be the first domestic servant who has ever been decorated by a government.

The fireproof suit of a French-Canadian inventor consists of a smock of asbestos, with gloves, cap and boots of the same material. The asbestos mask is fitted with a kind of respirator that enables the wearer to breathe without inhaling dangerous vapors. In this costume a man has remained in a burning building, performing the work of a fireman, without injury or serious discomfort.

Dr. Samuel J. Metzler, a Berlin physician, has come to the conclusion that all microbes may be killed by a series of violent shocks. He seems to have proved his theory at least to his own satisfaction by attaching to the waist of a girl a number of bottles of soup filled with microbes and making her skip and dance until she was almost exhausted. By that time the microbes were well high exterminated.

With a Comment or Two.

Virginia now has an acute Senatorial situation.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Hadn't heard of it here.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "When a man holding a 'Big Four' can't win out in Cincinnati there must be something wrong with the rules of the game in that town."

It has come at last—about thirty days behind schedule time. But it is here. We refer, of course, to the kick against the new oyster law. It comes biennially, and though late this year, it makes us for tardiness in vigor.—Raleigh News-Observer.

And so our friends over in North Carolina have their oyster troubles as well as we Virginians.

The trouble with Mr. Bryan is that he won't know all the horns in the band.—Rochester Herald.

And work the big bass drum with a foot spring.

Miss Cornelia R. Nash, of New York, who recently shared with John D. Rockefeller the payment of a debt on the Baptist Church of Lakewood, N. J., made the church an Easter gift of a pipe organ.

Edward Elgar, whose musical setting of Cardinal Newman's poem, "The Dream of Gerontius," has just been heard for the first time in America, is a Roman Catholic, an organist by profession, and was a great friend of the Cardinal.

Rev. R. S. McKenize, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, in Macon, Mo., seems to have settled the empty pew problem. For six months laymen from the local congregations have occupied the pews at Sunday evening services, and the church has been crowded.

Another literary landmark of Boston is soon to be torn down. The house in which the great Motley wrote his histories, is to give place to a tall office building. The house has been occupied for twenty-five years by the Boston Library Society.

King Victor Emmanuel, whose great hobby is coin collecting, is just putting the finishing touches to his magnificent work on the coins of Italy. The cost of the collection consists of 60,000 specimens.



THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

By Harry Tucker

DAILY CALENDAR. 1908—Eli's Stone Gap discovered by the Myrtle Shrine. 1909—Still suffering from the effects.

We'd like to see old Solomon. Who shines for all alike; We want to take a stroll Among the weeds and down the pike. We want to chase the hoppersgrass And ride the old white mule; We want to seek the rocky pass, As was our wont and rule.

When we went barefoot on the green, A lanky lad at schoolboy girl, We want to go brown and bright, We want to meet us at the bridge, Who was our guiding light.

We want a gourd of buttermilk, From out the old stone jar; We want to be far, far away From the snow and the colley car. We want to drum amid the fern, Among the bubbling springs; Of all those that we want to-day, These are some of the things.

Nobody would think, to look at him, that Mister Frank Anthony wrote this. But he did. We have been reliably informed by Mister H. Claborn Epps, whose name we have promised to withhold in this matter, that he has a lot of things like the above laying around on his desk in the little hole in the wall.

After this, whenever we wish any spring or summer poetry to fill in with, we shall call upon our friend, and we feel sure that the poems will be forthcoming. This one above echoes our sentiment precisely, and we feel much obliged to our friend.

From now on he should be known as the Post Laureate of the Elks' Home Club. We have discovered a brown-eyed girl at the Confederate Bazaar. Therefore, whenever we are misled from our hunt for the Rosamary Library, or Campbell's, or the Rosamary Library, or Branch Allen's, or the headquarters of the Manchester Fire Department, or Chief Howard's office, or Porter's brewery, or Kirkwood's cafe, or Seltz's barber shop, or Lonnie Moore's, or the Broad Street Bank, then we will be found at the Bazaar.

We are unable to state whether he found the sandwich. We couldn't find one, we remember, and we have a dim recollection of the sandwich. Gilbert Pollock offered us a ham-sandwich. But it's a cheese sandwich or nothing with us.

And that leads us up to Mister Archie Burke, who has just returned from Baltimore, where he went to engage a sweet of apartments, or words to that effect. It is stated on good authority that Archie got 13, or 3, we forget which, rooms, with a beautiful view of the surrounding landscape.

These rooms will be used as headquarters during the Grand Lodge meeting, when Archie hopes and expects to get elected as Grand Secretary of the Elks. We hope he will, and we are getting ready to be on hand to wake up Baltimore upon the formal occasion.

If the fellow who lost an umbrella at Tenth and Broad Streets the other night, which we found, don't hurry up and come after it we shall feel compelled to print his name. We will return it to him with reluctance.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Raleigh Post tacitly congratulates the President on one point. It says: "We believe it is a solemn fact that the Yellowstone Park or Reservation is the only spot in the United States over which there is a power that can put up at the entrance, thus far and no farther, so far as the public is concerned, when it has a mind to."

"And it is because of this that President Roosevelt is a power that can put up sixteen days, where he could be absolutely free from the intrusion of office-seekers and others. It was a happy conception on his part, and no doubt will result in good to him."

The Greenville Reflector, in a sympathetic mood, rises to remark: "The North has the sympathy of the South in its race troubles. The only solution of the problem seems to be for either the negroes or whites in the North to come South, where either race will at least be allowed to earn a living."

The Asheville Citizen is in something of a dilemma. It says: "Many communities of the South have found their resources fettered and their progress stifled by the presence of tariffless negroes, and in the solution of the situation two questions have been presented: (1) How to get rid of the negro, and (2) How to get along without him as a laborer."

The Raleigh Times emphasizes this bit of philosophy: "If you would measure the real strength of a man's character, see how he behaves himself when he fails in his efforts for promotion. It is easy to be clever and witty when success and prosperity is present, but when failure and disappointment appears, then comes the real test."

Beauties of Science

The discovery of an Antarctic chain of mountains by Captain Scott does not seem to create much excitement. When compared with the thrilling tale of discovery in the fifteenth century, the latter day explorers suffer. But this is due to the excitement of science, by which much can be figured out, and which leaves little to be speculated about, while in the early days it was a jump in the dark, with the chance of landing on fame and the probability of hitting ridicule.

MR. COBB IS APPOINTED

Head of Leaf Department of Big New Trust

HE LEFT FOR DURHAM

Much Speculation Over the Movement of the New Factor in the Tobacco World—The British-American.

The T. C. Williams Sale.

Mr. J. S. Cobb, assistant general manager of the leaf department of the American Tobacco Company, of Richmond, has been appointed head of the leaf department of the British-American Tobacco Company.

In the future the headquarters of Mr. Cobb will be in Durham, N. C., for which place he left Richmond yesterday. He will take hold in North Carolina at once. He will assume entire charge of the leaf business of the British-American. Just how the offices will operate cannot now be ascertained, but it is supposed that it will be under the general supervision of the American headquarters.

The residence of Mr. Cobb in Richmond has dated from about a year back. During this time he has been assistant to Mr. T. J. Walker, general manager of the leaf department for the A. T. Company in Richmond.

GETTING TO WORK.

The British-American Company is a new factor in the tobacco world and its movements just now are of exceeding interest. It is a combination of the two giant tobacco trusts—the Consolidated of America and the Imperial of Great Britain—through which combination these two concerns intend to capture the trade of the world. Its recent organization makes it somewhat of an unknown quantity and therefore of particular interest to the American and British tobacco trusts.

Within the past few days the British-American, the trade of which will be wholly export, has indicated that it is preparing to settle down to work in dead earnest. The purchase of the T. C. Williams Company of this city, the largest independent concern in the United States indicated that it would go in for it on no mean scale. The appointment of Mr. Cobb and his departure yesterday likewise shows that the new trust is getting its organization into shape.

A question which is now being very generally discussed is whether or not the new concern will have buyers on the market, independent from those of the A. T. Company and the Continentals. This is a question of the utmost importance, for the sale of the insurance people have not yet indicated their plans had been mapped out, but it is generally felt that the British-American will have its own representative on all the markets.

THE T. C. WILLIAMS COMPANY.

Several prominent tobacco officials are still in this city, and their presence here keeps current the report that the affairs of the T. C. Williams Company have been wound up and that the company is to be sold. This, however, is not the case. Mr. Williams was seen again last night but he stated that there was nothing new. The accountants of the British-American, who are examining the books of the T. C. Williams Company, have not yet submitted their report. Mr. Williams stated that it would be ten days yet before they would be through.

There is not the slightest doubt, however, that though the deal has not been formally closed, everything is settled. A significant fact is that after an absence of several days a buyer for the company has appeared on the market again.

MAY FAIL OF PASSAGE

Big Fight Brewing Over the Insurance Bills.

It begins to look as if there may be no legislation at the present session of the General Assembly looking to the creation of a Bureau of Insurance in the State, so strenuous seems the opposition which is developing to the pending bills having this object in view. The Senate has passed a bill offered by Mr. Sale on this line, and it was advanced as far as the calendar in the House. But on yesterday it was recommitted to the Committee on Roads and General Laws, along with a substitute offered by Colonel Catton, of the Senate, where both will be considered to-day. It is understood that a large number of insurance agents and attorneys will appear before the committee this morning and urge the whichever, if either of the bills as reported, shall be so modified as to more nearly meet the views of the opposition. Colonel Catton will speak for his substitute and Colonel Sale will advocate his original bill. The bill of the insurance people will likely be passed by Major W. H. Sands, Hon. Epps Hunton and others.

MR. HALSEY HONORED

Lynchburg Senator to Speak before Medical Students.

Senator Don P. Halsey, of Lynchburg, has accepted an invitation to deliver the final address before the graduating class of the University College of Medicine on the evening of May 14th, in this city.

Senator Halsey, who is a most captivating orator, is the youngest man upon whom the honor has yet been conferred, and he is expected to measure fully up to the requirements of the occasion. Last year the distinguished speech was delivered by Hon. John Goode, then president of the Constitutional Convention, and the faculty always chooses a man of public distinction. Senator Halsey has acquired himself a good credit on many occasions in the General Assembly, one of his most brilliant efforts having been his speech in favor of his bill to place a statue of Lee in the National Capitol building at Washington.

Lavish Compliments.

Little Miss Pauline Welsh, who played at the Bijou last week with the Faucett Company, has been the recipient of many lavish compliments by those who attended upon her splendid acting. The little tot is but six years of age, and was the object of much admiration on the part of the guests at the Bijou, who she stopped with her mother during her stay here. Mrs. Welsh and her little daughter left yesterday for Norfolk, where the company is now playing.

GO WITH THE SOLDIER BOYS

To Newport News To-Morrow. Launching Cruiser West Virginia. Round trip via C. & O. Leave Richmond 9:15 A. M.