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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1910. TAXING BUSINESS CONVENIENCE. Our friend Royal E. Cabell is busily counting the returns for the corporation tax assessment...

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THE GOVERNOR AND THE LAW. Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, has brought down upon his head the well-merited censure of all law-abiding men by his abuse of the pardoning power lodged in him.

There is a natural disposition on the part of every Governor to strain the quality of mercy. In Virginia just now the legal representatives and the friends of criminals are besieging Governor Mann to exercise the Executive clemency in many cases...

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Twenty-six million dollars is a heavy tax on business and \$345,000 is a heavy tax on business in Virginia, especially when it is levied by a tax which is unwise, if constitutional, and unjust, if unconstitutional.

Of what possible use are judges and juries and courts if after the law has been made the Executive is to place himself between the law and the execution of its stern decrees?

THE COLONEL will represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward. On Tuesday night President Taft talked to him by cable, telling him that he would be glad to have him act as special ambassador to represent this country at the Royal obsequies.

People have grown so much into the habit of misunderstanding and misrepresenting the Colonel that some of them are now saying that he was very curt in his reply to the President's message. We do not think so.

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few officers and then they went after their annual reports in a manner that would have delighted the heart of old Joe Cannon himself. Before the first day's session was over they had a good deal of business behind them, and when they adjourned last night, they were well on their way to the most important discussions.

One of the best speeches made before the convention, though it touched on religious matters only in an incidental fashion, was made by Richard H. Edmonds, who welcomed the delegates to Baltimore. Mr. Edmonds said many things that most of the delegates knew or would have known had they thought about them, but he said them in a way that appealed to the good sense of all his hearers.

That the South is to be one of the world's greatest industrial centres is no longer questioned. It is accepted as a proven fact. In this heaven-favored land wealth will increase beyond the dreams of to-day. The States represented in this convention now have a total wealth of \$26,000,000,000, or \$10,000,000,000 greater than the wealth of the United States in 1860.

This is like lifting the veil from the future and showing the Wandering Children the glories of the Promised Land. Yet not a word that Mr. Edmonds said was in anywise exaggerated. In fact, he stated the case conservatively when he predicted this future for the South during the next twenty years. He might have been within the bounds of probability had he said that the South, in 1935, would have a wealth of more than \$100,000,000,000.

One of the greatest troubles of the South during the last decade of progress has been that our people have failed to realize the truth of such statements as this. They have not appreciated the vast resources of this region and the vast natural wealth at our hands if we choose to utilize it. Our people have never yet fully awakened to the fact that we have the richest and most varied agricultural soil in the world, as fine and productive mines as there are in America, a vast store of coal and coke and water power enough to turn the wheels of every mill from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

Even as it is, however, the bow of promise is in the skies. Last year the South manufactured more than half the cotton it raised, and it raised more cotton than in any similar year of hot weather; we produced more grain, we marketed more produce and we sold more manufactured articles than ever in the history of the South. We did better, in a word, than we have ever done, but we have not yet done half of what we can do.

The South, in the midst of this forward movement, needs to learn one lesson well, and that is, that it is as easy to raise the best as the worst, as easy to manufacture the finest products as the most inferior. We have every advantage that nature can give, and we should use every advantage to the utmost. We have as intelligent and industrious people as can be found in any part of the country, and they should be trained until they are industrially the equal of any other people. We should not stop with manufacturing fifty-two per cent of our home-grown cotton into coarse domestics, but we should learn to manufacture the finest cotton goods, and get the best prices for them. When we manufacture furniture, we should make it as substantial and as handsome as the best that the West can produce, and when we raise apples, we should pack and ship them so that they will command the markets of the world.

The South will surely come into its own, but the south can best come into its own by growing the best, making the best and getting the best prices in the best markets.

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limited and its possibilities are comparatively small. The balloon, such as was used by Yates and Forbes, has yet to prove that it is any better than that one which the Yankees used to send up around Richmond during the war.

not want to decide the question on its merits and they do not want to spend a dollar in getting the truth, because they know that nothing hurts like the truth. They are old hands at the business and they know that an investigation of the cost of production in this country and abroad would sweep away their pet theory of "infant industries" in a day.

Thus far the minority has not stated its position on the subject, and the waiting children of Democracy do not know what word will come from the tent of our Congressional Moses, Chump Clark. He may say, stand by the President, and he may say, knife the bill. On principle, of course, Chump's followers in the House should favor this bill or any other bill that aims to get at the truth of the tariff question, because the truth will certainly be the vindication of the Democratic doctrine.

Every year the Confederate survivors of Charleston, South Carolina, and their friends, and the generous-minded folk of that community who have not forgotten the men who made South Carolina glorious in the military annals of this country, devote the Tenth of May to their celebration with prayer and poetry and flowers and speech. The celebration this year was in perfect keeping with the spirit of the occasion.

The Chicago Tribune is complaining about the cost of funerals; but some funerals, it must confess, if it will be honest with itself and the public, would be worth the money whatever the cost. If the Tribune shall insist upon reducing the expense, it can find some statistics on the subject in Baltimore where they are cutting the rates in a most encouraging way.

When the present King found a way to what extent the national exchequer was being robbed by bogus veterans, he instituted a searching investigation, which resulted in the discovery that there were exactly 233 authentic survivors of the Thousand of Marsala still in existence, and entitled to draw the pension of \$100 a year.

On the termination of the festivities in Sicily, the King will proceed with only a small suite to visit the island of Sardinia, where he has never been since his accession to the throne, just ten years ago. In fact, I cannot recall that he has ever visited the island, which is the only one of the Kingdom of Italy, or as King of Sardinia, has ever visited the island.

The Chicago Tribune chortles because, as it says, "Mr. Bryan has taken occasion, it seems, to ratify the decision of the next Democratic National Convention that he will not be its candidate for President." But Mr. Bryan is of a yielding disposition and the next Democratic National Convention will not be held for two years.

Bread is the staff of life; so is brains, and when these two work together in harmony there is not much left that is worth while. Pabulum for the head and food for the body; in these twain is summed up all that there is.

The fine old gentleman at the Chesterfield who protested yesterday morning that he couldn't read what was printed under the big letters, was relieved when he found that it was