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It seems to be impossible to bury "that Lorimer matter." The case is so black that whitewash enough can not be put on to make it look white.

That Chicago negro lawyer who has sued Uncle Sam for infringing on a patent must be under the impression that the old gentleman has money to throw away.

What some people call trusting in providence is nothing but laziness. The man who thinks providence will help him without any effort on his part speedily finds out his mistake.

Congress is about to investigate the postmasters of the country, especially as to their political activities and collection of political assessments. No doubt some of them will be found guilty.

While in theory it has always been true that the law is no respecter of persons, yet in actual working the rich man has generally had the advantage over his poor neighbor. There are hopeful signs that this will not continue.

It is quite a time since any of the Goulds, Vanderbilts and other conspicuous members of so-called high society have come into the limelight through some scandal. Does it mean that morals are improving in that circle? There was certainly need of it.

The Standpat Republican Senators have only thrown the crumbs to the Insurgents in the way of committee appointments, and they are as mad as wet bunnies. But, as the old lady said to the eel she was skinning, it is pretty tough, but they will have to grin and bear it.

One principal reason why farmers throughout the country find it hard to get help is the long hours of work. That seems to discount all the advantages a farm position offers. Men in the cities may not live so well but they have shorter hours of labor and that evidently counts.

The D. A. R. seems to have imbibed some of the warlike characteristics of their ancestors for it seems impossible for them to have an annual meeting without engaging in a conflict. The choice of a president seems to be about as strenuous an affair as was ever any battle in the revolution.

A few years ago, when several state legislatures were reducing railroad passenger rates, it was said by advocates of the reduction that the railroad companies would find it to their advantage. So far as concerns Illinois and a few other states that prediction has come true with a gratifying increase in dividends.

Many people lose heart easily in the battle of life and give up the struggle if conditions become unfavorable. This accounts partly for the large number which, every year, commit suicide. A little courage and heart and the rough corners of adversity would be safely passed and once passed life would be the stronger.

The man who acts honestly simply because he believes it is the best policy is not honest at heart. The man who in this matter is actuated by motives of policy rather than of principle in effect declares that it honesty were not financially best for him he would not practice it. The man thus acting plays fast and loose with business morality.

We bestrew the caskets with flowers, make post mortem eulogies, and inscribe eloquent epitaphs upon the tombstones of dead friends, and all that is well. But, as a rule we do not give enough flowers nor speak enough words of appreciation while they are alive. One need never fear in bestowing judicious praise upon others. Usually there is plenty of criticism to balance the account and keep them humble.

It is a rare day when some university professor does not make some startling and radical assertion with the desire, apparently, of getting talked about. Usually this distinction falls to the university of one of our large cities, but the latest effusion came from a Harvard professor. His assertion that woman is mentally inferior to man and is closer to the savage state strikes most people as being ludicrously absurd.

The craze for aviation does not seem to be so pronounced as it was before death took such a toll of daring birdmen. This does not necessarily mean that people have lost interest or that the science of aeronautics will not make great advance. What it probably does mean is that the past tragedies have given aviators a saner view and that instead of making foolhardy flights attention will be given mainly to making aviation more practical and serviceable.

Caused by the Tariff.

The price of most farm products, except cotton, has been falling during the past year, although the Republicans insist that the tariff protects the farmer. But when we compare present prices with those of a year ago on a number of commodities we find that wheat has declined in price 17 per cent., corn 10, oats 18, flour 10, lard 37, pork 30, beef 20, butter 40, leather 10, iron 14, and print cloths 12 per cent. The decline in price of the farm products makes quite a hole in the income of the farmers, and of course it follows that business in the farming regions is dull; for with less income there must be less outgo. Business is dull except in the cotton states, and quiet business in the agricultural districts means a stoppage of production in the manufacturing centers and in the wholesale markets; therefore, business is quiet, many men are out of employment and wages are declining.

The decline in the price of necessities is a boon to the consumers in the cities, and without it there would be greater distress than there now is; for on the average eighty cents now will buy the same quantity of food that required one dollar a year ago. But falling prices always retard business, because the manufacturer, the wholesaler, and the retailer fear to stock up when prices are declining. When prices are advancing the manufacturers buy freely of raw material, the wholesaler stocks up, and the retailer orders more liberally; and each advises his customers to buy, for "goods are going up." Such business conditions are the beginning of a boom. The good times continue for awhile until many people become extravagant and over-venturesome; then the boom fades and the decline in prices follows in due course.

Since the panic of 1907 we have been going through a recuperating period which has been much retarded by the effort to keep up prices by pretending that business is good. Even more absurd has been the idea that business would be good if the people could only be bamboozled into believing that it is good. A sort of Christian Science applied to our business ills! Whether we have at last reached the end of the cycle of falling prices, and may soon expect improvement is an unsettled problem. Further time will probably be required before a change for the better comes. If we have good crops this year, and if next fall when the harvest is assured confidence begins to return, we may expect more normal business conditions. After awhile prices will again turn upward and the beginning of another boom will be born to develop in the future.

There seems to be no escape from these downward and upward trends in business and prices. If we were not hampered with high tariff-protection we would undoubtedly recover more quickly, for the tariff protection to the trusts and combines allows them to maintain their high prices long after the law of supply and demand would have caused a reduction in prices and the increased consumption that always follows.

Our panic of 1907 was somewhat duplicated in England, but in that country, not being tied down by a tariff to keep prices up artificially, values rapidly declined and consumption increased so that business there is better now than it has been for many years, while we are still struggling with falling prices and dull business. It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that our business ills are greatly of our own making, and that with tariff reform accomplished hard times will be less prolonged and less disastrous than they are now.

The English Bible.

The three hundredth anniversary of the King James version of the Bible was celebrated throughout the world last month. The Augusta Chronicle, in commenting on this celebration, says "even to a greater extent than Shakespeare or Chaucer, all men who speak and read English may gather together on a common footing of a mutual heritage, the widest circulated version of the Scriptures—in fact, of all books."

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Revise the Tariff.

The Democratic party should insist on a genuine revision of the tariff. It should be made the issue in the national election next year, and presented in a simple, clear manner. The people should be made to understand, as Henry Waterson puts it, that protection levies tribute upon the many to enrich the few. It involves a false system of political economy and a criminal system of business. It has deepened and darkened all the contrasts of life; has in a single generation established a scheme of caste and classes, supported by abnormal fortunes in the Northeast corner of the Union. It is a visible and tangible fact, father of Trustism and mother of Subsidy, and everywhere the wet-nurse of Graft, its illegitimate offspring. It could not survive a National election if simplified and put upon its merits as a specific measure of public policy. In 1892, after an educational campaign extending over twenty years, the Democrats swept the country under a distinct promise to clean it out, root and branch. If the party had kept its pledge to the people, we would today be living under a revenue tariff, and in all likelihood would be in power. The insufficiency of the Cleveland administration scattered our advantages to the winds and drove up from what should have been an impregnable position. The Democratic House should blaze the way for a Democratic Senate and President next year.

Citation Notice.

The State of South Carolina; County of Orangeburg. By Andrew C. Dibble, Probate Judge. Whereas, H. D. Rowe has made suit to me to grant to him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Minnie A. Rowe, deceased, These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Minnie A. Rowe, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg, S. C., on May 16th, 1911, next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this second day of May, Anno Domini, 1911. (L. S.) Andrew C. Dibble, Judge of Probate.

Winthrop College SCHOLARSHIP and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examinations for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College, Rock Hill, and for the admission of new students, will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 7, at 9 A. M. Applicants must be not less than 15 years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 7 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks. The scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 20, 1911. For further information and catalogue address President D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.

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J. L. Reeves, H. S. Pickling, W. C. Culler,

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that I will file my final account as Guardian of J. A. Cope, a minor, with the Judge of Probate for Orangeburg County on the nineteenth day of May, 1911, and will on that day ask for letters of discharge as such Guardian, the said minor being now of age. Vernon Brabham, 4-20-4 Guardian of J. A. Cope.

Teachers' Examination.

The regular Spring Teachers' Examination will be held at the Court House on Friday, May 5th, beginning at nine o'clock. The bulletins on which the questions on agriculture will be based may be secured at my office free. L. W. Livingston, 4-25-41. Co. Supt. Ed., O. C.

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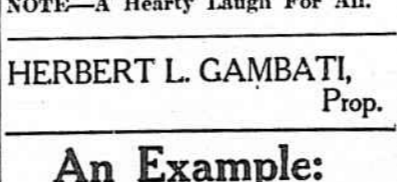
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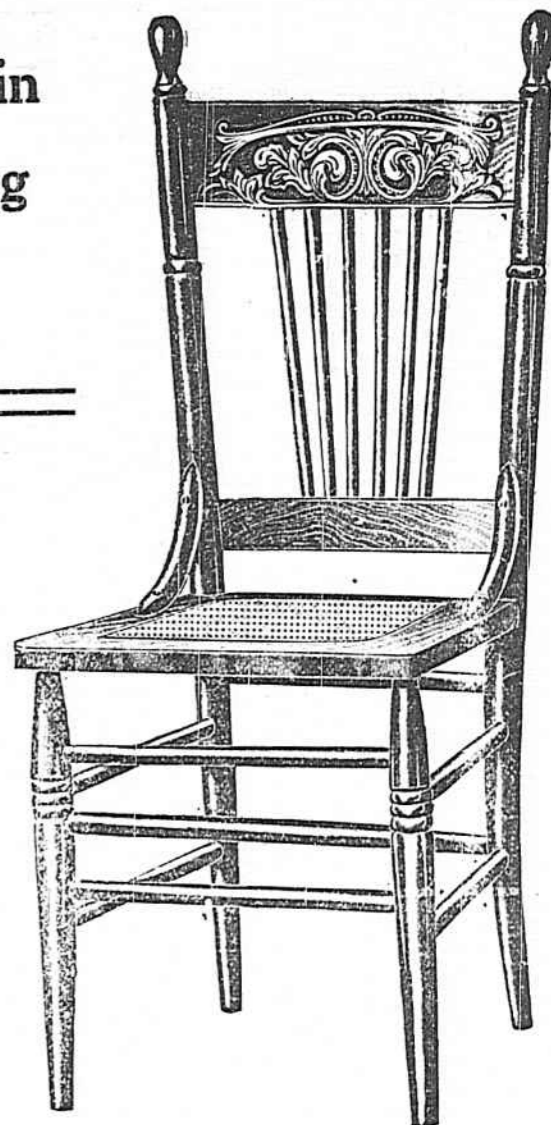
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