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There is no use denying the fact that a bumper crop has been made by the South this year, and that South Carolina has contributed her full share towards it.

The graciousness of many a gift has been greatly lessened by the ostentatious manner in which it was bestowed. Let us remember this in bestowing our Christmas gifts.

Whatever may be said about President Taft, no one can deny that he is a big hearted, patriotic gentleman, who thoroughly believes in his country and its institutions. There is nothing little about him.

Whenever you find a politician who is unwilling for the people to decide for themselves who they want for this or that office, you have found a politician who has an axe to grind, and he is afraid the people will turn the stone the wrong way.

Senator Tillman has always trusted the people, and that is one reason why he became so popular with them. His reply to Congressman Ellerbe that the matter of electing delegates to the National Democratic Convention could be best left with the people and that whatever they did would be satisfactory to him, shows that he is still trusting them.

There is no doubting the fact that Roosevelt is a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. He hopes to be nominated and elected by the aid of the trusts, who will put up the biggest campaign fund for the purpose ever raised in this country. But if Roosevelt is nominated, he will be beaten by Wilson, Clark, Harmon or some other good Democrat.

Congressman Ellerbe says that within his recollection, South Carolina has had only two Governors, with the accent on the word Governor, and that they were Governor Tillman and Governor Blease. These two, said Mr. Ellerbe, were the only ones that had always been "fools enough to do what they thought right." Mr. Ellerbe should remember that comparisons are sometimes odious.

The one great and essential fact about Christmas is that it is the celebration of a birthday. Hence, we will do well to have in remembrance Him for whom the day is named and in whose honor it is appointed to be kept. And, having in mind the shepherds and the stable, we will remember how His life, begun in simplicity, was lived to the end of it in accordance with this beginning.

Congressman Ellerbe seems to have it all mapped out to his liking. He says that he believed in the event of Senator Tillman's death Governor Blease would appoint Congressman Lever Senator. Aside from the impropriety of talking about Senator Tillman's dying while he is on active duty in the Senate, it may be possible that when he does go, Blease will not be governor. For the sake of the State we hope Senator Tillman will outlive the terms of several Governors.

Apparently Sister Hetty Green belongs to that somewhat rare class of benefactors who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," as she refused to name the institutions she claims to have helped with her money. Such modesty does not affect the men who give millions to erect library buildings and endow universities. Perhaps in such cases secrecy is impossible, but none the less there is a rare charm and blessing in not letting the left hand know what the right hand gives, thereby making prominent the gift but not the giver.

Christmas is eminently the children's day. From the gray of early dawn to the latest hour at night, let everything give way to the little autocrats whose tyranny is courted by every man and woman who has any of the essence of love in his breast. Romp and tumble and shout with them. When another Christmas comes, some of them may not be here, and those that are will by one year be that much further from the royalty that doth so fittingly become them. Christmas is for the children—let everything bend to their enjoyment.

The wave of crime that is sweeping over Chicago at the present time must, to a large extent, be charged against the police and other authorities of that city. That many police officials have been in league with the dives, gambling dens and other vicious places is notorious and equally so is the fact that many murderers and thugs when arrested have been either discharged or left off with a nominal punishment. When Chicago, or any other city where like conditions prevail, will but enforce the law and have clean, responsible officials a better state of things will speedily be secured.

Governor Blease Gets Mixed.

Governor Blease made a speech before the Conference of Southern Governors in Baltimore on last Friday, in which he seems to have gotten badly mixed, both as to his subject and certain dates. The Baltimore American, of Saturday, says Governor Blease began his speech by declaring that he hoped that he and the others would "come back to Baltimore for the national convention, when there would be nominated the president of the United States of America."

"I abolished the bureau of immigration in my state," he declared, "in spite of the newspapers. I didn't because the bureau took thousands of dollars of our money, and brought to South Carolina two boatloads of what were called immigrants. Thank God, there are none left. We found them an undesirable class and we didn't want them and we didn't keep them." The Governor also said that the greatest enemy to South Carolina is her newspapers.

Governor Blease evidently got mixed in his dates, for the Legislature in the January-February, 1909, session eliminated search for immigrants from the Commissioner's duties and cut the word from the title of his office, substituting "Industries for Immigration." Since that time there has been neither encouragement within nor effort without to get foreigners into South Carolina. The question was settled, and practically without a flutter, in the House of Representatives.

That was, as we say, at the January-February session, 1909. The campaign which terminated in the election of Governor Blease began about July 1, 1910, a matter of sixteen months later. How, in the name of the great horn frog, then could Governor Blease abolish something that did not exist. The Governor is very fond of calling people liars, especially newspaper people, therefore, he should be very careful to keep his statements in halting distance of the truth, as they might retaliate, not only by calling, but proving, that he sometimes slips a cog.

Democracy United for Victory.

Four questions were recently submitted by the New York World to the leading Democrats of the country. The following were the questions submitted:

What are the prospects of the success of your party candidate for the Presidency if existing conditions continue as at present?

Who in your estimation should be the candidate of the National Convention of your party in order to enlist the support of the majority of voters in your State?

What in your judgment should be the issues upon which your party should make its appeal to the voters of your State for their support?

Do you believe that a "Conservative" or a "Progressive" policy would best contribute to the success of your party?

The World says the answers to these questions show an astonishing unanimity of sentiment; and that so far as issues are concerned the Democratic party is united as it has not been united since 1892. It is for tariff reform and progressive government. So far as candidates are concerned, the sentiment of the party is divided only on the question of availability, with Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon decidedly in the lead. The blunder of 1904 is not to be repeated, when Wall street Democrats were allowed to go to the front long enough to discredit the ticket, although Wall street itself was secretly financing the Roosevelt campaign.

Whether the majority sentiment swings toward Wilson or Harmon or Underwood is a minor question at this time. The important fact is that the country again has a united, progressive, militant Democratic party capable of restoring the balance of government. The outlook is bright. We believe any good man nominated by the Democrats will be elected next year.

More Females Than Males.

According to the figures as given out by the Census Bureau South Carolina is one of the five States in the Union in which the females outnumber the males. In this State there are 763,558 females and 751,842 males, a difference in favor of the females of 5,716. In Massachusetts the odds are greater, the number of females there being 1,711,190 as against 1,655,226, the difference being 55,964.

Rhode Island is another State where the females outnumber the males, 272,251 residents of that State being females as against 270,359 males. In Maryland there are 651,121 females and 644,225 males the difference being about the same as in this State. In North Carolina the women outnumber the men to the tune of some 8,399, the male population being 1,098,471 compared with 1,107,816 females. In every other State the so-called stronger sex predominates. In the United States as a whole there are 47,332,123 males and only 44,640,144 females or a proportion of 106 males for every 100 females, which goes to prove that some men are bachelors through necessity and not through choice, although we do not mean to even intimate that we know of any in that position. It also proves conclusively that there is a man in the country for every woman, although some of the latter have wisely decided to live lives of singleness.

They Were Badly Fooled.

It would be unfair to union labor to blame them for the misdeeds of the self-confessed dynamiters, James and John McNamara. The sympathy shown these men previous to and during their trial was based on the sincere conviction that they were victims of persecution. Labor leaders may not always have acted discreetly but they have never endorsed violence, especially such violence as was responsible for the dreadful

tragedy in Los Angeles. It is inconceivable that such men as John Mitchell, Samuel Gompers or J. B. Lennon would condone such outrages. Probably no one has been more deceived than they or more chagrined that their confidence in the innocence of the McNamara brothers was not warranted. Historically the Los Angeles outrages are a reminder of the outrages committed fifty years ago by some of the grinders in the cutlery trade in Sheffield, England, and which are so vividly described by Charles Reade in his novel, "Put Yourself in His Place."

Statement of the Condition of BANK OF ELLOREE, Located at Elloree, S. C., at the Close of Business, December 5th, 1911.

Table with Resources: Loans and Discounts (\$89,295.62), Overdrafts (\$5,610.07), Bonds and Stocks owned by the Bank (\$3,080.19), Furniture and Fixtures (\$1,095.00), Banking House (\$2,000.00), Due from Banks and Bankers (\$5,532.94), Currency (\$9,452.00), Gold (\$75.00), Silver and other Minor (\$4,064.83), Total (\$124,215.65).

Table with Liabilities: Capital Stock Paid in (\$25,000.00), Surplus Fund (\$7,500.00), Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid (\$3,919.92), Due to Banks and Bankers (\$2,145.68), Individual Deposits subject to Check (\$36,467.33), Savings Deposits (\$42,638.72), Cashier's Checks (\$676.31), Notes and Bills rediscounted (\$3,000.00), Reserve Fund Carried on Individual Ledger (\$2,868.69), Total (\$124,215.65).

State of South Carolina, County of Orangeburg. Before me came C. B. Dantzier, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank. C. B. Dantzier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December, 1911. (L. S.) E. F. Ulmer, Notary Public, S. C.

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Table with Liabilities: Capital Stock Paid in (\$17,495.15), Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid (\$422.04), Due to Banks and Bankers (\$1,134.55), Individual Deposits subject to Check (\$9,123.19), Cashier's Checks (\$489.28), Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed (\$5,000.00), Total (\$33,670.21).

State of South Carolina, County of Orangeburg. Before me came A. T. Garrick, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank. A. T. Garrick. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December, 1911. J. S. Jones, (L. S.) N. P. for S. C.

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