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## ERRORS IN TRANSMISSION:

Anyone who edits a country newspaper, or any other sort for that matter, becomes in a measure accustomed to typographical errors that renders his writing oftentimes absurd. A single letter in a word sometimes changing a whole sentence, and making it absurdly meaningless and very humiliating to the long-suffering editor. As a rule we do not attempt to correct or apologize for these seemingly inevitable errors, however grotesquely distorting are their effect, taking it for granted that our intelligent readers are sufficiently indulgent to translate what we appear to say as nearly as possible what we mean to express.

In looking over the last issue of THE RECORD, however, we feel that some apology is due for the unfortunate mistakes that crept into our leading editorial. This article was sent by telegram as a "special," the writer not being able to send it by mail early enough; and in the several transcriptions it is not remarkable that the mutilation resulted. To say "the farmer's children," instead of the former's must make some change of meaning, and the substitution of *unfortunate* for *importunate* is indeed unfortunate in effect. *Institute* for *institution* might be overlooked, but to say the State's chief executives for its Chief Executive is decidedly open to criticism. Then *agreement* and *argument* are not exactly synonymous, and the using of one for the other makes an awkward confusion of meaning.

This explanation is made as an apology for anything in these columns that is unintelligible. We try to avoid being abstruse at all times, and any assertion that smacks of mystery of meaning is usually attributable to the tricks of the types.

## TO SMASH THE TRUST.

Every newspaper in the State, and in the United States, should at once address an appeal to its representatives in Congress to have the tariff of six dollars a ton removed from wood pulp, from which paper is manufactured.

We are in the grasp of a monopoly, which is gradually crushing the life out of every one connected with the printer's trade. In order to print it is necessary to have paper; and for the past twelve months all kinds of printing material have gone up in price, and are still advancing so rapidly as to cause serious apprehension to those who ply the printer's art.

The quickest and surest way to gain relief is to get the tariff referred to repealed. This would speedily smash the combine and bring printing material to a price where a living margin of profit can be made.

While one newspaper can accomplish but little, if we all take it up and pass along the cry, we are bound to win. Let us act in concert for our self protection.

The candidacy of Mr. Barnwell in the first district, has evoked no little newspaper discussion in all parts of the State. There is hardly a doubt as to the ultimate result. The people of Charleston want Mr. Barnwell to represent them, and he is as good as elected. And for once they have made no mistake. Col. Elliott has rendered valiant service, but needs now a season of rest and recreation. The election of Mr. Barnwell will be a distinct gain not alone to the First District, but to the whole State.—Sumter Freeman.

One important question for each farmer to decide at once is how much fertilizer he is going to buy. The manufacture of this article is in the hands of a big trust, and the price has been raised. The only offset or redress that the farmer has, is the option of buying as little or as much as he pleases. He should study to diminish the amount purchased without incurring risk of diminishing the crop yield. This can be done by making more manure on the farm, by better preparation, and better cultivation.—Gaffney Ledger.

The rise in paper is really getting serious for the newspapers of the country and one by one they are announcing that they have found it necessary to raise the price of their papers to \$1.50 or \$2. One thing is certain. The papers cannot afford to send out copies to people who are careless about paying for it. As the price is now, many papers are sending out more than a dollar's worth of paper, not counting the cost of anything connected with the printing or the mailing for the price of one dollar, and it is said that the price is still rising. We are inclined to think that this is a republican trust scheme to throttle the independent country press that stands as such a menace to their supremacy.—Florence Times.

The North Carolina game law, we are told, simply forbids every citizen, from hunting on any land but his own without the permission of the owner. This appears to us to be a simple substitute for the somewhat complicated provisions of the bill now pending in our legislature. It is in line with the progress we have been making the last thirty years, beginning with the stock law, in recognizing the rights of owners of land to possess and enjoy it and everything on it. It would not be

likely to work any hardship on people of any class, for as a matter of fact there is always a spirit of fellowship among sportsmen and it is not likely that any man known to be a fair and sportsman-like hunter would be denied the privilege of going on a neighbor's land. It is as little as a landholder can require that the man who intends to use his land for the pleasure of hunting, shooting or fishing should ask his permission.—Greenville News.

## The Career of Lord Roberts.

Lord Roberts is a soldier as Brindley was a maker of canals. When Brindley was asked what rivers was made for, he replied: "To feed canals." So politicians, statesmen, and sovereigns, the migration of races, the development of military ambitions—all these turbid forces which govern the destinies of peoples appear to the soldier, whether he is in a cocked hat or in the plain regimentals of the rank and file, as important chiefly, in so far as they culminate in fighting. It is his business to fight, and like the apostle he says: "This one thing I do." This conception of energy and supreme devotion to professional duty may not impress us as representing the highest type of human evolution, but it is certainly quite different from the point of view of the ordinary citizen—so different that in reading Lord Roberts' story we are continually reminded that he is practically a denizen of another world.


We do not feel this in relation to many soldiers. General Gordon for instance, although a brilliant officer, devoted to the army, never sank the man in the soldier, but always remained philanthropist, statesman, humorist, and religious genius beneath his regimentals. It would be unkind to say that Lord Roberts is a soldier and nothing else, but he is certainly saturated through and through with the atmosphere of the camp. He has breathed it all his life. It is his world. He is even more of a Tommy Atkins than Tommy Atkins himself, who is of short service, whereas Lord Roberts has put in nearly fifty years of service in the army.—From "Field Marshal Lord Roberts: A sketch of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in South Africa," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

## Ill Wind that Blows no Good.

The order of the marine hospital service, prohibiting importations from foreign ports at which bubonic plague has appeared, has already affected the rice market. Rice from Asiatic ports comes especially under the ban, since it is almost invariably the case that rats accompany rice cargoes, and scientific men have decided that rats are among the most dangerous distributors of the plague germs. Orders are already beginning to be received for car load lots of rice from San Francisco and other Pacific ports at Savannah and New Orleans. The Pacific slope demand is supposed to arise from the large Chinese population.

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