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A WEEKLY THOUGHT.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.
—GEORGE MARSHALL.

"Heart failure" was the fault at one time but "neat indignation" has now the right of way.

Now that Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., of Richmond, is to have a "locking cup" may be he will learn to love the yankees.

The old maids of Shelbyville, Ind., designate themselves as "unclaimed blessings."
"Cash on delivery" packages, may be.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt have been resting at their Virginia home, and it would be right hard to find a spot on earth where the goddess of rest is more easily wooed and won.

Dollar wheat and 15 cent cotton sounds well. Our hope is that the farmer may come in for a share of the rise. The speculators are not entitled to the whole loaf.

It is said that the Japanese farmers will sell \$200,000,000 of rice this year. The wonder is that some enterprising yankee hadn't gone over there with his machine and "cornered" them out of the business.

We were astonished to learn that mail from this country intended for South America was carried by way of Europe, and, as the Baltimore Sun says, "it does not reflect very creditably upon our enterprise."

Commander Booth, of the Salvation Army, is 75 years of age, and yet is mastering those projects of world-wide import. If Dr. Osler's prescription had been administered to this grand old man the world would have been great loser. And we couldn't afford to lose Dr. Osler even now.

"If every nation were content to be busy with its own affairs the danger of war would be greatly reduced." Sweep in front of your own door and the city will be clean from center to circumference. Let America be busy with her public roads and let the outside world "wag as it will."

Many of the Connecticut Blue Laws strike us as foolish in the extreme, such as prohibited the husband from kissing his wife on Sunday, for example, but how about this one? "Who soever publishes a lie to the prejudice of his neighbor, shall sit in the stocks or be whipped 15 lashes."

Enforced now a days and yellow journalism would be frowned.

The Duchess of Marlborough, now that she is free from court circles, and relieved of the false gilt and glare of royalty has returned to New York and is engaged "in rescue work on the East-side." And no doubt is enjoying a peace of mind and a satisfaction of soul to which Kings and Queens, Dukes and Duchesses are entire strangers.

It having been announced that during the Confederate reunion in Richmond, V. J. Bryan would be entertaining in Norfolk, fears were actually expressed that he would so draw the crowd from Richmond to Norfolk as seriously to impair interest in the reunion. Queer man that, and yet even Democracy will not support him for the presidency.

Mr. Roosevelt says "a man's pen should be as clean as his morals. He should write what he believes just as he should say what he believes." That's a good little sermon, Mr. President, and why not go a step further and add, a man should do what he believes to be right? and yet you know it is nothing but right that you should have a representative Southern man as member of your cabinet and yet you fail to appoint such. Preaching is "sounding brass" without practice.

The Evening World, of Roanoke, urges the manufacture of soap at home. Good suggestion. Larkins and others are growing rich selling to Roanoke, Farmville and other non-manufacturing soap centers. This is good for Larkins but bad for the buyers. There is but one way of being independent, and Burns said this is a "glorious privilege," and that is to make all you can at home and buy as little as possible from abroad.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Roanoke Evening World, commenting on an editorial paragraph of the Herald on the subject of the primary, agrees with us that no plan should be so costly as to bar worthy aspirants for public office, and suggests that the primary plan be continued and that the State bear the expense.

Properly guarded such enactment might be well, but it would not do to open the gates to all ambitious racers and then have the State pay their campaign expenses. In the last gubernatorial campaign, as we recollect, the three candidates spent something like \$40,000, and there might have been thirty in the race instead of three, and the State would have staggered under the debt-burden. The old convention system was saturated with fraud and the primary is prohibitory. What next?

Since writing the above we have read an able editorial from the pen of the gifted editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, who would under no conditions return to the old convention methods but would improve the defects in the primary plan. And so say we all.

Chief, of San Francisco, confesses that in order to be a successful politician he had to "lower his ideals." Now let others of the hoodle brotherhood speak out.

It does look as tho' the friends of Mr. Bryan would force the nomination on him again. This will be one big mistake. He can't unite Democracy and this means failure once more.

The Baltimore Sun would have Mr. Bryan go to Oklahoma to rally the Democrats, and why didn't the Sun rally round the banner when this same Bryan carried it in two National fights?

A woman writing of women says, "Even at her own fire-side may she find duties enough, cares enough, troubles enough, thought enough, wisdom enough to fit a martyr for the stake, a philosopher for life or a saint for heaven."

That fight out in Ohio is of genuine interest. The city is that the Democrats are not in condition to take advantage of it. Get together, both rs, and save the country from a continuation of tariff, under which is oppression.

The world's output of precious metals in 1906 was \$400,000,000 of gold and \$110,000,000 of silver. The South's cotton crop in the same year was worth \$715,000,000, and yet Mr. Roosevelt has no representative from the South in his cabinet.

Mr. J. P. Morgan has left the Episcopal Church for the Catholic. Some people will say that he made a mistake and others will say that he has not. Thank God this is a land of religious freedom. We can "worship God under our own vine or fig tree with none to molest or make us afraid."

Secretary Root's defence of a large campaign fund writes him down as a much smaller man than we have been measuring for him. And, then, to intimate that the Democrats spent well might as much money in the last campaign as did the Republicans is simply monstrous.

"Farmers with bank accounts" are being complimented on all sides. Happy mortals! They have the currency and can get on without the compliments, though no class of men object to nice things said of them. Banks are particularly pleased with the accounts of farmers as they have "staying" qualities. Those of merchants are fat and lean with the coming and going days.

The monument to Jefferson Davis will be unveiled on the 3rd of June, and is described as a tall column, 90 feet high, surmounted by bronze female figure representing "vindictrix," with bronze statue of President Jefferson Davis surrounded by thirteen stone columns representing the thirteen seceded States.

If it reached the stars it would be none too tall to perpetuate the memory of one who was made to suffer for a nation.

"The King himself is served by the field." What would become of the rulers, the plutocrats, the politicians, the society folks, the belles, the dukes out for the farmers? Take off your hat the next time one of the noble profession passes you, and salute him as of earth's worthies, and this you do whether he has on a coat or in his shirt sleeves, whether his pants are patched or just from the presser's hands, for "the King himself is served by the field."

Rev. Dr. Hawthorne made a notable address before the great gathering of Baptists in Richmond, and has been the most conspicuous figure in that assemblage of great men. Though 70 years of age when his friends and admirers speak to him of his "palmy days" he is quick to say, "they are ahead of me and not behind me."

Two recent gentlemen will soon retire from the ministry, but so long as he lives he will be a power for good and his lifework will never die.

FROM THE PEW.
We have often heard persons say that if they could have been a with Christ while he was upon earth, listening to his words, learning from him, living with him, it would have been easy to have been like him, that is to have been Christian in spirit and in walk and conversation. But the history of those who enjoyed this precious privilege doesn't justify any such boast. While the Master was with the disciples the rest of them were contending over personal promotion, the leader troubled in the presence of a maid and denied his Lord with curses, while another betrayed him with a kiss. When, however, he had gone from them they were unmoved in presence of persecution, of prisons, of prisons or any world-power. Obedience to God rather than to man became the controlling motive of their lives and nothing swerved them from the path of duty. And this is not to be wondered at, for Christ had told them very plainly, "if I go not away the Comforter will not come, but if I go I will send him to you."

And this he did and from that good hour neither John nor James said aught of position on the "right hand" or the "left," and Peter did not fear the power of hell itself. In a conversation on which the Lord had with Thomas, he emphasized the fact that the Christians who never saw him in the flesh, enjoy an immense advantage over those who did. When by a cruel test Thomas, with a dull all-gone, cried out, "my Lord and my God," Christ said unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen yet have believed."

So that we have from the lips of him "who spoke as mere man spoke," a special blessing upon those who though they have not seen him yet believed on him in contrast with those who saw him and believed.

It was said that a certain young girl always wore a locket about her neck but which she showed to no one while she lived, and after her death when it was examined, there was found there no face nor feature, but

words: "Whom though I have not seen yet I love." And so with all true Christians. They may see through a "glass darkly," but they do catch glimpses of the "Captains of their salvation," they do hear his voice, they are obeying his commands with the confident assurance that they will yet reign and rule with him in the Father's home.

Yes, we of the present are immensely favored of heaven not only as to things temporal but things spiritual as well. We honestly believe that we are of that class of servants who have "ten talents" committed unto their keeping, and if this be so then responsibility is as great as is the opportunity.

lie a Man.
Foolish spending is the father of poverty. Do not be ashamed of hard work. Work for the best salaries and wages you can get, but work for half price rather than be idle. Be your own master, and do not let society or fashion swallow up your individuality—that, coat and boots. Do not eat up or wear out all that you earn. Compel your selfish body to spare something for profit's sake. Be stingy to your own appetite, but merciful to other's necessities. Help others, and ask no help for yourself. See that you are proud. Let your pride be of the right kind. Be too proud to wear a coat you cannot buy; too proud to be in company that you cannot keep up with in expenses; too proud to lie, or steal, or cheat; too proud to be stingy; in short, be a man of integrity and individuality.

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