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A NEW SECRET ORDER

Boone has the distinction of being the fourth town in the United States to organize a "Society of Yellow Dogs," the other three being Washington, D. C., Grove City, Pa., and Salt Lake City. Chief Cur H. L. Wilson introduced the order, and the charter members are our leading citizens. Since the initial meeting, worthless, mangy, mongrels, have flocked in from the byways by the scores, seeking rather a panacea for their many ills than a chase for the proverbial bone, and have accordingly been ministered unto by the friendly pack and raised from their flea-bitten state, to perfect contentment as nice, clean little Yellow Dogs.

On Tuesday night the Curz gathered in the court house and received some twelve or fifteen into the local Kennel, and still applications are pouring in, for among the unlearned of our canine tribe the suffering is great, and the cries for mangle solve are falling upon considerate ears.

Some of those who have been contented to suffer the tortures of the mongrel, and who are still roaming the plains, hunting in packs, having never learn to snaw in harmony, the bone of happiness, have been inclined to criticise the order, perhaps because the name doesn't sound high, but all are at least taking note of the mushroom growth of the mammoth pack.

After all the name should imply nothing of harm to the Kennel, for have you ever found a friend more faithful or more concerned for your wellbeing than a common little Yellow Dog?

THAT COURT HOUSE FENCE

Fellow townsmen, what has become of the proposition in which the County Commissioners, (much to their credit) took stock, to place a neat fence around the Public Square? Surely it has been overlooked as cows are still allowed to graze at will on the pretty grass around the County house. The Democrat hardly thinks there is another Public Square in North Carolina that is used for pasture. True, it is rather tempting, as the growth is luxuriant, and pastures short, but that is no excuse. We certainly ought to have more town and county pride than to allow these conditions to longer exist. We, as citizens, might eventually get used to it, but what do you suppose visitors to our town think when they see cattle sheltering against the wall of the court house? The commissioners will be in session again Monday, and we do hope that immediate steps will be taken to remedy this evil. We can testify to the fact that keeping a milk cow in town is rather a costly business, but under the State and Municipal law, we have no right to pasture them on the commons.

FRIENDSHIP Dr. W. R. Butler

Don't be an iceberg, It produces Chills and aches, Warm blood must circulate the body To make the heart pulsate.

Out on life's boundless ocean, Cultivate Love and Friendship in the heart,

Let kind words from the fountain flow.

The Birds will sing the sweetest songs When flying by our doors.

Money brings us comfort, Happiness is a priceless thing, Money cannot buy it. Love and Friendship Are a link in the chain.

I had rather be a sentinel Over th esilent throng, Perhaps I could hear no voices Of those who loved me first As I patrol from stone to stone. Than dwell in the first mansions, Or among people, when Love And Friendship flown.

THE TOWN ELECTION

At the municipal election held here on Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the next two years: Mr. E. N. Hahn was elected mayor, to succeed himself, as were Dr. Mc G. Anders and Mr. J. Frank Moore, for commissioners. Mr. T. B. Moore being the only new member elected commissioner. Before the primary Mr. A. E. South, a valuable member of the old board of commissioners, withdrew, giving as his reason that he positively could not fill the position longer, for the lack of time, as the business was increasing in magnitude all the while. The town is to be congratulated upon the selection of these gentlemen, as they are among our best business men, possessing all the qualifications that go to make up good conscientious and efficient officers. There being but one ticket in the field, the vote was light, less, perhaps, than one half the qualified voters casted their ballots. Now, let every citizen of the town get equally behind the officers in their efforts to make Boone a better town in which to live. Without the full support of the people, their work will be badly handicapped.

They are not elected from any single faction, hence, every citizen within our borders should feel equally interested. Boost! Don't Knock! Throw down your hammer and get a horn!

A WORLD WAR REACTION

(Greensboro News)

An analysis of population changes shown by the 1920 census has been published by the Census department, which concludes that the tendency of the American people to concentrate in cities was stimulated by the war, and this, economically considered is regarded as the most important development indicated by the fourteenth century.

The violence radiating from the bloody fields of France reached every remote village, disturbed the quiet flow of life in countless rural communities where a regular routine had ruled for generations. Without some extraordinary stimulus those who break away from the environment in which they were born are small minority who depart from type. They do not fit; the friction consequent upon that fact develops imagination; they remove to another neighborhood or to a far state, or to another country. A succession of years of adversity, with scant return for toil, a meager food supply, will uproot a large number. Such force operated for decades to populate the west at the expense of the south. The thoughts of the people were all of agriculture, and even those of more adventurous spirit, able to uproot themselves and seek fortune in strange places, expected to find it in the soil, rather than in the activities of cities.

All the problems that are associated with immigration are due to the fact that the men and women who have come to this country from Europe are of peculiar temperament and disposition. They left an environment where the daily customs of life, political relationships, industrial processes, had been fixed for centuries, yielding but slowly to the forces of evolution. It required an unusual sort of individual, a marked departure from type, even to consider seriously breaking away in the first place; and after the actual transition to a foreign environment, the reaction to a severance of these ancient ties produces an individual wholly different from the majority.

There was already a marked trend of the farm population to the towns and cities, but the great majority still found themselves in harmony with the conditions into which they were born, when the selective draft reached out and commanded The flower of the young manhood. These were sent across the ocean, or into distant camps. The call of high wages for war work, only less powerful, removed thousands of others to the cities. And thus the fabric of agricultural America was disturbed to its very foundations, new ideas, new horizons, were forced to the attention of hundreds of thousands. It is impossible that so vast a force working in such effective manner should fail to affect profoundly the industrial and political structure of the nation, for all time to come. But in any event, the absorption into the cities from the farms was destined to continue until the point of saturation shall have been reached; probably the war merely hastened, by some decades, the time when that point shall be reached.

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INFORMATION ABOUT LISTING TAXES—ACERAGE IN EACH CROP NECESSARY

The outstanding new addition to North Carolina's agricultural progress is the annual farm census. Although begun on a voluntary basis only five years ago, it afforded a 70 per cent degree of completeness; results last year and better is expected this year.

The skepticism at first, by farmers and others interested, has given way to strong endorsement by County Commissioners, Cooperative Marketing, Farm Bureaus, Extension Service, bankers and progressive farmers. The voluntary overwhelming result was responsible for the law being passed requiring this throughout the tax lists.

Those in charge of this, both locally and in the Department of Agriculture, claim that the present difficulty is on the part of the farmers themselves. Although we own one or more farms, the tax lists find that our confidential knowledge of this non-taxable farm work is sadly lacking.

It is definitely proven in all commercial industries that failure would be certain if planned as the farmers do their plantings. Only an inventory or audit can show what we are doing. The best sellers and losses may be found, especially if records of sales and purchases are maintained.

Mr. ———County Tax Supervisor, requests that each farm owner make a list of his own and his tenants crop acreages, etc., and carry with him when he lists his taxes. This will be for the separate Farm Census list which has nothing to do with taxes.

The Farm Census this year needs the following information of each farm owner including his tenants: Acres owned cultivated, lying-out, improved pastures, and timber, which are an essential basis for the crops. The acres of each crop grown even to the 1-10 acre field crops; each kind of hay to be harvested this year; the number of bearing fruit trees; tons fertilizers and manure for this year; number of sows, ewe sheep, milk cows (milking age); work stock and hens are called for.

Even if our farmers did nothing more than prepare such a list each year for their own information, it would prove very valuable. To have it by counties will be more so, when used and protected as it is. If we

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN MILK PRODUCTION By L. N. Perkins.

Last fall the Three Forks Cheese factory had to close on account of the stockholders claiming they could not afford to furnish milk at the prices paid. Suppose we figure on this a little and ascertain the facts about it.

A common dairy cow ought to give Three gallons of milk per day for six months in the year. That is an average of that amount for the year for good cows will produce milk ten months in the year if treated right. Well, three gallons of milk per day for six months in the year would amount to five hundred and forty gallons, and that amount of milk at 12 cents per gallon would total \$64.80 more money than the cow would bring if she were sold at public auction.

Suppose then you keep your milk and churn it and make butter, it takes on an average of three gallons of whole milk to make one pound of butter. So out of your hundred and forty gallons of milk you would get one hundred and eighty pounds of butter, and that amount of butter at the prices paid by State Agents last summer at the A. T. S. for country butter (20 cents per pound), would total \$36.00, counting nothing for the labor of churning and taking care of the butter. The managers of the cheese factory figure that they will be able to pay 12 cents per gallon for milk this year and take the milk from the homes of the producers, provided the people will make an effort to aid all they can in this enterprise. It looks to me like it would be to the interest of all concerned for all who can to rally to the support of the factory, keep it going, thereby make money for themselves and build up a good home industry.

A COSTLY MISTAKE

"What ruined your business?" "Advertising." "How?" "I let it all be done by my competitors."—Associated Advertising.

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