

**The Franklin Times**

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**TAR DROPS**

—A good crowd was in Louisburg Monday.

—The floor to the new bridge has been started and the last pillow poured.

—Quite a lot of nice work has been done on the streets the past few weeks.

—Messrs. P. J. Brown and Ellington went back to Camp Glenn Monday.

—The Baptist Sunday School will picnic today in the beautiful grove of Rev. M. Stamps, near town.

—From Franklinton—Miss Elizabeth Alston, of Louisburg, is on a visit to her aunt, Miss Sue Cheatham.

—Quite a lot of improvement has been made to the Baptist Church lawn by putting up a nice concrete curbing and turling the sides in an artistic manner.

—The many friends of Mr. G. C. Harris were glad to see him on our streets again the past week after having been laid up with a bad foot for several weeks.

—Mr. L. J. Pernell presented the editor with one of the finest tomatoes this week we have seen this season. It weighed 21 ounces and was a fine specimen. We extend to him our thanks.

—The Seaboard Air Line is announcing its annual Conductor's excursion to Portsmouth-Norfolk on Tuesday, August 22, 1916. The fare from Louisburg is \$3.00, and excursionists will leave here at 8:15. Returning will leave Portsmouth at 10 A. M. Thursday, August 24.

**Mass Meeting at White Level School Building.**

On Saturday afternoon, August 19, 1916, there will be a mass meeting held at White Level School Building, at which time Attorney G. M. Beam, of Louisburg, will address the meeting at 3:00 o'clock. Every man, woman and child in reach of the building are cordially invited. We want your presence and we need your help.

**Farm Women's Convention.**

Miss Pauline Smith, Home Demonstration Agent, calls particular attention to the notice and the progress of the Farm Women's Convention at A. & M. College, West Raleigh, N. C., August 29, 30, 31, 1916, which will appear in our next issue.

Franklin County has been poorly represented at previous meetings. It is a convention that will be helpful to both rural and city housewives, and here's hoping that Franklin County may send the largest delegation of any county to the Convention.

**Why Women Live Longer Than Men.**

Do you know that the average length of life for white males is 50.2 years, for Negro males 34.1 years, for white females 53.6 years, and for Negro females 37.7 years? The reason for this is believed to be twofold, first, that nearly all the suicides, murders and accidental deaths are men, and next, that men indulge to excess in alcohol, tobacco, over-eating and various forms of vice more than women.

Doctor Albert Barr, in speaking of the use of tobacco, says: "There are volumes of evidence in support of the statement that smoking is responsible for much of the premature senility of men. Nearly twice as many women as men live to be a hundred."

It is exceedingly important that we women keep our health and strength and minds clear to care for the coming generation. How important it is, then, that we use every influence possible to keep our young girls from contracting the snuff habit. Almost every woman who uses snuff will say, "I was taught it when I was a child, but I wish I had never learned it." Those who know what a filthy thing snuff is would not put it in their mouths. The habit were fastened very strongly on them.—The Progressive Farmer.

**Miss J. E. Williams.**

We readily accept of the following letter from Miss J. E. Williams, relative to the County Home, and feel that if more publicity could be given the public a better understanding would prevail:

To the Editor of The Times.

Will you please allow me space enough in your paper for an explanation concerning the County Home?

Since the primary (June 3) there has been a great deal of comment about how it should be run, and as to whether the present administration was doing its full duty. Now as I am at liberty for the first time, I would like to make a full explanation of the same.

First it is charged that the cost of

maintenance of the home is too much.

Second that the farm is not properly handled and possibly some other things that I am not aware of.

From my standpoint the expenses could not have been lessened without what I would consider inhumane treatment to inmates of the Institution, which I as manager, certainly would not stand for. There has always been some inmates of the County Home who were equal in character and deportment of myself and family or any other superintendent that may hereafter be in charge, and from that down to the lowest depths of humanity. And according to my views they all have the same claims upon the authorities in their afflictions, being all of the human family and as helpless charges on the good office or the taxpayers of Franklin county; and to that end I have endeavored to work, and I feel that some have been greatly benefited and exceedingly grateful. Some have been the basest of ingrates, and of this class I and my family have made our special efforts to comfort and help. I still feel there has not been one penny too much spent for them and the work and help rendered them day or night by me and my family has been a source of gratification to us, that we can look back on through all the criticisms that has been or may hereafter be laid to our charge with a clear conscience that at least we have been of some help to those whom we are commanded should receive our first care.

Second: As to the farm, I will admit that I am not a crack farmer I certainly wish I was. But the County Farm and the proceeds of the same stand as an evidence of whether the farm has improved or decreased under my management. That is a question not to be answered by me, but by the best farmers of this community who have had a life's knowledge of the same and I am perfectly willing to abide by their decision.

Just one word about the new management, I never met Mr. Hoaden, the newly elected Superintendent until the day of his election, and those who are not acquainted with him need no better recommendation for his fitness for caring for the helpless inmates and management of the Institution and farm than that extended him by the Board of Commissioners, who after due deliberation and investigation four of the five found him to be the best man to fill the place.

And as for myself, I really believe that those gentlemen all of whom I am personally acquainted with, were thoroughly satisfied without any political or selfish motive, have elected the man they thought best fitted for the place, and let us all hope that he will be an improvement over any superintendent that has heretofore been here, and that he and his good wife will so lend their energies and good feelings that they may make the helpless ones more comfortable in their afflictions, and that he may manage the farm connected with the home in a way that will be satisfactory to even the worst critics.

E. N. WILLIAMS.

**Happiness.**

"There is an instinct in the heart of man which makes him fear a cloudless happiness. It seems to him that he owes to misfortune a title of his life and that which he does not pay bears interest, it amassed and largely swells a debt which sooner or later he must acquit."

**Only on the Outside.**

"Why, Ethel, you don't mean to tell me you want to marry that bald-headed Professor Wiseman?"

"It is true he is bald," said Ethel, "but think how many young men of today are bald on the inside of their heads."

**Its Risk.**

"A kiss may often have deeper meaning than appears."

"Perhaps, but it is a thing you have to take on its face value."—Baltimore American.

**More Noticeable.**

The more rare a man's qualities are the more he will be found fault with. Dust on a diamond is always more noticeable than dust on a brick.—Josh Billings.

**Chest and Leg.**

First Fresh—My father has a fine cedar chest.

Second Fresh—"Nothing, my father is a veteran and has a hickory leg.—Dartmouth Jack-o'-Lantern.

**Nigerian Coal Deposits.**

Nigeria has been added to the lands in which valuable deposits of coal have been discovered in recent years.

**Make Opportunities.**

A great man will make great opportunities, even out of the commonest and meanest situations.

Religion's in the heart, not in the knee.

**KNOW FIRE PREVENTION**

**Officers of Fire Companies Must Not Only Be Good Fire Fighters.**

**Must Lay Out Their Work So That Whole District is Covered and Apply Themselves Intelligently.**

Besides being an expert fire-fighter, the officer in charge of a company should be a fire prevention expert and be able to select suitable men and train them to become good inspectors. He should lay out their work in such a way that his whole district would be properly covered, I know captains who can go into a building like a grain elevator, for instance, check up the whole sprinkler system from top to bottom and give an intelligent report on its condition throughout; who can test out the fire pump in any plant in conformity with Underwriters' requirements, figure out the rated capacity, the actual work performed and with the assistance of the engineer in charge tell very nearly what the trouble is if it does not deliver its full capacity under the required pressure. They could not do this a few years ago, and it shows what a little study and practice will do. By applying themselves in the same intelligent manner to other branches of their work they become competent instructors in their respective companies and compel the respect of everyone with whom they come in contact. Men of that caliber are valuable to the department and should be compensated commensurate with their worth.—Olaf Johnson.

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

**75,000 Persons Are Accidentally Killed Each Year in the United States.**

**And Yet, Some Men Think That Accident Insurance is Useless and an Unnecessary Expense.**

During the year 1915 there were 7,886 citizens of this country drowned; 1,641 persons lost their lives because of fires; 1,231 were killed by cyclones and wind storms, and 486 killed by explosions. Electricity killed 242, while 172 were killed by lightning. Asphyxiation caused 225 deaths and 89 were killed in elevator accidents. Automobiles were responsible for the deaths of 2,224 persons and the injuring of 10,032. Railroads killed 6,707 and injured 70,516, not including those killed or injured while trespassing upon railroad property.

The official estimate at Washington is that 75,000 persons are accidentally killed in the United States every year. Compare this with the four years of the Civil War, in which 87,058 Union soldiers were killed in battle. It is further officially estimated that not less than two million people are accidentally injured in the United States each year.

And yet, there are men calling themselves good business men who seem to think accident insurance is useless and an unnecessary expense.—Preferred Pilot.

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRES.**

The growing sentiment in favor of penalizing careless acts causing fires is taking definite form in legislation. The city council of Cleveland, Ohio, ordained that in addition to the regular penalties "in case of fire resulting directly or indirectly from any omission or neglect to properly comply with the written order of the fire warden, the person or persons culpable or negligent in respect thereto shall be liable in a civil action for the payment of all costs and expenses of the fire department incurred in and about the use of employees, apparatus and materials in the extinguishing of any fire" resulting from such cause, the amount of such costs and expenses to be fixed by the Director of Public Safety, and when collected to be paid into the general fund of the city of Cleveland." Pennsylvania, acting in 1915, is the first State to enact a law of similar purport.—W. E. Langley, Indiana Fire Marshall.

**CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

A competent executive officer can save his wages in real dollars and cents with every setting of the sun. He can make the hose last longer, keep the apparatus from the scrap heap, maintain the health of his men by proper sanitary rules and prevent accidents and loss of life. It is a man's job and it takes a man to fill it, but there are a whole lot of real men in the fire service. We want to urge them to develop their abilities so that when their opportunities come they may be able to take advantage of them. Taking a real interest in the work, having always in mind that we can do better if we try; strict attention to duty and a little time devoted to study will make us better men.

**METHOD IN FINANCE**

The approve method of handling business finances is to bank all receipts promptly, drawing out enough cash to take care of ordinary daily requirements and paying all bills of any size on separate checks.

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On The Corner **L. P. HICKS** On The Corner

**Up From the Line**

It is a mistake to entertain the idea that a good bank seeks only the accounts of those who can, immediately, do the bank a lot of good.

The First National Bank persists in its view that it serves its own interests and the common business interests when it encourages the accounts of those whom the Bank can do good. The question of profit can often well await the successful outcome of the efforts of those who are working up from the line.

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