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Don't be penny wise and pound foolish in the court house and jail question.

Governor Morrison made a wise choice in the selection of Judge George W. Connor, to succeed Chief Justice W. A. Hoke as Associate Justice.

DON'T LETS WASTE MONEY

In compliance with the expressed wishes of the people of Franklin County in a meeting held in the court house on February 4th, 1924 the Board of County Commissioners two weeks ago began the work of repairing the jail at an approximate cost of from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

What we want to impress upon you Mr. Tax Payer "is this a wise move?" It goes without saying we will have to have a jail. It is admitted we need a court house.

It has been a noticeable fact that many substantial tax payers in the county who six months ago were opposed to building a new court house with a jail on top and were in favor of repairs, have completely changed their position and are outspoken against what they consider a loss of any amount of money that might be invested in the jail deal.

Looking at the question from a business stand point there is no argument in favor of remodeling, and now since the jail cannot be remodeled, it is highly foolish to make the necessary expenditure to insure a new jail when a few thousand dollars more will provide both. The Commissioners, so we are informed, recognize the foolishness of this situation and are favorable to a new and combined building, but want to heed the wishes of the people.

We repeat a portion of our article of February 1st:

Mr. Taxpayer you should be interested in this question because it is your problem and your responsibility. Read further we are going to give you a few figures for your convenience of speculation.

The advocates claim that as Louisburg has recently built a new graded school for a little less than \$100,000, and the building being much larger in some respects than it would be desired that a new court house should be, in first class proof that we can build a new court house with a jail on the third floor for not over \$100,000.00 and as many other buildings in the state that would be a parallel to a building such as we would want, at costs around \$100,000.00 there seems to be no need to spend more. It is further claimed by the advocates of the new building that quite a lot of material would be salvaged from the old court house and jail and be used in the new building.

For your information we give you the following figures that we secured from one of the most expert tax calculators in Franklin County based on a tax valuation of fifteen million dollars. A four cent rate would produce \$6,000,000, which will pay five per cent interest on a \$100,000.00 bond issue and create a sinking fund of \$1,000 annually, which if loaned out at 6 per cent interest compounded annually will pay on the \$100,000.00 in bonds in 40 years. This means that a person with \$100.00 taxable property would pay 4 cents a year, the same with \$1,000.00 would pay 40 cents a year; the one with \$10,000.00 would pay \$4.00 per year, and so on. The majority of the tax payers would pay a great deal less than \$4.00 per year each, for a

new building. The serial bond has won a most favorable place with the units of government that issue and the bond market. This bond for the same period of 40 years would cost the tax payers practically the same thing. The difference would be the rate for the first 10 years would be 5 cents, the following 20 years 4 cents, and the remaining ten years 3 cents. Assuming the bonds would be sold at 5 per cent the interest the first year would be \$5,000. The bonds to mature each year would be \$2,500.00. The interest would be reduced each year by \$125.00.

It is possible that among those who read this will be many different ideas as to the cost of a building. For that reason the rate has been given on a hundred thousand dollars, so that they can be easily increased in proportion to your idea. Its your problem and you should be enough interested to make some calculation. For instance take the tax value of the property you gave in to the list taker last year and work out the cost to you by adding 4 cents for each \$100.00 you have.

One of the greatest barriers in the way of a new court house for Franklin County several years ago when the question was being so much discussed was the location. A great sentiment had been worked up to move the court house to a new location on Main Street. Then the question arose as to what to do with the old court square. Some wanted it sold for private business, and still others wanted the county to keep it and retain it for the court house. As time passed sentiment grew stronger in favor of the County holding it and if a new court house was built at all to build it on the present square. There is no real good reason to move the location if a new building is erected as it can be easily constructed so that the noise on the streets will not bother the sessions of the court, but if it must be moved at all why buy more property when the county has one of the finest pieces of property in the town where the jail now is. This property could be easily utilized for a court house and would be all the room needed. On the other hand the jail property could be laid off into lots by extending Cedar and Spring streets and the Bull Run avenue and sold off for a handsome sum, even more than the present court square.

Those people who have erected or purchased buildings around the square feel like it would reduce the value of their property, and by erecting the new building there it would satisfy the desires of a large majority of Franklin County citizens in retaining an old land mark and also those whose property adjoins it on all four sides.

It is generally conceded that money spent in repairing or remodeling old buildings is money thrown away.

The court room, although the acoustics are considered among the best in the State, is entirely inadequate. The vaults are crowded and the records are being piled upon one another. The office space is inadequate. Neither office is large enough. The Commissioners should have a special meeting place. The Educational Department should have offices in the court house, and the Grand Jury should have a room. In addition there should be ladies waiting or rest rooms for the accommodation of the ladies attending court or for their use when in town on any business. There should be comfortable jury rooms, and consultation rooms, and there should be provided a room for the Judge's convenience. And one for the most important features, and one that our court room hasn't got, is an entrance from the rear. In its present condition any kind of a stampede might bring frightful results with only one entrance, that being in front with winding stairs.

This building should be equipped generously with laboratories and closet throughout and should be heated with one central heating plant.

This is a most important matter. One that needs immediate and level headed consideration.

In any event it is your responsibility over your problem. Meet it face to face like men and solve it so that you will always feel proud of your actions

NEGRO ATTEMPTS AN ASSAULT UPON WOMAN

Posses in Hoke County Take Him. Governor Reinds Order to National Guard Unit

Raleigh, June 16.—Governor Cameron Morrison late tonight, after issuing an order for national guardsmen of Raeford to go on duty at the jail in Raeford to guard Robert C. Wright, negro, rescinded the order. It was stated that later reports to the executive convinced him that the sheriff had the situation well in hand and would not need the troops.

Wright was arrested late today after the sheriff had successfully eluded more than 1,000 persons who had been searching for the negro a portion of the day. Wright is charged with an attempted attack upon a young white woman.

Young Woman Reported As Only Slightly Injured

Raeford, June 16.—Following a man hunt for several hours, in which a thousand citizens of Hoke county are said to have participated, Robert C. Wright, young South Carolina negro, was captured late today and said to have been identified by a young white woman as the negro who earlier in the day attacked her in an attempt at criminal assault.

The young woman is reported to have escaped uninjured except for bruises about the face and arms. The captured is said to have borne scars on his face as a result of the struggle with his victim.

Frank Bennett of Anson County is selling over \$2000 worth of hogs from his farms each year largely because he grazes them on a legume pasture, reports county agent J. W. Cameron.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

ORD IN FLORIDA. BILLION CIGARETTES. THE POST OFFICE PAY. McADOO AND SMITH

Henry Ford has bought a great deal of land in Florida, including a fine seat and a good many buildings. He gets wood for his cars from forests in the North. He will now, it is said, establish rubber plantations in Florida to supply material for his tires.

"From producer to consumer" is his motto. WATCH FLORIDA. That one State among forty-eight in this Union will before many years have passed be a gigantic nation in itself.

One task in the United States is not neglected, and that's the job of burning up cigarettes. In April the factories turned out more than five thousand millions of cigarettes, and the output is constantly increasing. In four months this year the country smoked two thousand million more cigarettes than in the same period last year.

If young gentlemen devoted to other tasks the concentration and careful attention and choosing that they devote to cigarettes, what a world this would be for accomplishment.

It is suggested that President Coolidge will veto the bill to raise the pay of post office employees, on the ground that "the nation can't afford it." The President would hardly say that. The nation CAN afford it, and it can't afford to treat faithful public servants meanly.

The nation supplies the President with a fine private yacht to go sailing, one that burns many gallons of oil and employs many men. If the nation can afford that for the President, who gets \$75,000 a year besides, it can afford to pay living wages to the letter carrier, who pays for his shoes three times what he used to pay.

Secretary Wilbur of the Navy

Congress must have the power to override Supreme Court decisions.

Why don't Supreme Court decisions are no better than the laws that render them. And judges are no better than the laws appointing them, presumably, by Congress. Congress represents the people, and the people cannot be trusted to manage their own affairs, including their own Supreme Court judges, they ought to go back to the kindergarten under King George of England and not pretend to rule themselves.

Apparently La Follette intends to run independently for the Presidency. He has no party. He has no party. It isn't likely that the party will consent to such a thing as Dr. La Follette would do.

La Follette cannot be elected, and knows it. But he can spend the party and candidates of politicians, if that seems to him worth while. Some that know him well do not believe he will run the risk of being responsible toward the end of his career, of making a Democratic President. That was Roosevelt's farewell accomplishment.

Dr. Chien, professor of Agriculture at the University of Pennsylvania, discovers a Babylonian writing giving the age of Noah as 6,899 years. This makes of Methuselah a poor second. Exaggeration of time and other things, on the big and the little side, was common everywhere in the old days.

Periods were twisted out of shape, made shorter or longer. Palaces were built in a second, the World was created in six days. Wise men lived thousands of years. All this does not invalidate the fundamental value of historical records.

Whatever else happens in the Democratic convention, Smith and McAdoo combined could control it; it they could get together, it would be their convention. Possibly they will get together. McAdoo wants to be President; nothing else would do. Al Smith might be satisfied to be Vice-President to start with. That would make a combination hard to beat—especially if La Follette decides to run and cut a large independent piece out of the Republican vote in several States.

Civilization has passed various milestones, one "slavery," one "religious persecution," one the "torment of witnesses." This nation may pass another labelled "child labor," and throw off one more disgrace.

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"Forty parties contributed on curb market today. Total sales amounted to \$240.06. Spirit good on both sides." County Agent Kerr Scott reporting on the Burlington Curb Market.

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BETTER TOMATOES SECURED BY PRUNING AND STAKING VINES

Raleigh, June 16.—To facilitate spraying and working among tomatoes, the plants should be pruned and staked. The rows are generally five feet apart and the plants spaced two feet apart in the row, thus giving sufficient room to prune and spray easily.

"Before the plant falls over" say horticultural workers of the State College extension service, "a stake six or seven feet high should be driven into the ground beside it. The suckers should be removed from the axils of the leaves and main stem. Then the plant is tied loosely with a rag string to this stake. Since the suckers will come again, they should be removed each week.

"Pruning and staking the plant will cause it to grow in height and prolong the bearing period. Some plants will reach a height of eight or ten feet if cared for properly. The top will be growing and blooming when ripe fruit is being gathered from the lower clusters. Since pruning delays ripening for a few days, it is well to pinch the tops off of a few plants after the third or fourth cluster has formed, and thus force them into early maturity. In North Carolina this information applies to the home and market garden."

BELHAVEN INTERESTED IN COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Raleigh, June 16.—The Belhaven Chamber of Commerce arranged a special

meeting of business men and farmers with a banquet of that section for Thursday night June 12 with the special object in view of having the plans and purposes of cooperative marketing presented. A. E. Bing, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association was invited to deliver the address.

Mr. Bing stressed the cardinal foundation principles of orderly marketing, its value to the farmer and its importance as a movement looking forward to the financial independence of the farmer. In addition to discussing these matters Mr. Bing also explained the plans and purposes of the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation which has been organized to aid in the financing of crop production in this State.

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