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Secretary McAdoo has given notice that he will deposit \$80,000,000 in Southern banks to move the cotton crop if necessary. Oh ye calamity howlers what dyes think o'that?

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has granted the express companies the privilege of increasing their already exorbitant rates. If this institution, supposed to have been established to guard the people's interests, has ever permanently turned down a rate increase, we have failed to note it.

The road leading from Lexington to the Piedmont Toll Bridge on the Yadkin in Davidson County is being rapidly built and soon a good road will be had from Charlotte via Salisbury to Greensboro. If Rowan and Davidson can, without straining their finances, buy this toll bridge and make it free, at least to local traffic, it would be a great boon to the citizens of both counties.

Judging by the program of the North Carolina Publicity Bureau North Carolinians are extremely anxious to dispose of their holdings and, we suppose, leave the State. This bureau's self imposed job is to induce immigrants to come to North Carolina and take up land, become citizens, crowd out the natives and take charge of the State. If the people permit this, their children and children's children will have a big and lasting sorrow to nurse.

Hon. W. T. Bickett, our present attorney general, is being highly spoken of as a proper candidate for governor and we have no doubt that he will, if elected, make an efficient official. THE WATCHMAN has no candidate, but it wants to see a man in that office who will understand that he is the servant of the people, that he will perform the duties legally assigned him and will not go beyond them. We are not making complaint against any, but if the people are to have any rights left them, the time to head off program making by a few officials, multiplication of offices, increased taxation, and the arbitrary conduct of affairs, such as the Davidson County bond issue outrage, often contrary to the known wishes of a majority of the tax-payers, is at hand. Any man who has a lot of plans of his own to be made law or put into effect otherwise, does not regard himself a servant, but a boss and should be told where to get off. If the people do not wake up soon it may be too late.

The Merchants' Association of Statesville has endorsed the Hollis rural credit bill and has gone on record to do what it can to have the law put on the statute books. We are not aware of the exact provisions of this contemplated act, but it seems to us that some steps should be taken to make it possible for any one who can provide proper security to obtain a loan without paying a bonus besides double interest as is now the case. We are not much on class legislation and only endorse the idea as a step in the right direction as all should be fed from the same spoon. A farmer recently told us the difficulties of getting a small loan although he had had twenty-times the value of the amount wanted. He was required to pay for a search of the records, a bonus and then 6 per cent. Sometimes borrowers are required to pay an additional four per cent. on a six months' note for "getting" the money. Much of this is the result of the State's fixing the rate at six per cent, and then taking very nearly half of it back in taxes.

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The most dangerous feature connected with the collection of taxes and the disbursement of public funds, now rampant, is the tendency of small communities, necessarily limited in means, to erect plants and conduct business on a scale equal to those of New York, Chicago, Pittsburg, San Francisco and other large cities, straining every point to raise large sums of money and trying every means under Heaven EXCEPT ECONOMY.

Our recent bond election, as most bond elections do, indicated the injustice of men who own nothing, many not even have been in the community long enough to pay poll taxes, going and were carried to the polls to vote against property owners, home owners and in many instances women who own property and deprived of a voice in the matter. Such conditions, however, was given some consideration by the last legislature, and if we are not mistaken, was passed and ratified prior to our bond issue measure, but has been ignored, yet may be cause for invalidating the election. This chapter, No. 22, requires that "ALL residents of legal age, owning realty, irrespective of sex" shall sign a petition for certain elections, which includes bond issues. As stated above this law was ignored by the Salisbury officials.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

This nation is now in the midst of a controversy as to how best to promote universal peace. That question we will leave for diplomats to discuss, but peace within nations is no less important than peace between nations and it is heavily laden with prosperity for every citizen within our commonwealth. Many leading politicians and oftentimes political platforms have declared war upon business and no cabinet crisis ever resulted. Many men have stood in high places and hurled "gas bombs" at industry; thrust bayonets into business enterprises and bombarded agriculture with indifference. Party leaders have many times broken diplomatic relations with industry; sent political aviators spying through the affairs of business, and political submarines have sent torpedoes crashing into the destiny of commerce. During the past quarter of a century we have fought many a duel with progress, permitted many politicians to carry on a guerrilla warfare against civilization and point a pistol at the heart of honest enterprise. No man should be permitted to cry out for universal peace until his record has been searched for explosives, for no vessel armed or laden with munitions of war should be given a clearance to sail for the port of Universal Peace. Let us by all means have peace, but peace, like charity, should begin at home.

GRASPING AT THE SHADOW

No man—especially if he is married—would deny woman any right she demands. Take the earth and give us peace, but why does woman long for the ballot? When all is said and done, is not the selection of the butcher more important to the home than the election of a mayor; is not the employment of the dairyman a far more important event in the life of the children than the appointment of a postmaster; is not the selection of books for the family library more important than voting bonds for jail and court houses? Why does woman lay aside the important things in life? Why leave the substance and grasp at the shadow? Be it said to the credit of womanhood that it is not, as a rule, the woman who rocks the cradle that wants to cast the ballot; it is not the mother who teaches her children to say "Now I lay me down to sleep" that harangues the populace; it is not the daughter who hopes to reign as queen over a happy home that longs for the uniform of the suffragette. It is, as a rule, the woman who despises her home, neglects her children and scorns motherhood that leads parades and smashes windows.

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FAITH.

Aug. 17—Mrs. Dan Smith and her three children of Richmond, are visiting her friend, Mrs. John Brenton.

Mrs. Martha Bates of Kannaapolis is visiting relatives at Faith. J. H. Simeon brought in a radish 28 1/2 inches around and 17 inches long and weighs 7 1/2 pounds. Who ever can beat that trot out your radish.

Mrs. T. B. Sturgis and son Duval of Concord, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lingle's for a week.

A young granite cutter at Ha. ve Fink's, July 19

Mrs. Maggie Lips and two children, Leonard and Effie, are visiting her niece, Mrs. David Peeler a few days.

Whoever has a eight horsepower steam boiler to lease and sell later drop a card to Venus, Faith, N. C.

M G M. Fisher, with a force of carpenters commenced the erection of a large barn on his lot in Faith a few days ago. Mr. Fisher will soon move to Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gantt Coble of near Greensboro, are visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Farmer for a few days.

There will be an ice cream party and picnic at Sampson Shuping's pasture, August 28th, commencing at four p. m. and continue in the night. Everybody invited.

Venus visited at Marsh Holshouser and got watermelons, cantaloupes and good meals while there. He made seven hundred bushels of oats and has five head of horses.

Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser of Winston-Salem arrived in Faith Saturday evening and on Sunday he preached at Lowerstone at 11 a. m. and at Mt. Hope at 8 p. m. and at Faith Sunday night. His many old friends were glad to meet him.

Venus got a fine dinner at Charley Earnhardt's. The date on the dining table is 1795 and is made of solid walnut. Who can beat that for an old timetable and still in use.

Miss Mary Peeler gave a picnic to a number of her Catawba friends on Peeler Bro's granite mountain last Friday evening, there were sixteen friends present. A fine supper was served on the big granite boulder and all spent a pleasant afternoon.

D. A. Wiley is putting a new phone in Lewis Peeler's store here.

Miss Letha Peeler gave a birthday party to her young friends Saturday night it being her sixteenth birthday. There were twenty-two present, refreshments were served and they all spent a pleasant time together.

Misses Mary, Lowrance and Mand Carpenter, Burlie Whitener and John Carpenter have returned to their home after spending several days with Mary Peeler.

D. H. Allen of Greensboro, posting bills in Faith today, he posted one of Venus' places full of posters and many others places.

Miss Fannie Clapp leaves Faith for her home in Burlington Wednesday, she has been visiting P. A. Peeler's family for several weeks.

Mrs. Settie Cannup of Salisbury, spent the week with her cousin, Mrs. C. H. Earnhardt.

H. E. Ellis of Webster Grove, ran out to Faith in a big automobile to see Venus' collection of curios. He has a large collection at his home and he is interested in them, he had been corresponding with Venus for some time and promised to come if he ever came to North Carolina. VENUS.

Scalping Club's Picnic Friday

The Scalp Club of the Mill Bridge section will hold its annual meeting at the Lingle school house Friday when a picnic will take place, the scalps will be counted, prizes awarded, a game of ball played and other contests will be held. Everybody is invited to come out, bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day. The club is divided into two sides and the captains are Arthur Saffrit, Lee Stillor, John Casper, R. E. Alexander and J. G. Brown.

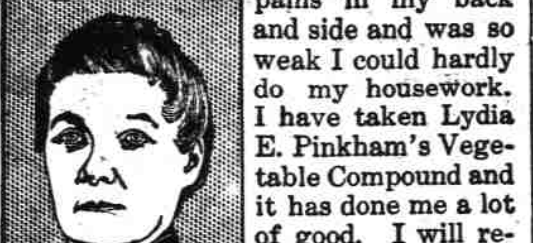
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INSPIRATION OF THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford.

When you enter the agricultural department of the county fair, you feel your soul uplifted and your life takes on a new power—that is the inspiration of the soil. You are overpowered by the grandeur and magnificence of the scene—that is the spirit of the harvest. You can hear the voice of nature calling you back to the soil—that is opportunity knocking at your door. It is a good chance to spend a quiet hour in contact with the purity and perfection of nature and to sweeten your life with its fragrance, elevate your ideals with its beauty and expand your imagination with its power.

These products as food are fit for the gods, and as an article of commerce they ought to bring tip-top prices on any market in the world. The products of the soil are teachers and preachers as well. Their beauty gives human life its first entertainment, their perfection stirs the genius in artists; their purity furnishes models for growth of character and their marvelous achievements excite our curiosity and we inquire into the wonderful process of nature.

Before leaving the parlor of agriculture where nature is prancing in her most graceful attire and science is climbing the giddy heights of perfection, let us pause and take a retrospective view. How many of you know that after these wonderful products are raised, they can seldom be marketed at a profit? Take the blushing Alberta, for example—they were fed to the hogs by the carload last year. The onion—the nation's favorite vegetable—every year rots by the acre in the Southwest for want of a market and as a result hundreds of farmers have lost their homes. Cotton—nature's capitalist—often goes begging on the market at less than cost of production.

It is great to wander through the exhibits while the band is playing "Dixie" and boast of the marvelous fertility of the soil and pride ourselves on our ability to master science, but it is also well to remember that there is a market side to agriculture that does not reflect its hardships in the exhibits at a county fair.

LAST CALL

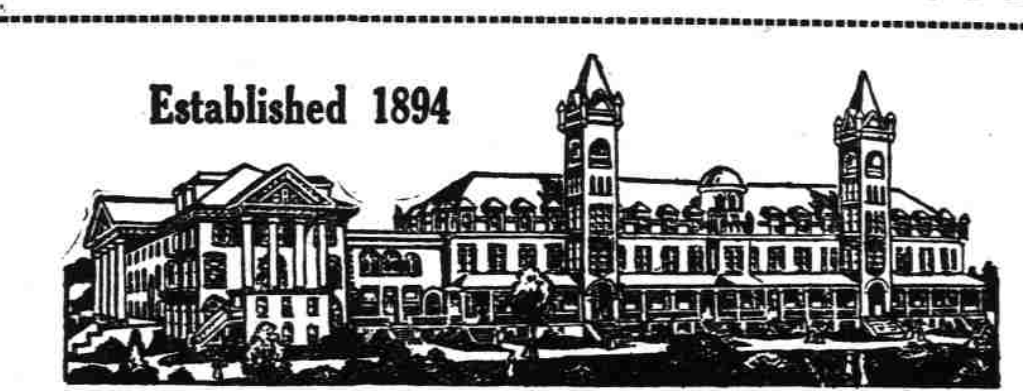
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