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BLESSED is the country who has no Castro

TURNING the thermometer upside down helps a little.

'Tis better to hold on to what you have than run against a winner and get licked.

ONE way to end the Mexican disturbance is to let the factions lick each other to a frazzle.

SCIENTISTS say that life is reactionary. This ought to be encouraging to the reactionaries.

An eastern court rules that tipping a porter is voluntary. Nevertheless it's an act of self-defense.

THEY never throw old shoes at a bride in Chicago. A Chicago shoe is classed as a deadly weapon.

THIRTY years ago the public bar was one of the important adjuncts of every prominent North Carolina hotel.

As for those Mexican crisis, we yawn in the face of one when we meet it now. They are too common.

AND just when everything was looking rosy for Mr. Bryan's peace plan here comes Venezuela and starts something.

BEING right here near the border, the Colonel might take Kermit and a few trusty Fough Riders and annex Mexico.

Of course, the prudent citizen of Adirondack keeps three or four changes of flags on his person for the emergencies of the day.

MILLINERS began to design fall hats and poets are writing autumn verses, but the rest of the world is enjoying the summer weather.

ONE advantage of being president of the United States is that you can call the baseball heroes by their first names without being rebuked.

BUT after all what could the poor women do but slit 'em after they had been made so tight that they could walk only with extreme difficulty.

OUR old friend Wu Ting-fang may again visit the United States. He will be warmly welcomed, no questions asked, but all answered, as usual.

THE Washington Post: "The woman suffrage movement seems to have captured 'em all except Ben Tillman, Tom Heflin and the Apostle Paul."

A Chicago alienist says that love is a form of lony. But Shakespeare said that long before him, so that it is no use reviving the discussion at this late day.

James E. Watson's refusal to appear before the Senate committee to answer the Mullhull charges is a very frank confession that the charges in his case are unanswerable.

AN Indian as Register of the Treasury is something entirely new.

HAVING restored the house in which Daniel Webster was born, New Hampshire celebrates the fact, but she would have done better had she made an effort to restore his statecraft.

St. Paul advised that women keep silent in church. Perhaps that is the reason why the London militants chose St. Paul's Cathedral as the place in which to chant their Pankhurst litany.

A million dollars in mill dividends have been distributed among the stockholders of Southern cotton mills during this month, according to Mr. David Clark, editor of The Southern Textile Manufacturer.

SECRETARY of the Treasury McAdoo's decision to deposit \$50,000,000 of government funds in Southern and Western banks upon more liberal terms of security than have ever been granted before is timely and wise.

The Wilmington Star looks with favor on the Democratic plan of distribution of money throughout the country, saying as to this: "Since Wall Street has failed so often in properly regulating money it ought not to blame the Democratic administration for inaugurating a policy that will better equalize circulation."

In order that the farmers of the U. S. may profit by the experience of farmers of Europe, Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture, has decided to send abroad Dr. Thomas N. Carver, head of the rural organization service, and Bradford Knapp, who is in charge of the farmers co-operation demonstration, in the South. The study of successful co-operative schemes will be the principal object of their trip.

PRESIDENT WILSON HELPING THE FARMERS.

When President Wilson ordered the Secretary of the Treasury to announce that from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 would be deposited by the Government in the South and the West, with which to "move the crops" if that much was needed, he made a "big hit" with the farmers. Heretofore under the Republican rule, "Wall Street" would squeal about the shortage of money, and then large sums of money would be deposited by the Federal government in the Wall Street banks, and then they would lend the money to the western and southern banks which in turn would loan it for crop moving purposes. Under the Wilson method they get the money without paying tribute to Wall Street. We are not apt to hear of any more tightness about moving the large crops of this year.

CURRENCY BILL.

The Senate has been trying to balk at the idea of passing a currency measure at this session, but President Wilson has shown them how earnestly the public and business world is demanding reform at once so it is quite certain to pass at this session. The great "Wall Street" banks which have been controlling the finances of the country since the war are dying hard, and they do not like to see financial supremacy pass out of their hands as it will when the new currency bill becomes a law. The new law not only spells "doom" for Wall Street control of our finances but it insures an additional blessing of the greatest magnitude for the American people, in that panics will be impossible in the future and there will be no "shortage of money" at crop moving time, or in any era of unusual business activity, as the currency will automatically expand in accordance with the demands of any and all sound business.

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HALIFAX COUNTY.

The 12th Annual Educational Edition of the News and Observer Sunday Had Interesting Reports from Many Counties.

The following was sent from Halifax county by Dr. A. S. Harrison, county superintendent of schools:

"We have four good graded schools in Halifax county, which is entirely rural, one at Enfield, one at Scotland Neck, one at Weldon and one at the rapidly growing town of Roanoke Rapids. These four schools are now offering a good high school education to over two thousand boys and girls, whereas, when I first began my labors in the work in this county, we had only a one-teacher school in each place with perhaps an enrollment of not much over twenty-five pupils to the school. The public school property in these districts at that time was valued at about \$500 or \$600, while now it is valued at \$58,000 and could not be replaced for that amount."

We have two State high schools in the county, and they are both doing splendid work. One of these is situated about twelve miles from any railroad or town, and the grammar school and high school together, are educating over one hundred boys and girls.

Mr. Smart, our efficient principal for last term and again for the ensuing term, has a nice little farm which is run in connection with the school, and he and his pupils don't mind getting out and working to make the good crop that seems now assured. Then down at Glenview, about nine or ten miles from a railroad, we have a local tax district which was established last year, where we converted a little one-teacher school into a good two, and this year, three teacher-school, with a modern comfortable house which was filled last year, and the best part of it is that the people, who before were antagonistic, are now good friends, and all proud of their school, for now they feel that it is their school, while before they looked upon it, as the county school, and not of much interest to them.

Again away up in the farther end of the county, I have a little one-teacher school that it would do your heart good to visit. The teacher has some how seemed to inspire the pupils and the patrons, and she has not only a good school but a nice little garden where she grows all sorts of things and instructs her pupils in athletics, domestic science and in practical agriculture, and you would be surprised at what they know about seed selection and soil, and methods of cultivation, and why certain things, and how you make nature supply most of your wants, if you just know how. We have several nice houses now in the course of construction which we hope to have ready for next term.

And I must not forget to tell you about our county commencement, which we tried this year for the first time. I did not know just how many to expect, as it is extremely hard to get from one section of our county to another on account of the distance to be traveled and the very bad roads we have, and then the trains do not run to suit the people. However, to my very great surprise, the children and the grown people too, came from everywhere and we had so many people out, that we could not get a place large enough to accommodate them. It looked like a county fair and people kept saying, "Where on earth did all these children come from, we did not think there were that many children in Halifax county." Such a good-natured crowd you never saw, and every one thoroughly enjoyed the day, and wanted to know where I was going to have the next commencement next year. We had running races, and potato races, etc., and such good debates and essays, and while the town schools all joined in and worked and marched as one big school, some of the country girls carried off several of the prizes, and these girls from a one-teacher school at that. It surprised the town boys and girls very much, as well as their teachers. There was one thing we did not have at our commencement, we did not have any long speeches. We invited the Hon. W. E. Daniel, whose heart is in the public school work, to make us a talk, and he made just the kind of talk we wanted: it was a good one, plain and practical, and that was all the speech-making we had, except from the children, for it was their day.

We haven't as good schools all through the county as we want and as we intend to have, but if we just had good roads, it would not be long before we could have good schools, for they go hand in hand, and that explains why I am a crank on the subject of good roads. I do most earnestly hope that all, who live in Halifax county who happen to read this article, will put their shoulders to the wheel and not stop pushing until we have good roads and a good school in every district in the county."

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

To the non-resident defendants, Andrew J. Joyce, Andrew J. Eppes, and Edith Churchill Gordon.

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