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FINAL STATEMENT OF CASE

We missed the most obvious of the illustrations of the tendency of our native North Carolinians to change a final vowel syllable to the "er" sound.

There has been a school of folk in this state for years who have urged that North Carolinians are prone to elide r's. We not only denied the allegation, but stated that the tendency is to multiply r's.

Similarly, the multiplication of "r's", which is much more a characteristic of the language as spoken by the uncultured in North Carolina, is accounted for by the same fact of the frequency of "er" in particular.

That is the case. Trot out another of your fictions.

Here is a sentence picked from the body of a long editorial in last week's Record: "More people know how to read than ever before, but real reading and thinking are limited to about the former proportion of the people."

Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador to the United States, was speaker this week at the University. Sir Esme has come into the lime-light recently by voluntarily suggesting that he will forego the privilege of ambassadors to import liquor and serve it in the embassies.

The prize goes to Louis Graves of the Chapel Hill Weekly among our exchanges. He read all that page of editorials last week and professed to enjoy the experience.

THE "LAISSEZ FAIRE" POLICY, OR "STEP ON IT" REGARDLESS

A writer in Forbes' Magazine, taking the view expressed in this series of articles, that the "country is rapidly resolving itself into a nation of employers and employed," makes the further suggestion that when the consummation is complete, the one or the other class will make the laws for the country, and intimates that it would be well for the capital class now to be generous, as ultimately the employed, or hiring, class will take the law-making into its hands, when generosity on their part will be appreciated by the employers.

But unless means are adopted in the meantime to harmonize the interests, and the masses shall see that the evils of which they complain are due to deep-seated causes for which no particular employer, or group of employers, is to be blamed, want, riot, and perhaps revolution, will result. As suggested earlier in these articles, the state of employee is not to be despised if the hiring is assured a fair share of the values created by his labor, and up to this time the employees of the great industrial concerns have fared exceedingly well, since the employers of that class have been able to exploit the agricultural, shop, and unorganized-labor groups.

The crisis for the whole economic structure will come when the large proportion of the people have lost control of their own means of livelihood and yet shall not have become attached to the great industrial machines which are so fast monopolizing the business of the country.

That something different from prevailing policies and practices must prevail is evident. Every year the transfer of wealth from the masses to the few is increasing. Let the "laissez faire," or "let-alone," policy prevail, and assuredly the process will continue and must result in the complete monopolization of the sources of wealth by a mere handful of the people.

Then the problem before the country is to discover what policies and practices are responsible for the tendency thus to transfer the wealth of the country, and to modify them, however hallowed by time or opinion they may be. In this connection, the effect of unearned increments in land values has already been discussed.

However, that injustice has created not so many of the greatest capitalists but a horde of the smaller ones, and it is the million smaller capitalists who are absorbing the wealth of the people rather than the few great ones, who as a general rule, while piling up their own fortunes, have directed developments that have been of inestimable value to the people.

resources of the country, or for the moral and intellectual uplift of the people, spends practically as much upon himself and family as does a Rockefeller. A thousand hookworms will do far more havoc than one leach. This class of blood-sucker has been built up largely through unearned increments in land values and through speculations with no view to develop properties secured. Certainly, both these evils may be abated, though the consequences of former practices may not be directly remedied.

But as demonstrated in the first article of this series, the amassment of huge profits above the cost of perpetuating plants and paying every operating expense, billions of which are not needed by the winners to provide the necessities and luxuries for their families, but are free to be invested in sources of wealth, is the real bane of the times.

First among the artificial, or unfair, means of multiplying profits the protective tariff should be named. Yet the principle of a protective tariff has been so long in practice that it can be disturbed only with disorganization of industry and business during a long period of readjustment.

The latest farmer to cooperate with the County Agent in feeding hogs according to the Shay method is Mr. M. W. Culberson of Siler City RFD. Mr. Culberson is feeding out sixteen nice pigs, and has also built a self feeder.

But if the protective tariff has had such an effect (and its champions will hardly deny it) and yet cannot be disturbed without a period of economic anarchy and disaster, an artificial offset should be provided. The tariff is itself an artificial interference with the free course of industry and commerce.

INTERESTING FACTS FOR FARMERS

TIMELY HINTS ON GROWING CROPS.

"FARM PHILOSOPHY"

Poor feeding will surely convert pure breeds into scrubs. An acre of good land in pasture is worth four in woods. "The country child is the farmer's best crop." —Secy. A. M. Hyde

News of the County on Chatham County Farms

Mr. J. M. Edwards of Siler City RFD who is feeding out twenty pigs in cooperation with the County Agent and the Office of Swine Extension has made a remarkable record with his pigs during the past thirty days.

Mr. R. D. Gee of Siler City RFD is feeding out a thrifty bunch of Essexes. Mr. Gee is certainly making his pigs move.

It must not be thought from above, that these men are the only ones who are doing well with their hog feeding demonstrations. Others are also feeding well, and Mr. W. V. Hayes of the Office of Swine Extension expressed himself as well pleased with the results obtained with all of the demonstrators thus far.

Mr. W. W. Stedman of Moncure recently mailed the County Agent a sweet clover plant that measured

that assured profits above costs and a living for the industrialist become an unfeeling means of grasping in the course of time the whole industrial apparatus of the country.

If that process cannot be stopped by discontinuance of the system which has fathered it, then similar artificial schemes are in order to offset the process and to enable the groups who have thus paid tribute to the industrial group to get benefits which will counterbalance those received by the protective tariff beneficiaries.

Stop the exploitation of the agricultural group, counterbalance tributes paid by the farmers with tributes to them, and not only the farmers recover their lost ground in the course of time, but the large elements of people whose business is allied with, or dependent upon, agriculture will be put on equal terms with the groups related to, or dependent upon industry.

The process of absorption can, necessarily, cease only by curtailing the privileges of the favored classes or conferring equivalent favors upon the agricultural group. The debenture plan may seem radical, but it is not half so radical as suggestions that will be made, and perhaps enforced, when the present trend of taking from him that hath not and giving to him that hath shall have run its full course.

Farm News

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DOINGS OF CHATHAM FARMERS

STOCK FARMING, POULTRY, ETC.

exactly three and one half feet in height. Mr. Stedman is conducting a two acre sweet clover demonstration, and this clover was seeded in early February. This sounds like a "Fish Story," but come in to the County Agents office, and you can verify this statement.

Guessing Contest at Wheat Demonstration Attract Large Crowds

On Monday of last week, meetings and guessing contests were held at the farms of M. C. Cooper, Pittsboro RFD No. 3 and B. W. Welsh, Bear Creek, N. C. RFD. These men are conducting five acre wheat demonstrations, top dressed with 200 pounds per acre of Nitrate of Soda. Prizes will be given the farmers who come nearest to estimating the correct yields after the wheat is threshed.

Mr. Welsh states that his wheat has been badly damaged by the recent rains, and he also estimates his wheat to be damaged to the extent of one third of the entire crop. Mr. Cooper's wheat seems to be in the same condition.

Those farmers who attended the meeting at the farm of Mr. Welsh were interested in observing two fields of five acres each that Mr. Welsh has seeded in Alsike clover and sweet clover. Mr. Welsh is demonstrating very clearly the fact that sweet clover can be grown in this county, provided the land is limed and the seed inoculated.

ALFALFA SEEDINGS DOING WELL

The County Agent has visited several demonstrations with alfalfa this week, and in most cases the alfalfa seems to be doing well. Mr. M. W. Culberson of Siler City seeded an acre of alfalfa this spring with very good results. His alfalfa is growing well and looking healthy.

CHATHAM COUNTY FARMERS ATTEND BARBECUE

On Saturday of last week, the County Agent had the pleasure of visiting George Watts Hill's dairy farm, "Quail Roost Farm" in Durham county. Quite a delegation of Chatham farmers attended this barbecue, and enjoyed inspecting the excellent dairy barns and Guernsey cattle on this farm.

of this contest. Among the Chatham folk attending this barbecue were: Mr. W. H. Ferguson, T. M. Clark, Will Johnson, E. M. Fearrington, J. B. Fearrington, G. W. Blair and others.

PASTURES

Catham county farmers are talking pastures now, and as mentioned in an article several weeks ago it seems that the pasture situation will amount to more than just mere talk. Mr. N. E. Thompson, Mt. Vernon Springs RFD, is planning to put in three acres in improved, permanent pastures this fall.

MAPLES BADLY INFESTED WITH WOOLY APHIS

The County Agent has had requests coming from a number of people during the past three weeks regarding an insect pest that is damaging our maple trees. The presence of this insect is characterized by the forming of white, thread-like appendages. These insects can be controlled by spraying with Nicotine Sulphate and water.

An Important Announcement to the Sheep Growers of this County

The county agent is at present time in touch with number of wool buyers for the purpose of assisting the farmers in marketing their wool to better advantage. At the present time, we have an offer for 35 cents per pound for clean wool, free from burrs at Pittsboro. If it is possible to get a better price than this, we intend to get it; but in the meantime, all farmers who wish to pool their wool, and sell cooperatively, are asked to get in touch with the County Agent. It looks like we are going to be able to get a fair sized load at Pittsboro, but if there are any sheep growers in the western part of the county who are interested in this matter, their wool could be collected at some central point, as Siler City. If you have any wool to sell, get in touch with the County Agents office.

Car Load of Jersey Heifers to be delivered Week of June 17.

The County Agent will be out of the county during the week of June 10. We leave for Orange, Virginia Monday of this week for the purpose of purchasing a car of registered, jersey heifers for the Club boys of this county.

County Agent Shiver is off to Orange, Va., to choose a carload of twenty Jersey heifers, chiefly for Chatham county boys. They are costing money. But let's hope that lots of Jerseys will be raised in the county in the years to come that will bring back many times the cost of this carload. If there is not money in raising a \$100 calf it would be hard to find a money-making job.

We clipped an editorial paragraph from a paper just now and then opened the next one in reach and lo there was the same editorial paragraph staring us in the face. It's wonderful how some of our editors think the same thing at the same time and express it in identical words. But the initiate understands that there is such a thing as "canned" editorials.

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