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### Bible Thought and Prayer

THE ONLY WAY—I am the way, the truth and the life.—John 14:6.

PRAYER—Our Father, enable us to live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Raskob did one good job when he picked that man Shuse.

Howdy, Sol. Glad to see you returning from your long journey below the equator.

If you can not make an honest living, then steal, providing you pick somebody that can spare what you need, rather than make or sell liquor to debase your neighbors or to debauch school boys. Stealing is a more honorable business, provided you steal from the strong.

By some means a letter from Mr. R. F. Rice has got lost. Mr. Rice, who is one of the best citizens of the county, expressed the view that it is not good business policy to replace officers who know their business with inexperienced men. We regret the loss of the letter.

Senator W. P. Horton was honored with a seat among the honor guests at the Jackson Day dinner. He at least saved the \$2.50 charged diners on the main floor. But we did that and probably had a better dinner and got a seat much nearer the speakers than three-fourths of those who paid \$2.50 for the privilege of feeding with the gang.

The next time Tyre Taylor presides over such an affair as that of Saturday evening, he should open his mouth when he undertakes to talk. He was the only man on the platform whose words were not intelligible from a nearby seat, and we did want to know just who the young bucks were that had been picked to introduce the speakers.

If all who rose when J. W. Bailey came to the front to make his speech Saturday night were for him for senator, nine out of ten of the fifteen hundred present at the meeting of the young Democrats at Raleigh favored his candidacy. The supporters of Senator Simmons must have been glad he was not there, and some of the rest of us were, for the old man might have had his feelings hurt.

Through inadvertence, the article about young Stinson last week was not credited to the News and Observer from which it was clipped. We regret the mistake, apart from the matter of due credit by the paper, is more appreciated when read from the proper viewpoint, and this one was written from the Raleigh viewpoint. Also an article from The Hamlet News-Messenger was not credited.

An anonymous letter from Goldston asks the Record to do something about the truck drivers on the Pittsboro-Goldston road, who are reported by this writer as driving at the rate of 35 to 40 miles an hour and appearing to think that the whole road is theirs. The trucks are heavily loaded with lumber, says the writer, and it is dangerous to travel the road with a team, afoot, or any other way. That is a serious situation, if true, and the Record stands ready to publish the names of any offenders, violators of the law, over the names of competent witnesses, that the grand jury may know and have imposed upon the responsibility for effective action.

### A LOW-DOWN BUSINESS

If men and women will persist in violating the law for filthy lucre's sake, they can only expect the legitimate consequences sooner or later. If there is anything low-down it is to go into the business of degrading one's neighbors or anybody else, especially the students in a college, for money's sake. Every man or woman that does it should be ostracised from decent society. Yet the gradations of the offenses of selling or making liquor are so manifest in the public mind, and so many are involved in a greater or less degree, that it becomes difficult to say just where the demarcation of ostracism should begin. And this is one of the unfortunate phases of the prohibition laws.

If the law themselves made distinctions between offenses based on money-making and the more casual violations of the letter of the law, it would be better. But there is no question that the man or woman who seeks profit from the debasement of others by the sale of liquor deserves the most serious legal and social penalties short of the electric chair. Many a sot would be glad to have temptation removed from him; yet the ilk just mentioned has no scruples against profiting by the sot's degradation, and the impoverishment of his family, and will not only sell it when approached but will look up the unhappy victims of the drink habit and lure them with a sight or a taste.

There is no other animal than man who would poison his neighbor or degrade him for the sake of securing what he might otherwise secure without such treachery. An honest living is within the reach of any able-bodied man in this state, except in cases of exceptional conditions for brief seasons, if not at all times. And it behooves all decent-minded people to frown down upon the man or woman who would seek that living at the expense of the respectability and prosperity of others.

Within two weeks three tragic deaths touched the editor of the Record very nearly. First, David Boney, a boyhood chum, shot himself dead, apparently by accident; next, Mr. A. C. Ray fell a victim to an automobile; and last week, Rev. Harrell J. Lewis, a kinsman and a young man whom we have known since infancy, shot himself, whether by accident or design, is not known at this writing. War could hardly have done as much within the circle of our friends within 12 days. In this connection, we recall that Harvey Hall of Roseboro was up before Mr. Ray, who was then mayor of Pittsboro, about three years ago for reckless driving, the Hall car having slightly hurt a woman on the Main street of Pittsboro, who had stopped and danced before the car, whose wheels slid for quite a distance before hitting her. Both Hall and Ray are now dead as results of automobile accidents.

The Record shall not bother itself to agitate a reduction of cotton acreage by Chatham farmers. So long as individuals throughout the South plant more each year than the total acreage of this county's cotton crop, there is little help to come from reducing acreage in Chatham county. If the big planters would diversify their crops, all might make the ready cash needed on the farms from cotton; but if a few are to plant into the thousands of acres and allow their croppers to make neither food nor forage, it is simply a matter of Chatham farmers' planting as much or as little as they feel that they can risk under present conditions.

Within two days after the publication of the article about the contemplated search for salt in this county and the call for evidences of salines, several reports of what, at first hearing, appear hopeful indications of a find, have come to the editor of the Record.

### Labor and Poverty: Relief

#### II. Universal Team-Work

By JUNIUS DURHAM

The problems of agricultural depression, of unemployment, and of excessively long hours with low wage levels for the common laborers in many industries are ever-insistent ones. Agitation for relief through government legislation is constantly growing, never before having been so serious as it is today. Demands upon the present administration at Washington for farm relief have been answered in part by the creation of the Federal Farm Board, financed by an appropriation by Congress, but the deplorable situation of labor as to unemployment, long hours, and low wage levels remains as serious as ever in spite of the much-boasted prosperity to be enjoyed under Republican control. While tariff bounties for the enrichment of big business are being multiplied in many instances, very little is being done towards relieving the more serious conditions other than the appointment of commissions, calling of special conferences, issuing easy statements as to sound economic conditions, and making futile predictions, declaring that the depressing situation in agriculture and labor will soon be remedied (probably of its own accord, if ever by any means). It is my conviction that if farming classes as well as all other laboring groups are ever to secure really desirable improvements of their condition, it must be by thorough and efficient organization of everyone interested in one complete unit so that all may more effectively work for the better welfare of each member. As long as farmers merely wait upon co-operative marketing agencies, or stabilizing corporations, the expert debenture, or other legislation frequently agitated, including financial loans; and so long as labor seeks relief through organizations of members of one trade with little regard to the needs of other groups, and by government doles to unemployed masses, prosperity will be enjoyed only by a small percentage of the population of the nation. All these methods of securing relief have undoubted merit, but they are not in themselves sufficient to guarantee permanent prosperity to every citizen, regardless of that person's honesty and industry.

As an instance of the above, it is very evident that many phases of agriculture are suffering from excessive over-production, and that this, combined with the low average yields per acre produced by the majority of farmers, barely enables them to maintain even the lowest standards of living. The common farmer must, if he is to make a comfortable living, increase the yield of his soil by growing legume crops and by more intelligent fertilization, decrease the cultivation cost per acre by use of additional labor-saving devices, and profit by the use of more intelligent marketing systems. But this system, if followed by all not already doing so, would materially increase the total yields, thus adding to the already serious over-production. The Federal Farm Board continues to warn farmers that there must be considerable reduction in production of all the chief farm products, and wisely so, for it is evident that an increase could easily cause disastrous declines in market prices. Likewise farmers are being threatened from other directions: old-belt cotton growers are facing the prospect of powerful competition from more arid cotton-producing sections in the extreme Southwest where this staple farm product may be grown with the best of modern machinery and with more effective control of the boll-weevil, thus greatly reducing production costs; more fertile wheat lands in the Northwest are coming into competition with old-belt wheat growers; and excellent substitutes for butter are competing with the dairy farm product. What is to be done about it? Farmers must keep their land producing something of value and they must have larger yields if they are to make a profitable income sufficient for comfortable living purposes; but on the contrary they can not secure profitable prices in the face of heavy over-production. The answer is that useful employment must be found for those men whose labor is not needed in farm production. All those advocates of co-operative marketing, of increased yields per acre, of the use of labor-saving machinery for the purpose of cutting costs, etc., without suggesting other means of securing employment for those who could not possibly farm profitably, have been missing the mark. To solve this problem there must be close team-work between all groups in order to satisfactorily divert the excess laborers in not only agriculture but in all the industries and trades into other channels of profitable activity. Whenever the common necessities and ordinary comforts of life are supplied, other manufacturers might be set up to furnish what might now be termed luxuries.

It is clear from the above that if agriculture is to prosper, other classes must also prosper and there must be a good demand for labor in other occupations to relieve over-production. It is equally true when the proposition is reversed. Whenever one class is prosperous, there will naturally be a greater demand for the labor of other groups (excepting, of course, the cases of concentration of wealth). This increased demand for the products of other industries and the services of others will necessarily lead to additional prosperity for other laborers, providing there is efficient or-

# THE BIG RACE WILL SOON BE ON

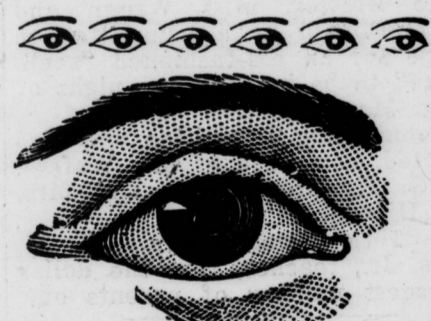


ganization sufficient to prevent the "hogging" of these profits by the few. This would bring about a continuous round of prosperity, if there is a condition to the security of this good fortune, that is, that there must be thorough organization of every person interested in healthy prosperity into a complete unit efficiently, but democratically, directed for the following purposes: (1) to provide profitable occupation for all who desire decent employment; (2) to establish a reasonable correlation of wages paid to all who are engaged in labor requiring very nearly the same ability and output of energy; (3) to set a reasonable limit upon the number of hours of labor required of an employee per week; (4) to recognize the rights of honest employers and business men, to allow them to make a fair profit but at the same time to prevent their receiving an undue share of the country's prosperity, and (5) to establish some satisfactory means of providing for those incapacitated for engaging in profitable occupation either by accidental injury, sickness, old age, or otherwise. (Note: In my next article I shall present a definite plan for the organization herein suggested, containing practical suggestions as to making it as effective and efficient as possible.)

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A subscriber wants us to publish the following excerpt from a letter to the Greensboro News written by W. B. Sellers of Greensboro: "Why do the voters of our country use such poor judgment when they nominate and vote for senators and congressmen to make the national laws for our country, then afterwards cuss them all out for the way they do business? Why don't they vote for good practical business men for such places as the senate and congress of the United States instead of turning it entirely over to a bunch of lawyers? If they should need one or more lawyers for any legal phase, it would be cheaper to hire them. If a lawyer is a good lawyer, he does not know anything about real business. Their business is to prolong, prosecute and defend and an unlimited amount of hot air."

William Ralston of Scarborough, Eng., had to dig his father's grave because all the church sextons were making more money shoveling snow.



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### WHAT IS AN OPTIMIST?

We asked our friend Si Chestnut. He said: "An optimist is the fellow who buys shares in an oil company that hasn't even a hole in the ground."

That's the trouble with a good many of these so-called "investments." They are not investments at all, but they exist because they are profitable to the sharks who PROMOTE them. It pays to consult your banker when wanting to obtain good securities. Take no chances on any of these get-rich-quick schemes. They are operated for one purpose—to get your money.

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