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Editorials

The citizens of North Carolina are evidently tired of attempts to patch up the constitution, and the next step is a constitutional convention. When such a convention is held, it should be the aim to produce an instrument dealing with fundamental principles and not legislating upon particular matters, a document that will permit the legislature to conform the laws to changing conditions. A constitution should guard against infringements of the people's inherent rights, but not prevent legislation in their interest.

Money is a means of expediting exchange of commodities and services, and that only. The comparative inequalities in quantity and quality of money in the several nations is therefore a bar to equitable and desirable exchange. A universal currency based upon the annual production of staple products would serve to put the advantage of exchange between the nations entirely upon a basis of efficiency of production, instead of upon the unfair and harmful basis of the present, when a bushel of rice in China will buy only a third or fourth as many American made goods as a bushel in Louisiana. The inequalities of exchange, due to the comparative quality and quantity of money in such countries as China and America, are further intensified by protective tariff walls. When such barriers to the free interchange of goods are removed, and every country may produce what it is best qualified to produce, with the assurance that it may dispose of its surplus on a fair basis for the products of countries yielding or producing needed commodities, then may we hope to see the people of the world busy and enjoying such a degree of prosperity as has never been before.

In another paragraph we have indicated the bar to free and equitable exchange of goods between countries differing in the quality and comparative quality of money. China doubtless has money aplenty for domestic purposes. It makes little difference as to whether a person's wages are measured in cents or dollars provided everything else is upon the same basis. But when the country trading at home upon the cent basis goes to trade with the country on the dollar basis, it is at a terrible disadvantage, and both countries must often forego the benefit of the exchange. But the same, or a similar, disadvantage arises in our own country when one element of the people are upon a high-wage or high-income basis and another great element upon a low-income basis. The products of high-priced labor cannot be purchased at an equitable ration by low-income consumers, if at all. Consequently, both elements come to an impasse, simply because the low-income people cannot buy, and the high-priced labor cannot sell, and the later, out of employment, cannot buy even produce of the low-income producer. Necessarily, then, an evening up of incomes for equally efficient service, is necessary for a free interchange of goods and for general prosperity. This, in North Carolina, can begin with a lowering of salaries of public employees, and in the nation can be largely consummated by such measures as will assure a living wage to all efficient agricultural workers. But it is an impossibility for an equality of income for equally efficient service to prevail so long as a part of the people get more than their share. Clearly, all cannot be lifted to such a level. Hence, the golden mean must be sought by curtailing incomes in some spheres and raising them in others.

Senator J. Ham Lewis thinks President Hoover, like Caesar, has reason to fear men, "of lean and hungry look". And there are more of them in Mr. Hoover's country just now than Caesar ever saw, we suspect.

Mr. Crawley, of the Carolina Coal Company, was up in Virginia last week, where he heard this story: A Republican judge of election was being sworn in, and when he heard the words in the oath "support the constitution," he said "stop, stop; I am supporting my wife and children and I cannot support anything else during this Hoover prosperity."

Brother Slate of the Graham Messenger, who had been running red-hot political editorials, chose the safe and sane subject of "The Color of Bars" for his leader last week.

Mr. Barber and his committee deserve great credit for the big majority won in Chatham last week. So does Mr. Mull and his state committee for the high state majority. However, it is only fair to recognize the fact that "Hoover Prosperity" was the big Democratic booster. If Al Smith had been elected and a similar business depression had occurred, Mr. Mull, Mr. Bailey and all their cohorts could not have held the state in the Democratic column. It is doubtful if forty counties would have gone Democratic."

Well, Mr. Hoover is considerably more fortunate than the late presidents of Brazil, Argentina, and Chile who were forced from office, and some of whom are held prisoners. But the country's estimate of his administration is just about as clearly expressed as the South American republics expressed their estimates of the deposed presidents.

Well, our friends Will Bailey has his chance. He has the ability, the personality, and the opportunity to make a great senator. Again we express our desire that he become a student of fundamentals and not a mere patcher of the old wine bottles. The vintage of the machinery age needs new bottles.

Twelve years ago as we write the world was mad with joy as it had been for years with a blood mania. And today an attempt is being made to recall the joy of that day twelve years ago. But we cannot help feeling that there is more need for bewailing the insanity that was only partially cured that day. There should never have to be another such armistice, and if there should be, it is to be hoped that those in authority will not have become so unmindful of slaughter that they will deliberately order it to continue after the hour has been set for the armistice. We shall never forget the slaughter of the two Sampson county young men that morning, one of them a man with a young wife and child.

Young Abernathy of State College has got himself into trouble by an article that he wrote for the News and Observer ten days ago. The young man took a thesis written two years ago by a senior student who is now a member of the faculty, which thesis was based upon a questionnaire of the students, and showed the prevalence of cheating in the institution, as acknowledged by the students themselves. It was a deplorable state of affairs that was revealed, and it was manifestly true in the main, or the students lied in the questionnaire. In any case, Abernathy was innocent of slander, as lies that would discredit the student body are about as bad as the cheating confessed. The students were angry at the revelation and threatened to leave college if Abernathy should not be suspended. But if they are as dishonest as the report indicates, it would be no great loss to the state if they should quit, as men without honor and, inferentially without scholarship, will be of little benefit to society. There is no need for a man who has learned his subject to cheat, and if he does not learn it he would just about as well be at home.

If the "Buy It Now" week would only serve to emphasize the fact that the Record has often proclaimed, namely, that there is no such thing as the world's laying up in store for future years, and that the way to have much produced is to consume each year's full produce the next. But as the country has stalemated itself, it is hardly probable that the "Buy It Now" week will result in any great increase in business. Those who have money usually gorged themselves with buying, while those who have not got it lack not the will but the wherewith to buy. Of course, there is a miserly soul occasionally, but "Buy It Now" will hardly serve to loose his purse strings. And let him keep his money in an old sock if he wants to. The world isn't losing anything so long as he doesn't spend his money. He is simply giving what he sold to get it to the world for the term in which he hoards his money. And when the number of savers get sufficiently large, loaning at a lucrative interest will cease. It is the fellow who gets money for which he has given no adequate quid-pro-quo and spends it or forces others to use it on an interest, or usury, basis that is the curse of the world. And his name is Legion. If a fair distribution existed there would be no necessity to urge buying. And

certainly it will not be good sense for the needy to borrow, if they could, to buy what they can possibly do without. Too many have already bought on those terms.

Sportsmen, Listen

The officials of the Department of conservation and development ask the sportsmen of the state to advise with them relative to game laws and the game situation in Raleigh, next Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The commission suggests a meeting in each county of those interested in game regulations, and Game Warden Robert Hatcher asks all of the Chatham people interested to meet at the courthouse in Pittsboro Monday evening, Nov. 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Recordman will say now that the 'possum law in this county is craziest law ever passed, or nearly so. The fun of 'possum hunting consists largely in the wandering round on fine fall nights, and to postpone hunting till Nov. 15 is to spoil the fun.

W. N. C. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE AT HANKS

Hank's Chapel was the meeting place of the Western N. C. Christian Conference last week. The conference is composed of 36 churches, or all the Christian churches in the western half of the state.

Quite a number of distinguished visitors, including President Harper of Elon College, were present. Rev. T. J. Green of Ramseur was president of the conference. Prof. T. E. White and Mrs. White, of Elon College, were also there and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Farrell. The most of the visitors failed to tarry long enough to spend the night.

Mr. Junius H. Harden was secretary and also one of the principal speakers.

Rev. E. Carl Brady of Hemp was elected president for the coming year, with Rev. J. M. Aldridge as vice-president. The next session will be held with Shallow Wells church, in Randolph county.

THOMPSON SCHOOL REUNION

Plans are about complete for holding at Siler City, N. C. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th a

great reunion of all the former students of the late Prof. J. A. W. Thompson who taught at Oakdale Academy from 1880 to 1886 and at Siler City from 1886 to 1896. Thousands attended these two schools.

Friday, Nov. 14th the reunion opens with exercise by Rev. J. W. Bradley of Siler City; and Hon. E. Wren of Siler City; and Hon. E. H. Williams of Smithfield, Va., followed by the historical address by Dr. W. T. Whitsett of Whitsett. After this Dr. J. A. Campbell of Buie's Creek, and Rev. E. F. Fox of Marion will speak.

Friday afternoon, Nov. 14th the speakers will be Prof. W. S. Snipes of Newton; Rev. N. D. McNeill of Cameron; Prof. Zeno Dixon of Eflin; Prof. J. N. Thompson of Graham; Hon. W. D. Siler of Raleigh; and Mrs. Miriam Tucker Man of Durham.

Friday evening at 7 p. m. there will be a great reunion supper at the First Baptist church.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 15th the speakers will be Dr. C. E. Hodgins of Greensboro; Dr. R. M. Andrews of High Point; Hon. A. M. Moore of Fayetteville; Dr. D. F. Nicholson of Greensboro; Dr. Chas. Fox Anderson of Lexington, Ky., and Capt. W. S. Durham of Siler City.

The local committees have worked hard, and all is now in readiness for a great occasion. All former students of Prof. J. A. Thompson are cordially invited to attend, and ample provision will be made for a very large attendance. It is expected that this will be one of the largest reunions ever held in the South.

German Fascists are willing to go to war to "free" the Fatherland. Germany seems capable of coping with its enemies, but may need outside help to be delivered from its friends.

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