

The militarists are wild with the idea of building a great navy and spending millions to increase the defense and enlarge the army. This is not the idea of the American people at large. They do not believe that the way to avoid war is to always prepare for it. The people of this country believe that the nation that takes the sword shall perish by the sword.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young in his annual report made last Saturday and transmitted by Governor Craig to the General Assembly opposes State made rates for insurance companies. In this he opposes a large element in the Legislature. He favors a bureau or association composed of companies.

The Republicans in Congress have adopted a plan of warfare for the campaign for 1916. It is for a big navy and an increased army under the pretense that this country is in danger of a foreign war, based upon the idea that the way to prevent war is to prepare for it in time of peace. The plan now is to oppose President Wilson's peace policy.

The Courier will publish from time to time some of the most interesting parts of evangelist Billy Sunday's sermons as he is preaching in his two month's revival service in Philadelphia. The tabernacle built for the occasion holds something like 20,000 people and cost \$50,000 or more. There are two trained choirs for the occasion, each with 1,500 members. Billy Sunday is known as the baseball evangelist. He has conducted many successful revivals, one of the most successful was in Pittsburgh last year.

**WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION?**

The following appeared in this week's Bulletin:

"The recently elected Republican ticket in Catawba county has gone to the salary system—and Catawba is a county very much in the same circumstances as Randolph. They plan it will save that county in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars a year, Catawba county, of course he will wait for the election of a Republican county ticket to get the salary system and Randolph will have to do the same thing, but this county will have it in two years from now."

If the editor of The Bulletin had taken time to look at chapter 40, page 516 of Public Laws of North Carolina, session 1913, he would not have made the above statement. Section 21 of the chapter referred to says: "This act shall be in force from and after the first Monday in December, 1914; Provided, the sheriff's salary for the first nine months thereafter shall be at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, and such fees as are allowed in section ten of this act; Provided further, sections nine, fifteen, and eighteen and the proviso contained in section twenty-one, shall be in force from and after ratification."

"Ratified this 3th day of March 1915."

This bill was introduced by Hon. W. B. Gaither, representative from Catawba and was a law nine months before the county elected a Republican officer.

Why does the editor of the Bulletin insist on making such gross misstatements? This might have fooled some of the people if The Courier's editor, who is a Catawba county man had not been living in the county at the time the law went into effect. Give your information from some other source next time.

**A FEW OF THE BEST BOOKS**

To make a list of the best books and confine yourself to a few in number cannot be done because there are so many view points from which to consider the matter.

The inevitable "Rhymes of Mother Goose" are so old that who wrote them nobody knows is one of the best sellers, and has been for years.

"Robinson Crusoe" stands in a class by itself. It is simply unapproachably by the many who have tried to imitate.

The "Call of the Wild," Jack London's famous dog story will be a classic of its kind so long as the English language is spoken.

"Beautiful Joe" and "Black Beauty" the first a dog story and the other a horse story are among the best books for old as well as young people. Something in them makes men, women, boys and girls better for having read them.

"Pilgrims Progress" is wonderful for its simplicity, written for the most part by John Bunyan while in Bedford jail, with nothing but the Bible to draw from, except his imagination, and the inspiration that comes to a devoted soul that has found peace with God. This book is marvelous to be written by an uneducated man.

The beautiful longing and unrequited imagination of "Grecian Mythology" is unequalled and grows in popularity as the years go by. What is more beautiful than "Pharos and Helle" or "Cadmus and Europa?"

And now as to Shakespeare. If all the other books ever written—the Bible excepted—were put into one, the book would not contain the thought that is crowded between the covers of "Shakespeare." Goethe, Milton, Dante, each wrote a masterpiece, but Shakespeare wrote masterpieces. Other writers have had flashes of inspiration, but Shakespeare babbled in inspiration. As a orator he was greater than Hume or Macaulay. As a story writer he was better than G. H. R. Henry or Conan Doyle, his eloquence surpasses Byron's and in tenderness and pathos he surpasses Keats and Burns. His characters are king, queens, peasants, beggars, robbers, ghosts and witches, and he handles them all with ease.

**AS TO LEGISLATION NEEDED**

**Anti-Card Playing Law and Others Advocated**

To the Editors: First, all public card playing should be cut out. It is seldom that a man or a woman can enter the office-room of a hotel without facing a game of cards. One can scarcely find a seat on a train without facing a game of cards. Some time since I was on a train and some parties as they thought had quite an interesting game of cards. I noticed some young boys that were held spellbound by the game. When I found time I asked one of the boys if he could play cards. He said no, but was very anxious to learn. I thought he determined then and there to learn to play cards.

If the women are determined to keep card parties going they should be moved to a back room where their children and other people's children who are not interested in card playing could not see them. There is no sin more destructive of men, their time and money and their souls than card playing. Numbers of boys and young men instead of going to church on the Lord's day gather in some out-house and spend the day card playing. Many of these boys lose all respect for the church and soon learn to despise the preacher of the word. The preacher can have little or no influence over the card players. It is the duty of the State to legislate against a sin that is destructive of the moral and spiritual life of its people.

**ME, I'M FLATFOOTED**

I like ter see th' preacher thump his pulpit now and then, A-hammerin' home his sermons in th' minds uv sinful men; Bob Glenn's style of speakin' (he kin whisper, he kin holler) Strikes me somehow as th' best kind, he allus vilts his collar.

I like ter look a pritty gal right plain-square in th' face, An' of she goes an' blushes lit's en' other added grace; Them rales that turns th' noers up when you look 'em in th' eye, They'll be wickin' like th' dickens at a stranger on th' sly.

You see, in th' stratefired I kin stand my sermon stout, An' of I feel like shoutin' I'm shore ter holler out; An' I don't keer what yore job is of you never raise a sweat, An' sux lookin' ter me for wages, you'd be unemployed yet—O. J. Coffin, in Charlotte Observer.

**HOME-OWNING FARMER**

The grimmest purpose of the Danish farmer is, as he says, to get his land under his own table. Ninety four in every hundred Danish farmers own the farms they cultivate.

They know that real freedom, under any form of government, is sourceless land and farm ownership; that landless and homeless are on the way to economic serfdom, whatever flag flies over their heads.

**LOST: A RACIAL INSTINCT**

The white farmer in North Carolina are tenants and renters, landless and homeless. And this in a commonwealth that contains more than twenty million uncultivated acres.

Counting our tenants and renters, white and black, in villages, towns and cities as well as in our country regions they number with their families, all told, 1,438,000 people.

And 650,000 of them are white. Like poor Dante, they spend their days and nights going up and down another man's stairs.

**THE LAND IS THE MAN**

The fiercest feeling of our Teuton fore-fathers was their lust for land. Common proverbs in the early days were: The Land's the Man; No Land, No Man; Who Owns the Land Owns the Man; The Landowner is lord; and so on and on.

Till this good day, it is an insult or a mark of ignorance, to address an English landowner as Mister. It must be Edward Mousley, Esquire, if you please.

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. The question is, what would you do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Peru, Ind., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by all dealers.

**Death of Little Child**

Samuel, the 22 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Phillips, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock from pneumonia and spasmodic croup.

The funeral services will be held from the home today by R. V. McFarland, pastor of the Friends church in High Point. The burial will be in the Asheville cemetery.

**LIBERTY NEWS**

Dr. J. W. Coltrane with Will Henry Kimrey, went to Baltimore last Friday where Mr. Kimrey will enter Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Teague, of Raleigh are here with relatives.

Mrs. A. S. Pickett and Little Miss Jennie Pickett were visitors in Greensboro Thursday last week.

Mrs. Ernest Teague Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Teague, of Liberty, died last Sunday morning in Florida, where she had been on a visit to relatives for several weeks.

Her many friends and relatives throughout this community were shocked and saddened to learn of her death. The remains were brought to Greensboro Monday night, her former home, where interment will be made. The parents of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Teague, with them, A. W. Teague, of Sanford, went to Greensboro Monday for the burial Tuesday.

Aunt Jane Jarrell, an aged lady, who makes her home with Miss Minnie Crutchfield, was paralyzed last Monday morning.

Last Friday while playing with her baby sister, six months old child, little Helen Amick, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Amick, was rolling the baby in its carriage, when in some way giving it a plunge the child was thrown out into the open fire place with face down severely burning it. It was badly burned on both hands. The child is getting on as well as can be expected at this writing.

Master James Brower was indisposed several days last week.

**AN ACTIVE LIVER MEANS HEALTH**

If you want good health, a clear complexion and freedom from dizziness, constipation, biliousness, headaches and indigestion, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They drive out fermenting and undigested foods, clear the blood and cure constipation. Only 25c. at your druggist.

**GRAY'S CHAPEL NEWS**

Lillian Routh, the 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Routh, who has been seriously sick of pneumonia, is improving.

Mr. Wesley Routh has pneumonia.

Mr. Jetter York was a welcome visitor at L. P. McMasters Saturday night.

"Bud" Pugh went to Greensboro last week with a load of chickens and eggs last week.

Ernest Routh is the new miller at Brown's Mills. He succeeds Mr. Ossie Brower, who was the efficient miller there for seven years.

Mr. Daniel Hurley, who has been in the sawmill business down south for two years has returned home and has leased the Wesley Webster Mill just south of here.

**PROMPT ACTION WILL STOP YOUR COUGH**

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough) break it up at once. The idea that "it does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "My cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c. at your Druggist.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY**

On Thursday eve January 14, 1915, several friends of Miss Lollie Jones met at the home of Miss Marietta Betts, on South Fayetteville street and from there they proceeded to the home of Miss Jones where they gave her a delightful surprise party in honor of her birthday. They were ushered into the parlor where many amusing games were played. Many beautiful and useful presents were presented Miss Jones by her friends. In conclusion, delicious refreshments were served by Misses Lura Jones and Bertie Kivett. The out-of-town guests were: Miss Corrie Curtis, of Randleman, and Mr. Duren Forrester, of Ellerbe Springs.

**RHEUMATISM PAINS STOPPED**

The first application of Sloan's Liniment goes right to the painful part—it penetrates without rubbing—it stops the Rheumatic Pains around the joints and gives relief and comfort. Don't suffer! Get a bottle today! It is a family medicine for all pains, hurts, bruises, cuts, sore throat, neuralgia and chest pains. Prevents infection. Mr. Chas. H. Wentworth, California, writes:—"It did wonders for my Rheumatism, it is gone as soon as I apply it. I recommend it to all my friends as the best Liniment I ever used." Guaranteed. 25c. at your Druggist.

**YOUR COLD IS DANGEROUS BREAK IT UP—NOW**

A cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to Germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germ at once. Dr. Bell's Fine-Tar-Honey is fine for Colds and Coughs. It loosens the Mucous, stops the Cough and soothes the Lungs. It's guaranteed only 25c. at your Druggist.

**PRACTICAL TALKS BY GOVERNMENT FARM EXPERTS**

No. VI.—Advice to Millers. Humane Slaughtering. Poultry Accounting.



(Official News Summary of Up to Date Matters Compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

THE farmer has long relied on the chemist in regard to his man food, fertilizer and feeding his cattle. The miller, according to the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, has been behind other industries in putting the chemist to work.

The small miller can often attend to his machinery and, in addition, make baking and other tests, but in the larger mills, which manufacture a variety of products and prepare mixed feeds, there should be a division of labor, the miller and the chemist each doing his share of the work.

The moisture content of flour is a point too little considered, according to the department. If in buying and selling grain the moisture is taken into account, as it should be by sound business men, the moisture in flour and meal as well as in the by-products should also be given suitable attention. The variation of a per cent of moisture in the flour of the big mill is equivalent in a year to thousands of barrels and thousands of dollars.

The moisture content will be one of great importance a year hence. It is understood by some of our leading millers that in judging as to shortage in weight the government should always take into account the moisture content. For example, if flour contains when shipped 13.4 per cent of moisture which has been accepted as the standard, and if the sample shows but 11 per cent of moisture when examined an allowance of 2 1/2 per cent shortage in weight should be allowed. Experiments are now in progress as to the shrinkage in flour as caused by loss of moisture.

The amount of moisture in meal is of even greater importance than in flour, because moisture is not only commercially valuable and influences shrinkage, but also because it is an important factor in causing spoilage. It is therefore especially desirable that the chemist and the miller in drying to the proper degree.

Poultry Accounting. The department of agriculture has issued a system of poultry accounting which, it is expected, will assist the poultry owner to determine the status of his flock at the end of each year. One of the greatest needs of most poultry keepers is a definite record of expenditures and receipts.

A system formulated by the department consists of a monthly and yearly summary, inventory, balance sheets and yearly record. On the monthly sheet is placed the number of chickens and eggs for each month in the year. All eggs and chickens used at home should be credited to the flock and debited against the flock at the same price. The amount of the owner should be estimated and charged against the flock each month if desired. The balance at the end of the year will then show the net profit of the flock. The yearly summary sheet consists of the summary of the monthly totals of expenditures and receipts for the year. The inventory sheet should be used at the beginning of each year, and a complete inventory should be taken of the equipment, stock, feed, etc. Each piece of equipment should be listed at its actual value. In the case of buildings which are substantially constructed a 5 per cent deterioration should be sufficient to allow for the passage of a year's time.

The balance sheet shows the actual status of the flock for the year. It will be found desirable to keep a simple egg record for the year in connection with the account, as it will enable the poultry keeper to check up the number of eggs used at home and thus be sure to credit the flock with them.

Bismarck's "Sacred" Number. Belief in the number 3 was almost a religion to Bismarck, for it ran like a vein of gold through all his dazzling career. He served under three months, and in three great wars and signed three treaties of peace. He was the father of the triple alliance, and from his three names, and as many words in his family motto, "Strength in Trinity," and his three children, there was no period or undertaking in his life in which this "sacred" figure was not of the best omen to him.

**Horses and Mules**

We will have one car load of Kansas horses and mules on Wednesday of this week. Eleven head of horses and mares and fifteen head of good mules for farm or milling use, ages from three to seven years.

COME AND SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

**Presnell & Brown**

**Our Annual Clearance Sale**

IS STILL RUNNING AND SOME OF THE BARGAINS WE ARE OFFERING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Best grade Columbia Mfg. Co.'s sheeting worth 7 1/2 cents @ 5 cents a yard.

A lot of ladies' woolen dress goods in brown, blue, red, gray and black, former price 50c to \$1.50, reduced to 25c to 75c yard.

300 yards silks, all shades, former price 75c to \$1.00, reduced to 40c to 75c yard.

All ladies' hats at half price.

100 men's and boys' hats, former price 50c to \$2.25, reduced to half price.

A lot of men's and boys' work shirts, while they last, half price.

All men's dress shirts during this sale at 10 per cent off. \$1.00 underwear reduced to 90c.

50c underwear reduced to 45c.

A lot of children's hose, former price 25c, reduced to 15c.

A lot of men's and boys' clothing at your own price.

All new stock clothing at a reduction.

All ladies' and Misses' coats at 25 per cent off during this sale.

All 12 1/2c dress gingham reduced to 10c.

All 8c dress gingham reduced to 6c.

About 50 yards of table Damask, a little soiled, to go at 40 cents a yard.

Men's fancy vests and neckties to go at half price.

SHOES

About 100 pairs of men's shoes, former price \$2.00 to \$4.00, reduced to \$1.25 to \$2.50.

125 pairs ladies' shoes, former price \$2.00 to \$4.00, reduced to \$1.25 to \$2.00.

2 spools thread for 5 cents.

Full line of groceries. Highest price paid for country produce. Come early and get your choice.

**Carter Mercantile Company**

PHONES 66A AND 66B, RAMSEUR, N. C.

**How to Build Up or Tear Down This Community**

By J. O. LEWIS

**The Merace of the Mail Order Houses.**

THAT the mail order houses in the large cities have BECOME A MENACE to the smaller cities, towns and communities is proved by the large patronage they enjoy from all over the entire country and further patronized by the number of packages carried by transportation companies, which under the law must bear the name or some mark of identification by which the shipper is known.

This mail order business got its inception from men who made a habit of buying up secondhand goods, stocks from bankrupt firms and fire damaged or salvage goods from fire losses. To these were added goods that were culled by manufacturers and graded seconds and thirds, etc.

These were shrewd business men, men who believed in advertising, and realizing the possibilities of advertising, commenced their business entirely along these lines, and to PROVE THE SUCCESS OF ADVERTISING no better evidence could possibly be offered than the fact that every weekly paper—farm, industrial, social or religious—carries their advertisements and also that they send out catalogues of enormous sizes, beautifully illustrated and embellished, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to publish.

Today they have grown to such enormous size that they own and control factories, while they contract to sell the entire output of other factories. However, the plants they control and operate manufacture what is termed in commercial parlance as competitive goods—something that every merchant can sell at a low price to meet the demands for cheap merchandise.

BUT AS TO STANDARD AND HIGH CLASS GOODS MADE BY LARGE AND RELIABLE FIRMS YOU NEVER SEE THESE GOODS ADVERTISED BY MAIL ORDER HOUSES, OR IF YOU DO THE PRICE IS JUST THE SAME AS FIXED BY THE MANUFACTURERS FOR ALL DEALERS.

Therefore when one orders articles of the low priced and cheaper kind HE IS SURE TO GET JUST WHAT HE BUYS—cheaply made goods and seconds and no cheaper than he can buy right at home when freight charges, money order fees and postage are added.

Thousands of dollars annually are being sent to these mail order houses from this vicinity, thus DEPRIVING THE HOME MERCHANT OF HIS RIGHTFUL PATRONAGE. And yet, no matter how much the merchant may be dependent on the patronage of members of his community, he is supposed to give and to aid in every work undertaken for the material betterment of his town, and he does, being often coerced into giving by the demands of his customers, fearing to offend them because of the fear of loss of patronage.

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE ARE IN DUTY BOUND TO PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS, TO THEM YOU OWE ALLEGIANCE AND SUPPORT, AND I NOW ASK YOU CANDIDLY, ARE YOU GIVING IT TO THEM?

If you are buying goods out of your home town—more particularly from mail order houses and merchants in other cities—I say to you that you are UNDERMINING THE HOME MERCHANT and likewise the very foundation of your own well being. Every dime that you send to a mail order house makes that much harder the success of your home merchant and likewise retards the growth of your town. The money you send to mail order houses is taken entirely out of local circulation—is gone forever.

WHEREAS, IF YOU SPEND IT WITH A HOME MERCHANT HE IN TURN WILL SPEND IT WITH SOME ONE ELSE—PERHAPS PAY IT BACK TO YOUR FATHER, YOUR SON OR BROTHER, SISTER OR DAUGHTER AS SALARY, AND THUS IT COMES BACK INTO THE FAMILY, DOING A UNIVERSAL GOOD.

That many of our home people are ordering goods from mail order houses is a well known fact. One has but to visit the depots and express office to find therein daily many packages addressed to them and likewise bearing the name or address of certain mail order houses. These people are known to our merchants, and that's a fact. These packages consist of clothing, dry goods, groceries, drugs, toilet articles, furniture, hardware, carpenters' tools, farm implements and what not. ALL OF WHICH COULD BE PURCHASED FROM OUR OWN HOME MERCHANTS, QUALITY CONSIDERED, FREIGHT CHARGES ADDED AND TIME IN TRANSPORTATION, JUST AS CHEAPLY AS FROM ANY MAIL ORDER HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY.

Supporting the merchants should band themselves together and refuse credit to those who patronize these mail order houses and further refuse to employ members of families who do this or refuse to buy the wares of these people? Wouldn't they find living mighty hard?

Be continued under the title, "THE HOME MERCHANT HAS EARNED SUPPORT."