

OUR COUNTRY

Blue are her skies and bright,
Fair are her fields today.
Hearts here with joy are light,
Happy our children play.

Streams that are pure and clean,
Orchards now come to fruit,
Land where no work is seen
Beneath the brawn of brute.

Land of man's love for man,
Home of the brave and true,
Land where the humblest can
His way his goal pursue.

WHY AND HOW TO SECURE GOOD SEED CORN.

The first requisite for a good crop of corn is good seed secured from a crop that was grown in your locality.

Seed corn should be selected, as far as is possible and practicable in the district in which it is to be grown, and about a week before the first killing frost is expected.

The first test to apply to seed corn is maturity. In the northern part of Wisconsin where every day must be utilized for ripening a crop the question of getting seed that has matured in our latitude is of prime importance.

Having made our selection of about double the amount of corn we expect to plant, our task is by no means completed. The ears, if left only over night when the weather is damp, will become covered with molds which will germinate and produce more spores or mold seeds germinates the following spring.

As soon as the seed corn is picked it must be cured. Many devices have been used for drying seed corn. The most common of these are single string, double string, corn tree, frame covered with chicken wire and boards into which finishing nails have been driven.

The curing of seed corn is dependent upon two conditions—a free circulation of air and a temperature above freezing until the corn is thoroughly dried. These conditions can best be secured by fire drying. Open the window and build a fire every day until the corn is thoroughly dried.

POLITICAL FUN AHEAD

Next year we will see a lot of Republican candidates floundering around with a collection of arguments taken off the junk heap, only to enable their opponents to overwhelm them with some of the old-time political statistics of Republican mismanagement.

now flabbergasted by the hard, cruel and cold economic facts proven by the war in Europe.

Even the financial situation just now, because we have too great an excess of exports over imports, will knock a Republican high tariff argument silly, because the ablest Republican financiers are now claiming that what this country needs is the importation of more foreign goods and less foreign gold, in order to prevent a continued disturbance of world finance and trade.

Why, both American and foreign economists are telling us that a more balanced foreign trade is needed to restore the equilibrium of foreign exchange in order to prevent a collapse of America's export trade in cotton, wheat and foodstuffs. The war is doing for us what a prohibitive tariff would do, so the Republicans are liable to advance a lot of wind-gall arguments that will butt into a rock wall of stubborn economic truths.

By the way, most tariff advocates don't want any old Republican party to handle the tariff question. They advocate a tariff commission, which is not so liable as the Republican party to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. They want a scientific tariff instead of a political tariff, which has killed more than it has cured.

The fun will commence as soon as the speaking begins and the politicians find themselves up a tree instead of ranting around on the stump.

HIGHER VALUES—LOWER TAX RATES

It is possible to raise tax values and to lower tax rates, doubling Thomas to the contrary notwithstanding.

Georgia did it last year under her new tax reform laws. Barring one year only, her State tax rate in 1914 was the lowest in 24 years.

Ohio's tax values rose to six billion two hundred million dollars in 1911 under her new tax laws; and her State tax rate decreased 62 per cent. or more than three-fifths.

Larger tax revenues are sadly needed in North Carolina. They can be secured without punishing honest taxpayers, if only tax dodgers can be brought to book in every township and if unfairness can be removed or lessened within and among the counties of the State.

THE OLD HOTEL

The good old-fashioned hotel That charged but a dollar a day! No extras there or tips to swell The bill that you had to pay.

The old man sat and read all day, And talked with a Solomon air, While wife and daughter worked away And cooked for the boarders there.

But when it came to the question of food, How the old hotel did shine! What ham and eggs, what roast beef good,

What four-story shortcake fine! 'Twas run on the pie-and-plenty plan, And you went from the place replete;

WEALTH IN THE WAR

British wealth grumbled unceasingly over a tax of 5 per cent. on incomes during the Napoleonic wars and brought about its repeal soon afterward. American wealth in the North was equally outraged by a 5 per cent. tax on large incomes during the Civil War and brought about its repeal six or seven years later.

The larger incomes of England now face a tax amounting to 33 1-3 per cent. annually, and they are doing so with "resigned cheerfulness." They would rather pay it "than have the Germans here." They must pay or have the Germans there.

This is far and away the highest rate of contribution for public purposes ever imposed by an orderly Government upon wealth. It is about five times the maximum income-tax rate prevailing in Britain before the war. It is more than four times the highest rate imposed by our own income-tax law on excessive wealth.

They are also supposedly in a condition of "resigned cheerfulness." It is a condition which all British wealth must learn to cultivate as a fixed habit. These extraordinary additions to the tax burden are intended merely to take care of the interest and sinking-fund charges on the war debt, and not to share in the direct costs of the conflict.

It is not a cheerful prospect for British wealth or for German wealth, which is likely to fare even worse in the end. How soon will either of these or any of the other belligerents be ready to go to war again and pay for it after this one is over?—New York World.

GUILTY CONSCIENCES

The editor of a newspaper in a nearby town borrowed a gun from a friend the other day to go hunting. When he appeared with it on the street, he noticed a peculiar agitation among the denizens of his town.

The man rushed away, and several others braved the editor's gun and paid up back bills. Altogether, when the editor arrived at the office he had a nice roll, enough to pay for his vacation and some left over. But a surprise awaited at the office. He found six bushels of potatoes, ten dozen eggs, a lead of hay, two fine hogs, a sirkin of butter, two bushels of corn and a gallon of hard cider.

"Dear Bill: All the boys have paid up in full. Put up your gun and be friends again." The editor of this paper thinks he'll step over to the nearby town and borrow Bill's gun.

PARKER, N. C. MAN GETS QUICK RELIEF

W. R. Davenport Better After First Dose of Remedy. W. R. Davenport, of Parker, N. C., long suffered from a peculiar malady of the stomach. He sought treatment with but little relief. At times it seemed that he would have to give up hope.

He took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and found immediate benefit. He wrote: "For years I have suffered from a disease which puzzled doctors. They termed it catarrh of the stomach, saying the only hope would be a change of climate, and that in all probability I would never get well. Then I heard of your remedy. One bottle gave me instant relief. It made me feel like a new man. Your full course of treatments has about cured me. Several of my friends have also been cured."

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

DR. J. G. CRUTCHFIELD, DENTIST. Office over Bank of Randolph Phone 28 - Asheboro, N. C.

TO THE TEACHERS OF RANDOLPH

It was not convenient to hold a County Teachers' Institute in Asheboro the past summer, for the benefit of the teachers, nor could the majority of the county teachers attend a summer school; therefore, the principals of Liberty, Trinity, Farmer, Ramseur, Franklinville, Asheboro and Randleman High Schools have kindly consented for any school teachers who wish, to come into their schools and observe work done in the first seven grades. This will give the teachers who have never taught an opportunity to learn the methods used, and to see just how a lesson is presented to the pupils by some of the best teachers in the county, and too, it will give them an idea how to discipline a school. We hear a great deal said about how work should be done, and this often is helpful, but it is not like seeing it done, and then getting out and doing it. Of course it will be hard to apply the same methods in a one teacher school that is used where there is one teacher to the grade, but they can be used to some extent. Certainly no teacher in the rural schools can give as much time to a subject as in the city schools, and many things will have to be left off that are done in the grades, but no teacher should become disappointed on this account.

Especially would I urge those teachers who have never taught to take advantage of this opportunity to see how the graded schools are conducted.

I would suggest that they go to the nearest school which they live, as this will recognize each High School, and too, they can be better accommodated where there are fewer teachers visiting. I am sure they will be welcomed, and treated with all the courtesy anyone should desire.

Any time during the month of October will be satisfactory to do this observing, and allow me to suggest that not less than two days be spent in this work, and as much more as they desire.

Again let me urge them to take advantage of the splendid offer the high school authorities have made. T. FLETCHER BULLA, County Superintendent.

RED CROSS SEAL MOVEMENT

North Carolina Commission Plans State-Wide Campaign. To most of us it is a long, long way to Christmas, but to the Red Seal campaigners it seems right here. Already the American Red Cross and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis have 125,000,000 seals for shipment, and the points to which they will go include every State in the Union, in addition, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Canal Zone. Bigness characterizes this whole movement; it is big in scope, big in execution and bigger still in purpose. It aims to make the sale of the year 1915 the biggest in the history of the movement.

It is, furthermore, the purpose of those in charge of this work to have the seals, of which every one sold is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis, reach the merchants and the various agents long before they lay in a supply of the usual meaningless kind of Christmas seals and stickers. While there is no commission on the sale of the Red Cross Seal, no merchant could refuse this opportunity of helping his community and his State fight the dreaded plague of tuberculosis.

The North Carolina State Red Cross Seal Commission, of which Dr. L. E. McBrayer, of the State Sanatorium, is executive secretary, actively began work September 1st. A campaign for the largest sale of Red Cross Christmas seals that North Carolina has ever known is now in progress. By means of the sale of seals this year, it is hoped that tuberculosis will receive the greatest blow it has ever known direct from the hands of the people. This is the people's opportunity.

Health and Happiness Depend Upon Your Liver.

That sluggish liver with its stoggy flow of bile is what makes the world look so dark at times. Dr. King's New Life Pills go straight to the root of the difficulty by waking up the action of the liver and increasing the bile. Dr. King's New Life Pills cause the bowels to act more freely and drive away those "moody days." 25c. a bottle.

According to a statement of Prof. J. M. Booker, of the English Department of the University, who attended the Plattsburg camp, the roughest thing there was the speech of ex-President Roosevelt. Prof. Booker enjoyed the work and intends to go back there next year, but is not in favor of the camp for this state. He thinks the less the State has to do with such matters the better, but he thinks the state camps are at a disadvantage because they are local affairs which ought to be run on a National basis.

If you are a sport get your necktie at Wood Cash Clothing Co.

IN FAVOR OF A WHOLE TIME HEALTH OFFICER

Franklinville, N. C. Sept. 21, 1915.

I was very glad to see an article in your paper last week in favor of a whole time health officer. It seems to me that this is the greatest need of Randolph county today. I can see plenty of work an officer of this kind could do which no one else can easily reach. It would be a great help to our physicians in the county to know that they had the whole time health officer to back them up in their work. I could point out cases near my home where a health officer could do good service and where another person would be considered a meddler to interfere. And I also know of cases where medical attention is needed today and the people concerned do not feel able to employ a physician.

Of course, if we had a whole time health officer he could not give medical attention to every case where poverty was the plea, but he could attend to the extreme cases and he could enforce the quarantine and a great many other sanitary measures which are at present neglected, neglected not because of intent to do wrong, but because of thoughtlessness and indifference. Most of our people, I think, are willing to do the right thing in health matters and a health officer would be a great help to them. Those who will not do the right thing when they know what is right should be made to do it and a really live wide-awake health officer could reach them better than any one else.

I have a case of scarlet fever in my home now, and because of it my children are losing the benefit of the school. (This is not a kick against the quarantine law, it is O. K. as far as our practitioners can enforce it). The point I am trying to reach is this: My little girl has had to bear the pain and the danger of a case of scarlet fever and the rest of my children are forced to lose the benefit of the school and perhaps have the disease also simply because someone somewhere didn't know or didn't care enough about the simple laws of sanitation to take the proper measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

I fully believe that with a wide-awake whole time health officer to cooperate with and back up our doctors and, also to inspect our schools here in Randolph the contagious diseases of childhood would be a thing of the past. Or if our health officer could not attend to the medical inspection of the schools let us have another special officer for that purpose. By all means let us have medical inspection of schools. Of course all this will cost something, but also does disease as I have learned by bitter experience, since my first child has been large enough to go to school. What can a county or a State spend money on what will bring any better returns than on the protection of its childhood? I hope to see our country come out strong in favor of a whole time health officer and also medical inspection of schools.

Yours very truly, —A Subscriber's Wife.

HERE AND THERE OVER THE STATE AS A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SEES IT

The announcement during the past week that Hon. J. S. Mann, of Raleigh, will be a candidate for State Treasurer has caused considerable comment in political circles. There has been from every section of the State a growing sentiment for many months unless new men were put in the administrative offices eventually the party would come to grief. That the fact of continuing in office men from twelve to twenty years was working havoc with the party as there was no incentive for young men remaining Democrats.

Its a notable fact that the young men who have been elevated to judge-ships in North Carolina of recent years are making wonderful records. In fact all walks of life except the administrative offices in the State younger men are active. The dissatisfaction of the primary law continues to increase, as people discuss the need of a house cleaning in Raleigh and some go so far as to say that the present system is not what the people thought they were getting and that it was passed more in the interest of the present office holders than anything else. It is evident that there will not be as many candidates for office as it will require more than the average citizen can put up to get his name properly before the voters of the State.

While Mr. J. A. Hartness, of Statesville, is avoiding newspaper comment as far as possible, his friends are very optimistic over his candidacy. They are more hopeful since the Greensboro News came out some time ago for Mr. Grimes as they claim that Mr. Hartness' success will not be determined by what the News says, in fact they claim, a paper of its standing will have little weight.

—TRAVELER.

MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION

If Tongue is Coated, Breath Bad, Stomach Sour, Clean Liver And Bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow. If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without gripping and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle. Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

THE NEGLECTED SPECIES

In the opinion of some persons, the new teacher was going almost too far in her attention to nature study. However, the children appeared to enjoy it all, and, so far, no parents had made open objections to the little talks on birds, insects, and flowers with which the teacher diversified the routine of school work. So all went along quite comfortably until the afternoon when the fly and the flea were up for consideration.

Following the teacher's lead, the children had all grown enthusiastic over the astonishing acrobatic abilities of the fly—all except Robbie May, who for some time had been staring moodily at his desk, casting only occasional glances at the teacher, and those unmistakably sullen.

It became so noticeable by the time they were all admiring the fact that the fly can walk on the ceiling, that the teacher paused and turned to the boy.

"What is the trouble, Robbie?" she inquired. "Aren't you listening? Aren't you interested in the talk?" "Ye-es," granted Robbie, reluctantly polite. Then, warming up, "But I bet a fly can't hang by its knees and every boy in school can do it, all 'cept Laurie Lee, and he's had the diphthery!"—The Youth's Companion.

EVER SALIVATED BY CALOMEL! HORRIBLE

Calomel is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver. Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

THE TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY

No man or woman whose life is not above reproach has any business in the school room, where their influence is imbedded in the lives of the children. The teacher's true mission is a great deal broader and deeper than learning the youth arithmetic, geography and the spelling. The best effect of the teacher's work is to make true men and women of the youngsters, to learn them the duty as well as the rewards of honesty, industry, sobriety, and truth telling. A boy who leaves the public school with a cigarette in his mouth, to enter soon upon a career of drunkenness, twifling and general cussedness is often a reflection on the teachers who had him in charge. The teacher's business is frequently to overcome the tendencies of the child inherited from vicious parents. This can be done.

Another thing, the children should be taught manners. Manners do not make the man, but they often contribute very liberally. A fellow who lies down on the table and drinks his coffee like a swine gulping its swill, and eats with his greasy fingers, when knives and forks are only twenty-five cents a pair, is not naturally and constitutionally a hng. He just didn't have a teacher who knew any better than himself.—Danbury Reporter.