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LONGWORTH'S SPEECH.

The speech made in New York recently by Hon. Nicholas Longworth was severe in its arraignment of the Democratic party. According to an assertion in his speech "The American people under the administration are riding hell-bent to bankruptcy and paying for their privilege with a war tax. Their boasted prosperity has not come. Want and misery have prevailed in the land. Some industries, it is true, are prosperous, but they are industries which are not supplying the American market, but the markets of the warring countries of Europe."

Mr. Longworth's assertions are not borne out by present business conditions. The facts and figures show that the business of the country is flourishing under the present administration as it never did under the Republican rule. The Philadelphia Record says: "If views of a Democrat on such a subject may be considered prejudiced one should consult the trade journals, which are supposed to contain the unvarnished truth. Instead of the United States riding hell-bent to bankruptcy it is flourishing as it never did under a Republican regime, if one may believe the reports of bank clearings and the news of remarkable activity in nearly every industry. This is not due to war orders, but to the splendid crops, and the steady development of our unparalleled resources."

A diagnosis of business conditions during the month of October is given by the National City Bank, one of the largest banking institutions in the country. This can be considered unprejudiced and an impartial authority. We submit this as an answer to Longworth's assertion.

"The outstanding feature of the business situation in October has been the fact that all trade has been unbrokenly better. We expressed the opinion two months ago that as the season for fall trade came on the country would swing into a broad general state of activity, and that expectation has been realized. Every part of the country now sends good reports and the contrast they make with the conditions of a year ago is calculated to inspire the most profound sentiments of relief, satisfaction and gratitude."

"The South, which a year ago was prostrate, with cotton selling at 7 cents per pound or less, has regained its feet and its courage. Although this year's cotton crop is smaller by possibly twenty-five per cent., the total value will be higher than last year, and it has been raised at a considerably lower cost. Furthermore, the South has grown more of other crops, particularly corn and wheat than ever before, and has reached the stage of self-sufficiency for the season in these crops. With the rise of cotton to twelve cents per pound, a different atmosphere pervades the South and it is again an active factor in the trade of the country."

"The grain farmers are not faring quite so well as last year, for prices are lower, but the fields are so large that they have little cause for complaint. The one serious disappointment in agriculture this year has been in the failure of a considerable portion of the corn crop in the northern part of the belt to reach maturity, but the hay and forage crops are so abundant that the loss will be borne with comparative ease. This is the advantage of having the corn crop cut down by a late season instead of by a drought which curtails all plant growth. The fruit and root crops are generally good. The wet season which has been the plains states, so that the "dry" farmers have had a prosperous season, with unheard of yields of wheat, as well as abundant crops of sugar beets and the grasses. The prospects for a continuance of the date on sugar increases the cheerfulness of the West. The wool growers have sold this year's clip at record prices and the live stock interests are exceptionally prosperous. Farm seekers from other states are pouring into the states of the northwest where a limited amount of comparatively cheap lands are still to be had."

"The metal mining industry of the West, which was badly crippled a year ago, is now in full swing. There is enormous activity in the production of copper, lead and zinc; it is now up to capacity of the mines and smelters, and in the case of zinc, the smelter capacity is being materially increased. So far as agriculture, stock raising and mining go the West is exceedingly prosperous."

"The iron and steel industry has expanded steadily and rapidly in the past six months until the production of basic material is now surpassing all records, although some lines of

finished goods are not in normal demand. There is a broad general improvement, the point has been reached where the fear of not being able to get deliveries is stimulating purchases and prices are advancing in many lines to the best figure realized in recent years. The earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the third quarter of 1915 were the largest for any quarter in several years. New capital has begun to go into the steel industry, some of the important companies are undergoing reorganization, and capacity is being increased considerably. Attention is given to this elsewhere.

"Current railway earnings and bank clearings are now comparing with the abnormal figures of a year ago, and show heavy gains, for traffic and trade a year ago were about as poor as could be. Allowance must be made for extraordinary activity in certain lines, notably automobiles and war materials, but the general merchandise movement is much freer, and more confidence is manifested in commercial and industrial circles than at any time since the outbreak of the war. The figures for idle cars have taken a sudden drop, and complaints of car shortage, congestion of traffic and labor shortage are becoming frequent. Business is not booming in all lines. Large construction work is still below what it should be in normal times in this growing country, but the amount of building of the smaller class makes a good showing. The available supply of labor is so fully employed that the situation is on the verge of being critical. Food supplies promise to be abundant and moderate in price for the coming year, and the outlook for general comfort and prosperity in the United States is at present promising."

In her annual address before the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh recently the president of the association, Miss Mary O. Graham, made a very sensible plea for efficiency in the schools of the State. She insisted that there must be intelligent and complete co-operation among the teachers of the State. Miss Graham declared that the hardest blow that has befallen the cause of education in this State came last February when the legislature voted down the bill to put the teachers on professional basis designed to gradually raise the standard of efficiency.

In a speech before the board of agriculture at Raleigh last Wednesday Governor Clegg reiterated his purpose of returning to the farm about a year from now to devote his time to farming and the practice of law. He spoke of the great strides made by the State in agriculture in the last few years and said that this was only the beginning. "But more than all" said the Governor, "the great production means that we are a better people. The better production we bring about the better homes we make."

WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Randolph county board of commissioners met on regular session Monday.

R. M. Wright gave his head and was sworn in as clerk of the Superior Court, succeeding J. M. Covensan. Wiley Ward succeeded W. J. Scarborough as commissioner. Clarence Parks was elected chairman of the board to succeed Mr. Sentaro.

- The following accounts were allowed:
- John Hodge, et al, building barn on jail lot \$35.45
 - Kemp and Craven, lumber for bridge 107.51
 - J. L. Gantox, lumber for bridge 107.51
 - W. J. Scarborough, one day member board of health 4.00
 - J. C. Cox, et al, building bridge 49.50
 - I. H. Faust, farm demonstrator 45.00
 - Mullin Wicker, witness fee50
 - J. C. Lowdermilk, pay roll building bridge 75.53
 - S. T. Hill, burial of pauper 5.00
 - A. W. Fuller, painting bridge roof 35.50
 - D. B. McCrary, 2 days member board of health 8.00
 - Dr. J. V. Hunter, 1 day member board of health 4.00
 - T. F. Bulla, 1 day member board of health, etc. 5.00
 - M. M. Routh, mdse, Co. H. 4.43
 - M. H. Bell, digging grave 1.00
 - H. H. Douglas, making pauper coffin 1.00
 - L. C. Parrish, mdse, Co. H. 25.60
 - John F. Jarrell, phone rent 2.00
 - John F. Jarrell, Mdse, Co. Home 8.00
 - P. I. Clark, hire of wheat drill 1.50
 - C. W. Steel, jailer, Nov. 26.55
 - W. G. Brown, mdse, convict force 62.83
 - Randleman Store Co., mdse for convict force 8.38
 - J. C. Farlow, cash for mdse 3.00
 - I. M. Russell, mdse, convict force 8.21
 - Tom Milling Co., mdse, for convict force 10.50
 - Tyson Trogdon, mdse, for convict force 2.50
 - McCrary-Rodding Hdwe. Co mdse, for convict force 8.65

- Asheboro Wagon Co., smithing County Home 2.10
- Presnell and Brown, difference in mule trade 250.00
- Randolph Supply Co., mdse, for County Home 42.54
- L. B. Lambert, mdse, court house 50
- Randolph Supply Co., mdse for County Home 14.42
- North Carolina Granite Co., mdse, new jail 31.51
- E. K. Clark, work in court house 9.42
- Royal & Borden, mdse Co. jail 30.00
- The Beckman Co., mdse Co. Jail 40.50
- Nathan Burrow, work, new jail 80
- J. F. Birkhead, painting floors 6.50
- D. T. Wright, conveying pauper to Co. Home 3.50
- G. H. Black, et al., work on bridge 21.22
- Randolph Mfg. Co., mdse, for new jail 20.30
- Randolph Mfg. Co., mdse, for bridge 15.53
- H. M. Worth, checking sheriff's settlement 4.00
- J. W. Birkhead, serving jurors 18.30
- F. E. Asbury, medicine and supt. of health 23.06
- C. T. Luck, seizing distillery 20.00
- J. E. Presnell, painting metal work on court house 5.00
- Home Building & Material Co., mdse, Co. H., new jail and court house 16.63
- J. R. Welch, burial of pen. 20.00
- Piedmont Furniture Co., burial pauper 20.00
- W. H. Jennings, burial of pen. 20.00
- The Electric Shop, lamp for jail 1.55
- Barker Bros, mdse, C. S. C. office .25
- J. S. Ridge, J. P. fees 5.00
- Asheboro Motor Co., car hire, conveying prisoner 3.50
- I. M. Nance, postage game laws 22.00
- McCrary-Rodding Hdwe. Co., mdse, for bridge, etc. 86.14
- Randleman Drug Co., mdse for road force75
- H. M. Worth, checking C. S. C. report, etc. 12.00
- A. W. Bulla, ex. inmate 5.20
- The Courier, ptg. court calendars 1.00
- J. M. Covensan, postage, etc. 8.58
- The Courier, ptg. notices 3.00
- J. W. Birkhead, frt. charges paid 6.17
- H. M. Robins, atty. to board, etc. 108.30
- State Hospital, exp. transporting inmate 15.50
- C. W. Steed, con. prisoner 17.50
- Town of Asheboro, water and lights 10.25
- Ford Ingold, per diem making making sheriff's settlement and clerical work 12.00
- J. C. Farlow, pay roll 136.99

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Rev. H. C. Byrum, our new pastor at the M. E. church, made a very favorable impression on our people Sunday by preaching two able sermons as a prelude to the work he has planned for the coming year.

Quite an interesting teachers' meeting was held at the M. E. church Sunday evening. There was a full attendance and the new course for teachers' training was highly commended by every one present and it is earnestly hoped that every teacher will avail themselves of the rare opportunity to be present at every session and endeavor to become more efficient in their work as teachers in the Sunday school. It is of the highest callings that mortal man has ever been allowed to enter.

Mrs. J. C. Measer and daughter, Orlis, Misses Minnie Tippet, Eva Cox and Blanche Cox made a shopping trip to Greensboro Thursday.

Mr. Linn Brower, of Cedar Falls, has moved to the residence recently vacated by R. B. Stutte.

J. H. Massey and R. C. Curtis spent Sunday evening at Siler City.

W. H. Campbell left Saturday for Raleigh, his former home, and will move his family to this place this week.

The play rendered at the academy Saturday night by the Ladies Aid Society was quite a success. About \$29.00 was realized and our people are now convinced on the woman suffrage question and if the weather is favorable they will likely convince the good town of Ramoth Saturday night on the same theme.

Messrs. C. H. Ellison, H. F. Allred and C. E. Allred have returned from their hunting and fishing expedition in Montgomery county and have placed to their credit 65 muskrats, 1 mink, 2 opossums, 2 raccoons, several squirrels, 3 turkeys, a lot of fine fish, one certain 19 1/4 inches long and 4 inches between the eyes.

There will be entertainments and Xmas trees for the Sunday school Xmas at all three of the churches, where everybody will be welcome.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO MEET AT ST. LOUIS

The Democratic National Convention of 1916 will be held at St. Louis, beginning Wednesday, June 14, at noon.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds, and croup," says Mrs. Albert Biemer, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. For sale by all dealers.

IF IT'S CANDY YOU WANT -:- Get Nunnally's 1-1

80C. THE POUND

Any size box attractively designed to suit your taste. We have the agency for **TANLAC**, the Master Medicine, \$1.00 a bottle.

Get your Christmas Tags, Seals, and post cards here. We have a most attractive line.

The Standard Drug Co.

J. T. Underwood, Mgr. Asheboro, N. C.

Don't Make Excuses

Just buy Her a box of

-:- Norris Exquisite Candy -:-

And you are sure of the very best. 80c and \$1.00 the pound. Any size box in attractive coloring. Get it in Asheboro only from us.

ALL SIZES CANDLES.

Asheboro Drug Co.

The Things you will Want For Christmas

There's always satisfaction in getting the best and the freshest groceries for the Christmas eats. You deserve the best, and you can get it if you will phone your order to HANNAH. We make a specialty in prompt service with the freshest groceries. A few suggestions:

Fresh Fruits	Fresh Pure Candies
Nuts	Oranges
Chrystalized Ginger	Spaghetti
Fruit Cakes	Shelled Almonds

We will have a few Christmas Turkeys for a limited time only. If you want one phone your order at once before they are all gone. Better early than too late. If it's groceries get them at

J. C. HANNAH'S

THE ONE HORSE GROCERY.

York Piano A Favorite in Sanford, N. C.



Gentlemen—I am enclosing you check for the last payment on my York Piano, bought Nov. 22, 1912, and ask that you please send me cancelled note.

Sound and up to par except slightly worn and after three years of pretty constant use it sounds just as good as new. I have had it tuned one time.

My dealings with your company have been very pleasant and I thank you for the courteous treatment. I shall always be glad to speak a good word for you and your York piano.

With best wishes, very respectfully,
(Miss) FLORA WICKEL, Sanford, N. C.

11-20-15

The enthusiastic endorsement of the York Piano of people you know by people who know the York Piano and its good qualities is the best reason for you to buy a York. Its charming tone and wonderful durability will prove a source of never ending pleasure to you and your family.

We are the direct factory representatives and want you to have one of these magnificent instruments. You will be surprised at the reasonable terms and price. Write or call on us at once.

A. N. & E. M. CULLOM

Asheboro, N. C.

BUSINESS BUILDERS

Fine Spencer variety of Sweet Pea Seed for sale by
MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Asheboro, N. C.

FOR SALE—Two young, well-trained dogs for coon, opossum and rabbit hunting.
OTTIS OSBORNE,
St. Randleman, N. C. R. F. D. 3

WINTER TERM of Greensboro Commercial School, Greensboro, N. C. begins Jan. 3rd. Bookkeeping and Shorthand our Specialty. Positions for all. Write for Catalogue.

WANTED—Young men and women to learn Bookkeeping, Civil Service, Banking, Typewriting and Shorthand. Position Guaranteed—Pay from salary, earn while learning.
EDWARD'S BUSINESS COLLEGE,
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AUTOMOBILE TO EXCHANGE—We will exchange a few cars for a few good pairs of work mules—HOME BUILDING AND MATERIAL COMPANY.

FOR SALE—Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, Reference History, conveniently arranged; every historical event of importance is recorded. Reason for selling, have two copies. Apply to DR. C. L. WHITAKER, Asheboro, N. C.

MULES WANTED—I want to trade a good young horse for a pair of mules or will trade a Ford auto for the Harris Birkhead Perchon Colt for one or more mules.
E. G. MORRIS,
Asheboro, N. C.
St. The Ford Trader.

Fine Frostproof Cabbage Plants by parcel post. Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield and Succession, 1,000 for \$1.00 postpaid 10¢ for 15¢ postpaid. R. O. PARKS, Utah, N. C.

Cabbage plants Early Jersey, Charleston Wakefield, and Allseason, \$1.00 per 1,000, 2,000 or more express prepaid.
Archdale Truck and Plant Farm
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FORD RUNABOUT For sale or trade. Come at once with your mules or horses and drive a good Ford back. I am going to trade it.
E. G. MORRIS,
Asheboro, N. C.
The Ford Trader.

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE—Early Jersey Wakefield, Fine Frostproof Plants. Postpaid anywhere, 100 15¢; 1,000 \$1.00. Orders filled promptly.
Miss Bettie B. Shamburger,
Hill's Store, N. C.

I am agent for C. W. Jennings, florist, Greensboro, and am able to supply cut flowers and funeral designs at any time. Your patronage is solicited.
Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

LOST—Crocheted centerpiece on Thanksgiving at Loffin building. Centerpiece advertised for last week was found. Fined of crocheted piece please return to Mrs. Arthur Rosa.

Only a few more of C. W. Jennings fine Spencer Sweet pea seed.
Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer.

Phone 33 for flowers for Christmas. Corsage bouquets, roses, lily of valley violets, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Carnations \$1.25 per dozen.

FOR SALE—2 Berkshire pigs, weight 40 pounds; each worth \$5.
S. C. FRAZIER,
Trinity.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my heart-felt thanks to the many friends who gave me such friendly and timely support in The Courier contest, and helped me to win the piano. Am well pleased with my prize.
HANNAH JOHNSON.

It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipation, when relief is so easily obtained and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a year ago I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they cured me of biliousness and constipation and biliousness. For sale by all dealers."

PRESIDENT AND MRS. GALT TO WED DECEMBER 18

Announcement has been made at the White House that the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Galt will be solemnized at the home of Mrs. Galt December 18. Only members of the two families will attend the ceremony.