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The recent death of William Jennings Bryan caused some discussion as to when he spoke in Beaufort. As it may be a matter of some interest we looked through the files of this newspaper and found that Mr. Bryan lectured in Beaufort on Friday, April the 26th, 1918. His subject was "The Making of A Man." People came from all over the county to hear him and the county court room was packed. A heavy rain and wind storm occurred that afternoon and many people were unable to return to their homes until the next day.

It seems that J. B. Duke is going to build a railroad from Charlotte to Winston-Salem. This road, which is to be run by electricity, will connect at Charlotte with the Duke road that goes to Gastonia and has branches in South Carolina. The Southern Railway already operates a railroad between Charlotte and Winston-Salem but the Duke road will run considerably east of that and through different territory. It is likely enough that the new road will eventually come on to Durham which is in the Southern Power Company's territory. Piedmont Carolina seems to be pretty well supplied with highways and railroads but the marvelous industrial growth of that section makes greater transportation facilities absolutely necessary.

**FORTUNE SEEKING.**

A great effort is being made now to get North Carolinians to invest in Florida estate. A tremendous amount is being spent in newspaper advertising and in other ways to attract North Carolina capital. Many North Carolinians have gone there and bought property and for all we know some of them have made money. We hear now and then of some one who has made a good profit, but we hear nothing of those who have lost, if such there be. Granting all of Florida's advantages in the way of climate and soil it seems a little strange to us that North Carolinians should manifest a wild desire to go there and invest in real estate. As we understand it prices in Florida are already sky high. Some of those who buy now may hit it right but it seems that the chances are against them. The ones who buy at the high prices are taking a big risk. When the slump comes, as it probably will come, somebody is going to get hurt. North Carolina offers plenty of opportunities for safe and profitable investment in real estate, but as is always the case, people are inclined to think that there is a pot of gold at the rainbow's end. They like to go to a far country looking for a fortune and do not see the good opportunities at their own doors.

**WORK FOR THE CHURCHES**

The country churches must help abolish adult illiteracy in North Carolina says Dr. E. C. Branson, a member of the State University faculty. Well somebody ought to abolish it and it seems to be too big a job for any one agency. The public school forces have made some effort along this line but have been unable to do much with the problem so far as we have observed. Dr. Branson says that there are 132,000 white illiterates in the State and that all but 5000

of them live in the rural districts. In addition to the white people who cannot read or write, there are probably 150,000 negroes who are in the same condition. This makes a total of not far from 300,000 people in the State who are utterly without the benefits of the lamp of knowledge to guide their steps. Besides there are many thousands more who while able to read and write, can scarcely do more than that. This is a tremendous load of ignorance for the State to carry and especially so at a time when she is making the greatest effort in her entire history to burst the bonds of ignorance and poverty that have held her back for so many years. Dr. Branson says there are fifty-eight organized religious bodies in North Carolina and he thinks they ought to do some missionary work along the line of educating the ignorant. He thinks the Sunday Schools might well have classes to teach people to read and write. The suggestion seems well worthy of consideration and we hope that some of our religious bodies will give the plan a trial.

**PRISON REFORM.**

In a public address not long since Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Public Welfare, put the responsibility for prison wrongs upon the people. In a sense she was right because the people elect the law makers and should see to it that they enact the right sort of legislation. Still Mrs. Johnson and every one else knows that most legislation comes in some other way than as the result of great popular demand. Organizations, newspapers and individuals as a rule create the sentiment that results in legislation.

Mrs. Johnson wants the county chain gangs abolished and the organization of which she is the head is the proper instrument to secure this result. She says she has asked the General Assembly several times to do something about the prison system but so far nothing has been done. We would respectfully suggest that Mrs. Johnson should not lose heart but keep hammering away until the reform desired is secured. It may be a pretty hard job but is one that is worth doing. The murder of the foolish negro, some weeks ago, by the Nash county guards and brutalities in other counties, constitute a terrible indictment of the county chain gang system. Of it Mrs. Johnson said: "The county chain gang is a relic of the dark ages. It is a penal institution peculiar to the South and came into being soon after the Civil War, when it was considered necessary as a method of discipline chiefly for unfulfilled groes who had previously been controlled by their masters. At present the chain gang is an anachronism based upon the methods of the slave driver." State control of prisoners instead of county control is the change desired by Commissioner Johnson.

**PRESS GLEANINGS**  
 SUGGESTIVE.

The idea is suggestive. The next time a former governor inquires of the present governor what about the accrual system, let Mr. McLean jolt him in the jaw. When a citizen asks Mr. Page when the highway is coming by his door, let the commissioner biff him on the bean. When an irate tax payer wants to know how come from Commissioner Doughton, let the revenue chief smash him in the solar plexus. When a school teacher asks Mr. Allen for a certificate, let him tell her she is not a lady. When anybody has business with a state official follow the example of the prison superintendent and crown him over the cranium. This plan ought to solve the problem for all classifications except two. One is the prison deficit. The more somebody kicks that baby around, the larger it grows. The second is the inmates of the prison. But they have learned not to ask questions—(Greensboro News.)

**BAGS ALLIGATOR OFF**  
**TRENT RIVER BRIDGE**

Thurman Tyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tyson, has a prize at his home of which he is very proud. It is the hide of a young alligator which he bagged when crabbing Monday af-

ternoon near the New Bern end of Trent river bridge. Young Tyson and his companions were in a rowboat when they spied the gator. The youngster seized an oar and when within reach brought his weapon over the critter's head. That stunned it. The rest was easy. The alligator was thought to have been one seen frequently in the river in that vicinity.—(The New Bernian.)

**FORT MACON.**

Those North Carolinians who have had the pleasure and inspiration of visiting old Fort Macon, at Beaufort, will be glad to note that, after having been the property of the United States government for more than a century, it has again been turned over to the State of North Carolina. The formal turning over of the historic old fort took place last week. And now that we again own Fort Macon, let the state clean it up and make it a real state park and place of historic interest, where North Carolinians may visit and thrill with pride in the work of the fathers in the days of long ago. For indeed all who have visited the old fort and carefully examined its construction, must feel that it is indeed a great piece of work. In fact, it is impossible for one who has not visited it, to commence to draw a conclusion as to its immensity.—(Stanly News-Herald.)

**FORTUNATE PIEDMONT.**

"I guess J. B. Duke will spend the balance of his life like many of us—a poor man." This was the declaration of a grouch, who had wasted in riotous living his goodly inheritance, when Mr. Duke established a foundation of mercy to the tune of forty millions of dollars. The grouch did not know his man. This North Carolina genius is the architect of his own fortune and he is spending it in such a way as to bless the world.

It was announced that Mr. Duke is preparing to extend his electric railway—the Piedmont and North—Winston-Salem, touching Concord, Kannapolis, China Grove, Salisbury, Spencer, Lexington. He is not asking for subscriptions. He simply wants the cordiality of the owners which his road will touch. He's got that already. Piedmont North Carolina especially has reasons for great joy that this wonderful and far-sighted builder is in our midst. He is literally transforming this whole section by the utilities his genius and power are making possible. This is a kind of evolution that has basis and is not foolish. Long may his power be continued in the splendid developments that prosper under his wise guidance.

Nothing better could happen to Piedmont Carolina unless it be that we could enjoy the presence and activity of Two J. B. Dukes.—(The Uplift.)

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**DEFICIT LESS ON ACCRUAL BASIS**

to be filed a month before the examination. The Bureau of vital statistics of the State Board of Health ascertains that there were 108 suicides in the State during the year 1924, of which ninety-four were white persons and thirteen negroes. The State suicide rate is found to be 3.9 per 100,000 population while that of the country at large is placed at 15 per 100,000 population. Superintendent A. T. Allen, of the State Department of Education, is authority for the statement that negro education in North Carolina has been greatly stimulated in the last five years. The satisfactory progress of the twenty-four negro schools reported by Prof. N. C. Newbold, director of the State Division of negro education, forms the basis for the statement of Professor Allen, who is especially pleased with the evidence of advancement.

Governor McLean has designated the following gentlemen as an advisory commission of the Caswell Training School for the purpose of making an investigation and survey as to the scope of the work to be undertaken by the board of directors of that institution at whose request the Board was authorized: Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, chairman; Dr. Thos. W. Vernon, Morganton; Dr. Thurman D. Kitchen, Wake Forest; W. C. Dowd Sr., Charlotte; Gilbert T. Stevenson, Raleigh; Capt. Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Henry A. Page, Aberdeen; J. O. Carr, Wilmington.

McDowell county hands the State Highway Commission \$200,000 to aid in the construction of the road from Marion to Micaville; Henderson loans \$100,000 for the construction of the link between Hendersonville and Horse Shoe; Union advances \$50,000 to aid in the building of 4 1-2 miles leading south from Monroe on Route 25.

Insurance Commissioner Wade decides that the Palmetto Fire Insurance Company, of Sumpter, S. C., must change its plan of writing auto insurance by August 15 or lose its license in North Carolina. The Agents had been handling the auto insurance through the manufacturer in another state which was not in accord with the North Carolina law, but have agreed to meet requirements of the Insurance Department and are allowed to proceed.

Senator P. R. Williams and Walter H. Woodson; Representatives N. A. Townsend and Walter Murphy, R. S. McCain and Arthur M. Dixon, constituting the advisory budget commission, the last two being selected by the Governor, in session here during the week decided to make a tour of all state institutions between this time and the end of theyear. The Board of Trustees of the East Carolina have decided to spend practically the entire \$250,000 appropriated for new construction to campus building. A meeting of the Board was recently held in the office of State Superintendent Allen, chairman ex-officio. Other members present; E. C. Beddingfield, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, L. W. Tucker and F. C. Harding.

Attorney General Brummitt is to assist Solicitor W. F. Evans in the prosecution of the four Raleigh ice Manufacturers under indictment for conspiracy in restraint of trade. The trial is expected to come up at the special term of Wake Superior Court set for August 10. The manufacturers deny the charges and continue to deliver ice at the price fixed at the beginning of the season.

The chamber of commerce finds that Raleigh now has a population around 30,371, at the very lowest estimate. The rapid increase recently is attributed to mammoth suburban developments.

The Corporation Commission revokes the license of J. Oscar Barrett, of Asheville, as a salesman of the Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., the action being taken on information that he had made misrepresentations concerning lands under development by that corporation. Licenses held by C. F. Dockins, of Fletcher, and William P. Henderson, of Asheville, are recalled on request of their employer, Arthur Crane, who states they are not the kind of men he sought to enlist in his business.

Ex-Sheriff George B. McLeod, of the home county of Governor McLean, who was one of the leading applicants for secretary of the North Carolina Railroad, has been named by Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton, as a State automobile inspector under the Automobile License Bureau. Sheriff McLeod was an effective supporter of Mr. McLean in the primary fight last year and had the

backing of the Governor for the position to which he was recently appointed. He is a capable business man and will make good.

Judge George P. Peel, Corporation Commissioner, and Clarence E. Latham, chief State bank examiner, are back from the annual convention of the National Association of Bank

Supervisors held at St. Paul, Minnesota. After "hearing all the evidence" these State Officials reach the conclusion that banking conditions in North Carolina compare favorably with those existing in any other State. Hard to beat Tarheelia in any respect.

**A Faithful Friend**  
*by O. Lawrence Hawthorne*

We ain't much on goin' places  
 Like so many does today;  
 Ma an' me has got the notion  
 Home's a durn good place to stay!  
 No, we don't see many people  
 An' we seldom gets to town,  
 But the way we're livin' gives us  
 Little cause to fret an' frown.

Some folks maybe gets to thinkin'  
 We don't know what's goin' on—  
 Or at least we ain't be'n told it  
 Till a thing is past an' gone—  
 But them days has long since ended,  
 Makes no dif'ence where you be,  
 So don't waste yer idle moments  
 Feelin' bad fer Ma an' me.

We don't miss the roar an' racket  
 Folks in town is forced to stand,  
 And we ain't got greedy strangers  
 Crowdin' us on every hand.  
 No, we—Well, here comes the mail man!  
 He's a mighty faithful cuss;  
 Look at all the readin' matter  
 That he's leavin' here for us!



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