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Reports have been broadcast that \$100 counterfeit bills are being circulated. So far we have escaped any danger from this source.

CONSOLIDATION OF JAILS MIGHT BE GOOD THING

There has been some talk to the effect that the counties of Pasquotank, Perquimans, Currituck, Chowan and Camden might unite and build a district jail. It seems to be the plan to maintain a farm in connection with the jail to be worked by the prisoners. It is claimed that such an institution could be maintained more cheaply than five separate jails can be kept up and a lot of people, who are probably idle most of the time and a source of expense to their counties, could be made to work and earn their own support. The scheme seems rather attractive. It would require some study to work out the details but that can be done and it certainly seems worthy of investigation. It is probable that there are other groups of counties in the State that might make similar arrangements. Then too it might be possible to consolidate county homes and to maintain district hospitals advantageously. There is considerable food for thought in these questions.

POTATO PLANTING TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

In about sixty days from now Carteret county truckers will begin planting their early potato crop. Planting usually starts as soon in February as the weather conditions permit and is finished early in March. Whether a larger crop will be planted this year than last cannot well be foretold. It appears that there will be an increase in the potato crop as a whole. At least figures sent out by the U. S. Agricultural Department indicate an increased acreage of about twelve per cent in the early potato crop. Old potatoes are selling high and this naturally makes the trucker think he can get a good price next May or June. Back in 1928 a whale of a crop was raised and every body that raised any potatoes lost money. It is to be hoped that no such mistake will be made this year. It is better to be safe than sorry.

PITILESS PUBLICITY IS NEEDED

Newspaper publicity in public affairs is undoubtedly a contributory cause of good government. Padded pay rolls and other species of graft will not stand up very well under the white light of publicity. When the public is allowed to scrutinize the receipts and disbursements of a town, county or state government a check is thereby put on corrupt practices. The former treasurer of a North Carolina county is said to be a defaulter to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars. The sheriff of the same county is also said to be badly in arrears. It is not at all likely that the books of these officials have been audited at regular intervals and detailed statements published for the information of the public. Had such statements been published monthly or quarterly the county would have saved large sums of money and the officials in question might have been saved great humiliation. No doubt there are many other counties in North Carolina, and other states too, whose books if carefully audited would reveal some unpleasant secrets. Every one that has not had an audit made in the last four or five years should have it done and the result made public in some newspaper. The people should know what becomes of their money.

THE LABOR PROBLEM AS SEEN BY A FORMER POPE

In the year 1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote an "Encyclical Letter" on the subject of "The Condition of Labor" which was distributed among the church dignitaries. Bishop William J. Hafey of Raleigh has had the booklet reprinted and has favored the News with a copy.

We suppose Pope Leo's dissertation expressed his attitude and that of the Catholic church on the relationship of capital and labor. As might naturally be expected it is conservative in tone. Perhaps the most striking part of the article is the strong stand it takes against Socialism. Pope Leo argued very strongly for the rights of private property. He contended that nearly every one desires to own property of some sort and that the Socialist doctrine is contrary to the instincts of human nature. At the same time the article admits that there are many wrong conditions that ought to be righted. He says that "no practical solution of this question will ever be found without the assistance of Religion and the Church." He meant presumably his own church.

In Russia, where Socialism is undergoing its greatest test, it is claimed by the political leaders that religion hinders rather than helps in the solution of labor troubles. There has

been a bitter war by the Bolshevist leaders upon the Greek Catholic church which was the state church under the rule of the Czars and which is the religion of probably three fourths of the Russians now. In their way the Russians have been a devout people. To many of them the attitude of the Red Government towards religion is very objectionable.

If all people did unto others as they would have others do unto them it is hardly possible that there would be any labor troubles, or any sort of troubles for that matter. The principles of the Christian religion are very fine and if all would follow them the world would be a much better place in which to live. The trouble is that comparatively few live according to these principles. It would not be wise though to turn the job of civil government over to any church. This would not be a solution of the labor problem or any other problem of importance.

BUSINESS CONSOLIDATION

A great deal of newspaper consolidation has been going on throughout the country and in many cases to the benefit of their respective communities as well as to those who own the publications. Other line of business have been doing some consolidating too and the Hendersonville Times-News says properly so. The Times-News in discussing this phase of consolidation says:

Business men in more lines than newspaper publishing, however, are fast coming to the conclusion that in many towns and cities business is over-done. For example, there is probably not a town or city in the Carolinas in which there are not several lines of retail business in which too many people are engaged. In plain language, these towns and cities have too many retail stores and places of business; and the result is so much division of the natural volume of business that few or none of the business houses do enough business to enable them to show fair profits. Some of them, perhaps, actually lose on their operations year by year.

There has been for years a tendency to consolidation in "big business" circles. This produced in years gone by what were known as "trusts" and "trusts" and their promoters and owners were roundly scolded and cordially hated by the masses of the people. Many of the business combinations of other days deserve all the criticism and "cussing" applied to them. An old fashioned "trust" would not smell sweeter or be more honest today than in years past. What The Times-News is talking about is not the formation of business trusts, but changes and consolidations made along reasonable and approved lines, which will result in the improvement, stabilization and increased prosperity of business.

In every town and city in the Carolinas, if half of the retail business houses quit, the other half would prosper, make money, and be in position to render their communities real service. As it now is, half of them are fighting with their backs to the wall to keep out of bankruptcy; they can't pay their bills, and they can't give their customers first class service for lack of capital and a volume of business that will make this possible.

Press Gleanings

The woman doesn't always pay and pay. Sometimes she charges and charges.—Arizona Producer.

Strong-minded wives make the best husbands.—Paris Mercury.

People who live in glass houses should be grateful to the inventor of curtains.—Chicago News.

Short skirts boosted fashion hose sales \$30,000,000 last year, to say nothing of the increased business enjoyed by oculists.—Joplin News-Herald.

A bride who knows how to cook is becoming as rare as a car you have to crank.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

TELEVISION HOOK NEEDED
If only radio had some device to let the bum performer know when you tune him out.—Akron (O.) Beacon-Journal.

If you never saw a bird establishing herself in the nest, watch a woman settling down at her desk in the morning preparing to work.—Toledo Blade.

The surest means of preserving peace will be to conduct all future wars on the pay-as-you-enter plan.—Columbus Dispatch.

THE YO-YO

The mystery has been solved. For the past decade there has been much speculation as to what the human mind was longing for; it was easy to see that the mind was craving something, because it was coming and going, here and there and ever; where, apparently floating in blank space like something of the lighter atoms, seeking to settle somewhere. It was not until the Yo-Yo was discovered, however, that the human mind shouted, "Eureka," and floated on in a state of perfect satisfaction and sweet peace.—(Williamston Enterprise).

THE LAW OF COMPENSATION

Frequently you hear men complaining because they are required to do tasks which are not included in their regular duties, tasks for which they think others are getting the credit.

This is a mistake that too many workers make. Don't be afraid of anyone taking credit that belongs to you. In the first place, they can't do it for long, and in the second place unearned credit is dangerous.

A man may win promotion on the reputation for accomplishing things which he is unable to do—but he won't hold the job very long. This is where you will fit in and get both the job and the credit.

It is well to remember that there is a law of compensation which operates just as infallibly as the law of gravitation, and that victory goes at last where it ought to go, and this is just as true of individuals in industrial plants as of nations.—Industry and Labor.

Letters From Our Readers

CAPTAIN DAY WRITES

Editor of The News:
I see in last week's issue of your paper that I am charged with assaulting Cicero and Dennis Goodwin, Eugene Koontz and Melvin Styron, of Cedar Island, with a shot gun. This is a mistake. They were trespassing on my land. I told my manager, Cleveland Daniels, to go to them and get their names. He positively refused, saying he was afraid they would kill him. So I had to go. They attacked me with knives and tried to kill me. I had to fight them off with my gun. If I had not had my gun with me, I would not be living today.

J. J. DAY.

December 17, 1929.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

Editor of The News:
I would like to say a few words in regard to the good people of Morehead City. On Sunday before Thanksgiving, Dr. Ben Royal and family came over to the County Home with a very nice basket of fruit for the old folks. On the day of Thanksgiving the Sunday School of the M. E. Church South of Morehead City came also with lots of good things to eat. On Saturday, the 14th of this month, the Junior Class of the same Sunday School came over accompanied by Mrs. Salisbury and Mr. Slaughter; also Mr. Munn of Beaufort with their Christmas program. They had lots of good things to eat and we had a very nice time together. The old folks sure did enjoy the evening.

Come again. We thank you.
W. W. SCOTT,
Keeper of County Home,
Dec. 17, 29.

LAW BREAKING DISCUSSES

Editor of the News:
I wish to say a little this week for my readers. My friends there are people that will violate the laws of the state, nation and county no matter what you do with them. I understand that some of the game hunters who work pretty much in the week take advantage of the Sabbath to go hunting, that is what I hear, and use some of the county trucks to go in. Now my readers I didn't see this myself but I suppose it is true, if it be so I would break the laws of God without being any expense to the taxpayers of the county, I would break them on my own expense.

Now some people say a person should be clear of his faults before he finds fault with others. I don't claim that I am clear but I want to walk so that others can see by my good works that others may be constrained to serve their Heavenly Father better. That is the way I want to live and if God being my helper I mean to strive on to that end. I want to keep the beam out of my eyes the best I can so I can see more clearly the mote in my brother's eye.

My friends I see that there is right smart confusion between the lawyers about the suit but let's hope that the right side will win out. They tell me that the North River bridge is much better, they have evened up the plank to one thickness so you know that's much better. So let's keep on improving.

I see that A. D. Ward on behalf of Mr. W. L. Stancil asked that the county produce records of tax sales from 1917 to 1927 inclusive. The present board has nothing to do with that when Mr. Stancil had that in charge the most of them years he should have left it on record so they could have found it straight. Mr. Flint when asked about the matter said he had never seen any such a book. Now you see where it stands. I hope when this present board gets out I want them to leave a record of the county's expenditures what time they served.

Now I see that some of the farmers are killing a good lot of fine meat for next year, that is mighty good to have in these hard times. Some say it is the hardest times they ever saw but eating bread is soon forgotten. I am in my 72 years of age and I can say I have seen harder times than this in my life. I know that jobs are scarce and money hard to get but many of us ought to have thought of this 10 or 15 years ago when every thing was selling high. But I see there are lots of people studying about getting whiskey for Christmas whether they get bread or not. Now you know that the Bible says that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise, and it was also that it says also that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven so if the people keep on like some are doing there will be many that will fall short of heaven and there are many that will do and say things and lie about it and they didn't do it and the Bible says that no liar shall enter the kingdom of God. So you see there ain't much of a chance for us if we don't give up all sin and do better while on this earth.

From your best friend for all that is right and nothing wrong.
E. L. McCAIN.
Newport, N. C.

The Goose That Lays Golden Eggs

SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY HAVE A BETTER SCHEME THAN SAVING MONEY.



Beaufort, N. C. Dec. 18, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old, and

Let Us Serve You

We are now in our new quarters and are prepared to give the Best Service in Carteret County. Five chairs, your next

Sanitary Methods — Easy Shaves
Hair Cuts — 30c
Tonics — 20c

SHOP EUDYS BARBER

Opposite Eubanks' Lunch Room

I am in the first grade. I want you to bring me Xmas a black-board, a pair of skates, a sewing machine, pair of boots, umbrella rain hat, and some confectioneries. Don't forget my cousin in Durham.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Helen Pittman.

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Here's a Feminine David Harum



In these days of modern careers for women, who go in for interior decorating, bridge building, aviation, and taxi driving, there is one ultra-modern girl in San Francisco who has made a success of an old, old trade. She is Miss Blanche Spillman, petite Belgian miss, who has succeeded at horse trading. She is shown here at work in her stable shining up a saddle.

YOUR Christmas Cake

Choose your Christmas Cake from our large assortment and various sizes.

- HOLIDAY FRUIT CAKE
- BANANA CAKE
- DEVIL FOOD CAKE
- COCCANUT CAKE
- JELLY CAKE
- CHOCOLATE CAKE
- CHERRY CAKE
- PINEAPPLE CAKE

Mince Pies . . . Raisin Pies . . . Apple Pies . . . Peach Pies . . . Lemon Pies . . . Cocconut Pies

A Variety of Small Cakes and Cookies and Buns, Bread, Rolls always on hand

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