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Believe it or not. If the Honorable Joseph Daniels enters the contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor he will get a lot of votes.

Young La Follette and some of the other "progressive" Senators are still hanging around Washington. Maybe they will leave when the weather gets real hot. They abuse President Hoover mightily for not calling a special session of Congress—which is about the last thing the country needs. What they really want though is to see their names in the newspapers every day or so and they favor any thing that will do that.

### SOME RELIEF NEEDED

The Williamston Enterprise says that the railroads used to be opposed to government ownership but thinks maybe some of them would like to be taken over now. No doubt many stockholders would be pleased to have the government or anybody else buy them out. There has been a tremendous decline in the value of railroad stocks in the past year or so. Some of the best ones will probably rise again but there does not seem to be much future for some of the small lines. Probably the best thing to do would be to consolidate the small, poorly paying roads with the big, successful ones. Government ownership is not the solution unless we are going into Socialism as a remedy for all our troubles.

### STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

The constitution of North Carolina adopted in 1868 provided that there should be "a uniform system of public schools" in the State. This mandate of the constitution has never been obeyed but it seems now that it is on the way to realization. The State has had supervision of the public schools for a long time; it seems that it is now going to pay the expense of operating them.

The system under which the public schools have been conducted for some time, part State and part county control, is not satisfactory. It ought to be one thing or the other. Divided responsibility rarely ever works well. If each county managed and paid for its own schools public education would be an unsatisfactory hodge podge. Some counties would have good schools, some fairly good and others poor ones. In the long run such a method would prove harmful to the State in that many of her citizens would be very poorly educated. It is a better way to let the State do the whole job and give all the children equal opportunity. If this plan is followed for a generation or so North Carolina will have a well educated citizenship that can compete on equal terms with that of any other state or country.

### "MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA"

Most people in North Carolina know that the manufacturing industry of the State is a large one but few realize how large it really is. This week is what is known as "Made in North Carolina Week" and "National Cotton Week" and many stores will display North Carolina made goods. We will have an opportunity of seeing what is made in the State to some extent at least.

It is said that factories in North Carolina now manufacture goods in 68 of the 340 classifications into which the Bureau of the Census groups all manufactured products. They embrace a great many articles, the chief ones of which are tobacco products, cotton goods, furniture and other things made of wood. If samples of all kinds of goods made in North Carolina could be assembled in one building it would make a great show. They are being shown this week in stores scattered all over the State. In 1900 the value of all manufactured products of the State was only a little more than eighty five million dollars. In 1929 the value of the State's manufactured products had grown to \$1,301,000,000, which was an increase of 350 percent. Without a doubt the manufacturing industry in North Carolina will continue to grow.

### ONE PARTY GOVERNMENT IS NOT BEST

As this newspaper has said before one of the great troubles about the recent session of the General Assembly was that it was too one sided politically. It was an awkward situation for the members, it was not good for the people and it was hurtful to the Democratic party.

If the Democratic majority had been a normal one the split would not have amounted to much, the Legislature would have gotten through with its business sooner, would have saved the State considerable expense and might have done a better job. The long drawn out session was unnecessary, was cost-

ly and inefficient. The bitter wrangling that went on for months left bad feeling that will not be eradicated in a long time. The issue of sectionalism was raised, the East against the Piedmont, which ought not to have been done. The farmers and others connected with the agricultural industry were arrayed against the manufacturers, each side believing that the other was selfish and unfair. Leading Democratic politicians criticize one and another very harshly. Governor Gardner and Senator Morrison were not spared. Charges of attempted bribery were made with considerable evidence of truth.

The resentments aroused by the frequent and bitter clashes in the Assembly will not die out for a long time. Political animosities are not always quickly dropped. Democratic leaders know this and they do not expect to have as big a majority in the next session of the Assembly as they had this time. Maybe they do not want it. A nearly evenly Legislature would be much better for North Carolina.

### A WEB OF DECEIT IS FINALLY EXPOSED

The trial of a number of public officials and bankers in Asheville exposed a very unfortunate condition that had existed there. An alliance had been formed between these men that resulted in unlawful actions as a result of which large sums of public money were lost. The failure of the banks lifted the lid and exposed the corruption that existed.

It is very likely that the county and town officials and the bankers did not intend to actually steal the public's money. They thought they could use it a while and then repay it. But the further they went on the road of deceit the deeper in the mire they got. During the boom times large real estate developments had been undertaken in and around Asheville. When the boom collapsed the banks found themselves with a great deal of worthless paper on their hands and they tried to keep afloat by using money that belonged to the city of Asheville and Buncombe county. The scheme did not work and presently the schemers found themselves in a very bad situation. Exposure and disgrace followed. Various officials resigned office, the mayor of the city committed suicide, others were indicted and some convicted.

It appeared from evidence brought out at these Asheville trials that these deals had been conducted with considerable secrecy. It was kept out of the newspapers of course. When officials put through crooked schemes they keep as far away from the newspapers as possible. Publicity would ruin their plans. It also seemed that the State Corporation did not know much about what was going on in Asheville. If they did then the members of the Commission ought to be indicted too. In one way or another the reputation of a good many people have suffered by the exposures at Asheville. Unfortunately there are other places besides Asheville where such unlawful transactions have occurred.

## Press Cleanings

### VARIETY

We used to hear much about the old fashioned dyed-in-the-wool Democrats back there before Mr. Raskob brought out the aged-in-the-wood kind.—Boston Herald.

### ALTERNATIVES

European kings have to keep their governments or themselves in good running order.—Dayton (Ohio) Journal.

### OR JOHN PAUL JONES

"Americans do things very well—after the British show them how."—George Bernard Shaw. The Revolution, for instance! Or the late war! Or perchance Sir Thomas Lipton! Or Bobby Jones! Or Helen Wills Moody!—Los Angeles Times.

### CHARTER MEMBERS

The establishment of an American Academy of Humor has been suggested. What's the matter with Congress?—Milwaukee Journal.

### SARTORIAL

Maintaining his position as the best dressed man in New York, Mayor Walker now has a new coat of white-wash.—Ohio State Journal.

### THEN AND NOW

Those architectural historians who insist that 40 years ago America had some very peculiar designed buildings ought to browse around a bit now and see some of our latest filling stations.—Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

### THE GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

The banking commissioner of Texas told a convention of bankers the other day "the sooner our government gets out of commercial business, and we get back to our long-established system of letting private capital handle commercial affairs, the better off we will be."

The commissioner thinks the government is in its right sphere in business as a referee.

A chief difficulty, however, in keeping government "in its right sphere," is that there are so many men and organizations which want the government to mix in and help them out or do some regulating when there is trouble of any sort.

Which opens up the way for government to take a hand in direct business operations.

And then, of course, there are the increasing number of radicals with socialistic inclinations and tendencies in congress.

But government is not getting into business because it wants to put something over on the people, but only because there is continual pressure from insistent sections of the people.

An in spite of everything, the people are ultimate authority here in America.—The Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald.

## Letters From Our Readers

### THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Editor of The News:

I don't know just what to say, but anyhow as long as others are saying some things I will too.

It seems to be a promising Summer but that's about all. Promises do very little good. Our blue fish are only bringing 1 1-2 cents per pound and big mackerel 5 cents.

A day or two ago I was talking to some business men who said that big business was just around the corner, but I talked to some of the boys who lived around the corner and they hadn't seen it, said if any big business was or had been around there it had fell in a hole, probably where an old telephone pole used to be.

I always call a spade a spade, and too, I say its bad times when it is, that's all I know what to say about it. They say wolf, wolf, but until the wolf comes I will not believe. When some one digs the good business out of the holes round the corner it will spread out and do us all good.

David Lewis.

Harkers Island.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. C. Gorham, Com. to town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 10 lots Morehead City, for \$200.

W. C. Gorham, Com. to Town of Morehead City, 3 lots Morehead City, for \$140.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$45.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$45.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$200.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$237.17.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$55.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$500.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 4 lots Morehead City, for \$200.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$200.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$71.22.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$53.75.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$73.

W. C. Gorham Com. to Town of Morehead City, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$500.

J. F. Duncan Trustee to J. A. Hornaday, 4 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$5000.

J. F. Duncan, Trustee to J. A. Hornaday, 2 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$1000.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to J. H. Williams, 2 lots West Beaufort, for \$360.

E. H. Gorham Trustee to F. L. B. of Columbia, 100 acres Merrimon Township, for \$2,246.50.

E. A. Paul and wife to Leroy Davis, 1-3 acre H. Q. Township, for \$400.

Isiah Davis and wife to Leroy Davis, 2 3-8 acres H. Q. Township, for \$50.

Earl Wade and wife to Joseph Davis, 6 acres H. Q. Township, for \$75.

### DR. J. M. PARROTT APPOINTED STATE HEALTH OFFICER

Raleigh, June 3—Dr. James M. Parrott, of Kinston, was elected State health officer, succeeding the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, at a meeting last week of the new State Board of Health, of which Dr. J. T. Burrus of High Point, senator from Guilford county, was elected president. Governor Gardner has given his hearty approval to the election of both men. The health officer, under the new law, must be approved by the Governor.

### LONGEST ELECTED CAPTAIN OF UNIVERSITY TEAM

Chapel Hill, May 21—Edward Cecil Longest of Beaufort, will captain the University of North Carolina baseball team for 1932, succeeding William H. Potter, also of Beaufort. Captain-elect Longest is a pitcher, and won five games while losing one, as Carolina won the tri-state flag and rolled up the best record of any team in the northern half of the Conference this year. Captain Potter is a catcher.

The acreage to winter hay crops such as the barley, oats and vetch mixture has been increased by 100 per cent in Orange County this year. Dairy farmers use the mixture to supplement pasture and for early grazing.

## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By John Hix



An outbreak of blight on pear and apple trees in Caswell County has cut the prospective yield of these fruits on a number of farms, reports the county agent.

The 150 acres planted to lespedeza in Currituck County this spring show a good stand of the legume and indications are that the crop will become increasingly popular in the county.

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