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The man who thinks he can't do a thing is right about it.

It is believed that one reason for the hard times is there are so many dogs in the country. The canines are eating nearly as much as the mules, and they generally don't board with their owners, either.

BRYAN'S BLUNDER.

Mr. Bryan's best friends believe that he made a big blunder in resigning from the cabinet at the moment when the President needed him most. Mr. Bryan is a wise and good man, but his greatest weakness is to do rash things sometimes before his better judgment can set its seal on his actions.

ON THE FARMS.

The farmers of Stokes county are well up with their work, though the busiest season of the year is here. The last of the tobacco crop to get out, the corn and first plantings of tobacco to work, the wheat and hay to cut, and the grain ripe in the field. It is a busy time on the well ordered farm, and a planter who is in bed at sunrise these mornings is a failure. The crops are needing rain badly now, and unless they get good showers this week, will suffer.

BETTER FEELING ALL AROUND.

It looks less like war every day now. The last note of the President to Germany was strong, yet friendly, and those highest up in the council of the nations feel like the crisis is well over, and that the rift of peace is in the skies. In the meantime, the people who have been up against so many surprises and shocks since last summer, are going ahead with their work, confident that the honor of the nation will be upheld, and that if they are needed, they will not be forgotten.

THE FARMER AND THE AUTOMOBILE.

Statistics show that more than half the automobiles of the United States are owned by farmers. This means that the farmer is more than holding his own in the up-to-date affairs of the world-- he is getting on top. The telephone and the automobile are revolutionizing farming in some sections of the United States. Over the wire the planter learns when is the best time to market, and often carries a load quickly to market in his machine. The auto is a vast time saver, a pleasure, a comfort, an immense convenience, and a heavy expense. Nothing is doing so much to promote good roads as the automobile. The most confirmed moss-back will vote for good roads after he has owned a gas buggy awhile.

PROSPERITY FOR THE FARMERS.

The government crop estimate, published a few days ago, places the new wheat crop at 950,000,000 bushels. This is a great deal bigger than it was last year. But the government's figures are generally conservative, and good judges say that the 1915 crop will reach a billion bushels.

This means vast wealth for the American farmers, who will realize anywhere from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per bushel for the cereal, and if the European war continues another year, the price may reach \$2.00. It is said that the banks of the middle west are bulging with money over high wheat last year, and now another and even bigger crop following, which they will sell at even a greater profit, certainly assures prosperity to the western farmers, and to farmers of other sections of the country who have wheat to sell.

SNAKE TIME IS HERE.

The rattlesnake season is here. Only a few of the interesting natives have been killed thus far. Which reminds us of the following story, vouched for by Mr. L. J. Young: Years ago a Man lived near the foot of the mountain alone, subsisting upon the proceeds of his traps. He was one of the first settlers in this section, then all a wild waste of forest and fell. Soon after erecting his cabin, the Man

discovered that he had built right over a den of rattlesnakes, having their exit from the crevices of the rocks. The reptiles crawled all over and through the house at will, and oft in the stilly night the Man would be awakened on his couch to find one of the domestics slowly moving its sinuosity across his tissues. In such cases he would deliberately feel around till he had secured a firm hold upon the middle part of the snake, when he would hurl it with all the strength of his right arm against the side of the house. Then he would lie down and go to sleep again.

THOMAS WALTER BICKETT.

The next important political contest in the State will be for the Democratic nomination for Governor. It is early to talk politics, but the people of Stokes county have already made their choice. As far as this paper has been able to learn, they will be to a man for Bickett.

We shall be peculiarly happy in bestowing our support on the Attorney-General. He spent a number of years residence in Danbury, in the practice of his profession, and it was here that we learned the fine qualities of his personal character, and got the first glimpses of his superb intellectual gifts. Since he left Danbury, and moved to wider fields, we have watched his gradual but certain rise from one position of high trust to another, and his brilliant successes have pleased his Stokes county friends.

Thomas Walter Bickett is unquestionably one of North Carolina's most talented sons. The brilliance as well as the depth of his mind, his refreshing originality, his humor, his great human sympathy which gives him the faculty of knowing the ways and the desires of the plebians--these have surprised, and charmed and won the people who have listened to him in debate, or in the numerous addresses which have made heavy drafts on his time from one end of the State to the other.

As Attorney-General Mr. Bickett has upheld with distinguished ability the credit and reputation of the State. When he becomes to be the chief executive--as we know he will--the dignity, the noble prestige, the honor of the State will be maintained, and we shall press onward towards the mark of our high calling. Bickett will always stand for that which is best in the welfare and the interests of a great people.

HOW TO DISSIPATE SO MUCH HOT AIR.

With reference to the policy of the United States in dealing with the German and Mexican situations, it has been suggested by somebody probably in a facetious vein that the matter be settled by holding a general election in the United States in which the ballots shall read "War," and "No War." If the country wants war, let it have war, but let it first find out if the country wants war. In the election to be held, let those who want war vote "War," and let those who do not want war, vote "No War," and let the understanding be that those who vote for war, will enlist for war, and that those who vote against war shall not be called upon until those who want war have exhausted their efforts.

In all candor, this would seem to be a very sensible and reasonable plan. This country is a democracy in which the people have a right to be heard, and not a monarchy or an oligarchy in which one man or a set or clique of men can saddle upon the land an evil which a century could not efface. If such plan had been adopted in Europe before the war-mad countries had jumped at each other's throat, peace would reign today instead of destruction.

Of course even in a democracy, government must be by representation, and it might be difficult or impracticable for the people to decide such a question as war or no war, when the safety of life and property was in the balance, and so much might be lost by waiting. But the slow process of an election would certainly give those jingoists who are clamoring for war, time in which their good senses could reflect soberly on what war means. There is no sort of doubt that when the test came many brave "paper soldiers" would be found casting their ballots for "No War."

The Reporter is not in favor of war upon any considerations except of honor and safety. Peace is worth any price we may have to pay for it except at the cost of our good name, and the security of our citizens and property.

State of North Carolina, } Office of the Board of County Commis-
Stokes County. } sioners, June 7th, 1915.

In the matter of petition of the Board of Education of Stokes County, for an election in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District.

ORDER.

It appearing to the Board of County Commissioners of Stokes County, that a petition has this day been filed before the board of County Commissioners of Stokes County, by the Board of Education of said county, asking for an election to be held in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District, in accordance with an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, ratified on the 26th day of Feb. 1915, to ascertain the will of the people of said district upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$4000.00, of said district, to run 10 years, bearing six per cent interest, the levy therefor not to exceed 25 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property and 75 cents on each taxable poll in said district, to obtain funds with which to construct school buildings in said district, and equip the same :

It is therefore ordered by the board of county commissioners of Stokes County, that an election be held in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District, at the High School Building, in the town of Walnut Cove, N. C. it being in said Special School Tax District, on the 14th day of July, 1915, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of said district upon the question of issuing bonds of said district in the sum of \$4000.00, to run ten years, bearing six per cent semi-annual interest, the levy for same not to exceed 25 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property therein, and 75 cents on each taxable poll therein, for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to build and equip school buildings in said district.

For the purpose of holding said election, it is ordered that S. H. Stewart be and he is hereby appointed Registrar, and that J. H. Fowler and J. N. Young be, and they are hereby appointed Judges of said election. That a new registration in said district shall be had, and that the registration books for said election shall open on the 11th day of June, 1915, and close on Saturday, July 3rd, 1915, and that said books be kept open each day during said time, (Sundays excepted), for the length of time required under the general election laws. That Saturday, July 10th, 1915, shall be challenge day.

At said election, those who favor the issuing of said bonds shall vote a ballot "For School House Bonds," and those who oppose the issuing of said bonds shall vote a ballot "Against School House Bonds." That the Registrar and Judges of said election, at the close thereof shall canvass the vote and declare the result thereof, and make due return of the same to the board of County Commissioners.

That the Clerk of the board cause a copy of this order to be posted at the Court House door at Danbury for thirty days preceding said election, and published once a week for four successive weeks preceding election, in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. and also cause a copy of same to be served upon the said Registrar and Judges of the election.

By order of the Board, June 7th, 1915.

J. G. MOREFIELD
Clerk B'd County Commissioners.

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