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Frost never injures the Wilmington beach" crop.

No, son, the loafer is not usually a good bread winner.

School teachers can't get along on just the pay in patriotism.

The Germans are trying to mess up things around Messines.

The Democrats put the gist of the age in suffrage advocates.

If the frost got your garden, reform your ranks and start another offensive.

Go to church today; then keep up the good work by buying a Liberty bond tomorrow.

Of course it is carrying the thing entirely too far to blame the Farmers Union for Doc Alexander.

Willard and Fulton appear to be having a hard time to find a place willing to stand for their proposed philistic encounter.

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Just because you do not wear the uniform of one of Uncle Sam's fighters do not get the mistaken idea that you can't help the country win the war.

Those Illinois mobs might divert their attention from pro-Germans to the inmates of the home of a certain University of Chicago professor and hereby do a good turn for morality.

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THE PEOPLE SHOULD AWAKE

Judging from reports coming back from the Democratic State convention, one of the most timely speeches delivered before that body was by ex-Governor W. W. Kitchin, in which he pleaded with the delegates to the convention and through them with the people of the whole State, to arouse themselves to the seriousness of the war situation. He rightly viewed the conditions in this country as dangerous to the success of the war, because the people will not realize that the struggle is a grave one, and that only by the greatest sacrifices can victory come to the side of the hosts of democracy. The task before the United States, he declared, is an immense one, and if the people do not wake up they are in for serious consequences.

Commenting on the great speech of Kitchin, the News and Observer says: "One of the frankest, strongest speeches before the Democratic State convention Wednesday was that of former Governor W. W. Kitchin. He spoke the plain truth when he said that the people of the United States had not waked up to the size of the job they had to do before the war against Germany could be won.

"There has been a popular theory that the German people are not backing the Kaiser to the limit. Don't believe it for a minute, the former Governor warned his hearers and through them the rest of the people. He asserted that the German people are giving the Kaiser absolute and competent support and that the war would never be won for the Allied cause until the people of the United States threw every ounce of their strength into the balance.

"The people are not alive to the size of the task that lies before them. They had just as well deceive themselves and face the situation in all its seriousness and gravity. It is a war of peoples as well as a war of soldiers. The peoples who can stand the punishment of sacrifice of comfort at home and of men on the firing line the longest will be the victors. The former Governor drove home that truth with unanswerable logic. His advice should be followed. Every person must buy Liberty Bonds to the limit of his resources consistent with due regard to the calls for the Red Cross that will come next month."

There is not a bluer speaker in the whole State than W. W. Kitchin. He not only has an attractive manner of presenting a subject, but his clear-thinking and reasoning enable him to put others to thinking. He did not one bit overdraw the situation, and the sooner the people look upon the facts with understanding the sooner will the desired end for which we entered the war be achieved.

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LEAVES DISPATCH FAMILY.

It is with much regret that The Dispatch announces this morning the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Long, circulation manager and society editor, respectively, who have been connected with this paper for the past several months, first as managers of the contests we put on in the spring and fall of last year and later in their present positions.

Mr. Long is one of the most capable circulation men in the South and has held responsible positions in the circulation departments of some of the country's best newspapers. His work here has been of a very high order. He is one of the directors of the Virginia-Carolina Circulation Managers' Association, and took a leading part in the organization meeting which was held some months ago at Charlotte.

Mrs. Long has made of the society columns of The Dispatch a distinct feature of this newspaper, and many warm words of praise have been given her work. Without any previous experience in this particular branch of newspaper work, she took charge of the society columns last fall and has made it so attractive with live social items, charmingly written, that next to the war news this department receives the first attention of our readers. She not only has a "nose for news," but knows how to write it in charming and attractive style.

The best wishes of many friends in Wilmington go with Mr. and Mrs. Long in their new work.

THE LOAFER.

In a communication in this morning's Dispatch, Mr. D. L. Gore, in commenting upon some recent utterances of The Dispatch relative to the suggestion that everybody go to work, expresses the opinion that much of the laziness among the people is due to faulty training during their childhood. He presents the observation that if nine-tenths of the men who are now loafing had been taught to work while they were boys they would now be working regularly.

Mr. Gore's position strikes us as being a sound one. An investigation into the lives of the loafers in this or any other city will doubtless show that practically every one of them failed to get the proper parental training in industry. The boy who is given something to do usually develops into an important cog in the business life of the world. We do not mean by this that the child should be made a slave. Far from it. But give him something that will keep him interested, and above all things keep him off the streets, and when he reaches manhood he will have acquired a habit for industry that will make him a useful citizen. Parents can not be too careful in training their boys. The life of ease in boyhood often leads to idleness and all of its attending evils in manhood.

Along with the movement to make everybody go to work, let the fathers guide the footsteps of their sons that when these sons reach manhood they will not join the loafing brigade.

New Jersey has found an effective way for handling loafers, according to the following from The University News Letter, which North Carolina would do well to follow:

"New Jersey has an anti-loafing law with teeth in it, says the Literary Digest. It requires every able-bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 50 to be habitually and regularly engaged in some lawful, useful, recognized business, occupation, trade or employment.

"The mayors of the State have had the police compile lists of the habitual idlers. The hoboes and the swell-club loafers are rounded up together and treated to hundred dollar fines, or three months in jail or both if necessary.

"If a man will not work, neither shall he eat, is the way the Book has it. We sadly need man-power on our farms and in our factories, and the loafer, rich or poor, is an unspeakable disgrace to himself and an intolerable insult to society.

"The first day this law went into effect a thousand men applied for jobs in the Public Employment Bureau in Newark alone."

PROPER TRAINING NEEDED.

The Wilmington Dispatch Company, City.

I notice you say we should make everybody work. I agree with you, but if these lazy people who are doing almost no work now had been raised by good moral parents who would have injected morals in them and raised them to work, nine-tenths of them would be working regular now. Please help me write, advising parents to raise their children to work and inject morals in them at the same time. There are plenty of jobs now, so everybody that wants to work can get a job. That is the way it looks to me.

My father said his father taught him to do all kinds of work on the farm except beat rice and grind at the hand-mill. When he was grown

he said he would not do those two things for \$5.00 per day or more, but did not mind doing what he was taught.

Yours very truly,
 D. L. GORE.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Sampson Democrat: The spirit of the people is fine. The hardest kind of work is being done to produce big crops. The consumption of flour is at the minimum. Of course, there may be a few selfish critters who are hogging the game, but as a rule the people are perfectly willing to cut down the use of flour or to quit its use if it needs be—at least, so we judge the situation. And our judgment would seem to be upheld by the experience of grocery drummers. For instance, Mr. J. F. Lewis had seventy barrels allotted to him for his trade last week, but it took only thirty-five.

Charlotte Observer: Washington supposition in connection with the subsidence of submarine activities is that these weapons are being mobilized for the purpose of an attempt to intercept United States transport ships, which have been going over lately in troops. So far, the submarine has been entirely unable to stop the transports and this has been because of the United States Navy, to a large extent, and to the excellent service of the submarine seaplanes. The accumulating number of United States soldiers on the battlefronts in France has undoubtedly caused a stir in Germany and somebody charged with the operations of the submarine has been called to account. Not a single one of the regular troop transports has been sunk and we may well know that the mere contemplation of that fact is enough to make Emperor Bill mad.

Whiteville News-Reporter: Columbus county people are vastly interested in and rejoicing over the fact that Wilmington has been selected as one of the places for the building of concrete ships for the government. Seven concrete ships costing something like a million dollars will be constructed there just as soon as a site for the operations can be selected.

New Bern Sun-Journal: Canning clubs in Craven county last year made a most enviable record and the good work that the members did helped greatly to increase the supply of food last winter.

Advance reports reaching this city are to the effect that these club members are planning to put forth even greater efforts during the coming season than they have ever done in the past and there is every reason to believe that they will accomplish all that they set out to do.

Canning clubs are of value at all times but more so now than ever before for every can of vegetables that is put up is as good as a bullet against the Hun.

The canning club members are being depended upon to do their share this summer and we have every reason to believe that they will not be found wanting in this matter.

STATE NEWS

Mr. R. M. Jackson, secretary of the Cape Fear Fair Association, was in Raleigh Tuesday and heard Secretary McAdoo's address on Liberty Bonds. He also attended a meeting of the secretaries of the North Carolina Fairs. At this meeting the Carolina Circuit of Fairs organization was dissolved and the North Carolina Circuit formed. Under this new organization the dates of holding the fairs in it will be: Rocky Mount, October 1 to 4; Goldsboro, October 8 to 11; Kinston, October 15 to 18; State Fair at Raleigh, October 21 to 25; Fayetteville, October 28 to November 1.—Fayetteville Observer.

Lightning struck a chimney at the home of Mr. J. W. Harrington Thursday afternoon of last week. The current entered the living room, broke a mirror to pieces, splitting bed-locks and knocking the bed apart and causing it to fall to the floor. Several children were on the feather bed at the time but were not injured. The current passed through the floor and killed a chicken under the house but did not injure any of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and their five children were in the home, which is near Salem school-house.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

Mr. Jno. A. Bannermann, who has been cashier of the Bank of Pender for some time, has accepted the position of cashier of the Bank of Rose Hill, a vacancy being caused there through the death of the former cashier. Mr. Bannermann will assume active charge of the Rose Hill bank within a few days. His many friends in Burgaw regret exceedingly to have him go away.—Pender Chronicle.

Jennings, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Burns Hyatt, of Ansonville township, died Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock as a result of injuries received a few hours earlier when he was hit by a limb of a falling tree. The father of the little boy was cutting a tree in which a large pine tree had lodged and did not know that his son was anywhere near him until he heard his cries when the trees fell.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

MEET AT ABBEVILLE.

District Convention of Confederate Daughters Held Session. Asheville, S. C., April 13.—The annual meeting of the district conference of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in Abbeville, Wednesday and Thursday. The opening meeting Wednesday was called to order at 10 o'clock by the presi-



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Among the materials are garbadines, bedford cord, mercerized reps and venetian cloth, sizes range from 24 to 36 waist.

Price of "Nevrshrink" Skirts start at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 on up to \$9.50.

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Wanted Articles from the Toilet Goods Section

This department offers a wide range of choice in perfumes and toilet articles. Among the new arrivals are:

- Dorin's Compact Rouge, No. 1249, priced at 65c.
- Odorono, in bottles, priced at 29c.
- Aubry Sisters' Tint, a pleasing rouge, priced at 35c.
- Cutex Traveling Manicure Sets with five cutex toilet articles for \$1.25.
- Cutex cuticle remover priced at 30c.
- Colorite for straw hats in eleven colors, price 25c.
- Peroxide Bath Soap, nice for the kiddies, price 10c.
- Palm Olive Shampoo, regular size, priced at 50c.

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dent, Mrs. F. M. Farr, of Union, Dr. J. L. Dantel offered the invocation and the address of welcome was made by Meyer J. Moore Mars, after which an interesting business meeting was held. Delegates were here from Ninety-Six, Easley, Pickens, Gaffney, Westminster, Union, Greenwood, Orangeburg, Greenville, Greer, Liberty, Due West, Clinton, Clemson, Anderson and Newberry. Mrs. John Cort, State president, was here for the meeting.

Big Verdict. Greenwood, S. C., April 13.—A verdict for \$12,900 was awarded W. D. Norris against the Piedmont & Northern Railway in the court of common pleas here Friday afternoon. Mr. Norris is the father of Harvey Norris, who was killed by a Piedmont & Northern car at Downs station, this county, on July 11 of last year. The young man was in a car coming to Greenwood and was struck at the crossing at Downs. He was instantly killed. He was 18 years old. The jury also awarded a verdict of \$1,000 for the loss of the car.

The Women's City Club of Boston will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its clubhouse this month. Miss Nell Winick is the owner and active manager of a large soap factory in Chicago.

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