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### THE WATER SITUATION

Mr. Beadle, the Pennsylvania man who has been investigating the conditions around Vass with the idea of building a water supply plant for the community, is still looking into the matter. Some of the water that was sent up to him for analysis did not prove satisfactory and he is getting further samples from which he will have further tests made, and he has by no means lost interest in the prospect.

It is not a bad idea for the people of Vass who would be served by a good water plant to get together and see how much water from a plant of this kind would be wanted in the community. Before anybody undertakes to build here a thing of this sort the question will come presently as to what will be the demand of the town for the product to be supplied. Everybody realizes that before long Vass is coming to face the question, and if private capital will provide the plant it can be realized sooner than if the town feels able to build a public plant and pay the bill for it.

Mr. Beadle is in the business of building and operating town water plants up in Pennsylvania, and is familiar enough with it to know what is needed and how to go about the work in the most economical and satisfying manner. If he can find in Vass a field that interests him the people should be ready when he asks something about the amount of water that can be used here to tell him how many houses will care to connect up with the water pipe lines.

### THE FRUIT CROPS MOVING

The dewberries and early peaches are going out now in considerable quantities, with prices encouraging. The dewberry men are about to get into their campaign, but the peach crop will not be in evidence in its magnitude for some weeks yet. The season has been favorable for both crops, and the market will bring a lot of money into the Sandhills section, the dewberry especially conferring its gains on this particular section. But gradually the peach crop is sharing with the Lakeview neighborhood its reward, and both dewberries and peaches will continue to increase their returns to the farmer, for more orchards are going out every year, and the belt widens in this direction.

More or less money is floating in now from the sale of cotton, the advance in price recently having brought out a fair amount of the stock that has been in storage at home or in the warehouses. In a general way the business conditions of the country are getting better,

and it is believed that cotton and tobacco will bring good prices throughout the year. Another thing that helps the situation is that the labor of the county is employed. Taking it all around the moving of the fruit crop comes along just in time to help in what looks like a decided recovery in business all over Moore county, and one that has arrived to stay.

### THE TOBACCO MARKET

The Pilot has a lengthy letter from Oliver J. Sands, manager of the Tobacco Growers' Association, of which the dominant tone is an expression of sentiment from a large number of bankers in the Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco territory. These men are representative of the tobacco industry out there, and they are so pronounced in their approval of the working of the co-operative movement which has had its test in their section that it must be encouraging to the tobacco men of North Carolina who have joined in with the association plans.

It is evident that the association has appealed to the planters. The number who have joined is probably greater than the promoters of the organization expected. It is enough so that the scheme of associated marketing is to have a complete test. It would be a little premature to make a prediction as to the final result, for this is a departure in the farm life of the Atlantic Coast section that may be affected by things not now anticipated. The farmers will stick to the association for they have signed up for five years, and five years is long enough to make the scheme work. The farmers are in in good faith, and the plan as laid down looks like an effective one. It is the application of the trades union system so extremely developed in other industries. No doubt it is open to the same dangers that hang over the unions or anything else that undertakes to control production, price and movement of commodities. Never yet has been found anything that will improve on that ancient and well-worn law of supply and demand, for the buyer in the long run is the man of final authority. He will pay the price up to a certain somewhat flexible point, but beyond that he stops, and when he stops the end has come. Forty cent cotton brought the strike of the buyers. High priced automobiles had to put in the knife and slash prices to keep the buyer calling for the cars. High priced sugar broke many a man who thought he could keep running up the price. So it is possible for organization to defeat its one purpose.

It is hardly to be anticipated that such a fate is ahead of the tobacco association, for the farmers outside of the organization are assured a market in the auction sales warehouses, and that will have its influence. The association will tend to hold the price firmer, but the planters out of the association will multiply if prices go high enough to be unusually attractive. On the

whole the signs are favorable to the success of the association, and also indicate that there is no great danger of unreasonable figures for leaf tobacco. Possibly the planters will have a job getting prices where they should be, and to the level the consumer will be willing to pay, for the whole world thinks the farmer is an easy man who has no call for a return for his work that compares with what men in other callings get. If this organization of the tobacco men opens the way for the farmer to see how he may improve his condition even in a general way it will be worth what it has cost. The farmer has something due him from other occupations, and it is time for him to begin to collect.

### POLITICS

This week closes the political campaign in the newspapers. An unusual amount of interest has been shown, at least by the candidates, and as the newspapers are the agencies by which the candidates under the present primary laws reach the people, the papers had to give up considerable room to allow the candidates to tell their stories.

This campaign will tell more about the success of the primary election law, for it involves so many candidates that it tests the principal objection urged against the law which is that of making a choice without so much difficulty for the voters and for the candidates as well. Many have been heard to lament that the old delegate system could not pass in judgment on the present situation, but while the delegates would dispose of the large number of candidates more easily than the primary election does, the fact remains that the delegate system is not a manifestation of popular sentiment. Perhaps it may secure better officials, but beyond all that is the fact that this government of the people, while a government by delegates is not. And that is what brought the primary into use in practically all of the country.

Yet it cannot be said that the primary election is permanently established. Too many people do not take an interest in the nominating campaign any more than they do in the general election, and it has to be recognized as a fact that many men who would be desirable in public service are averse to the task of making a campaign. Not many men are well enough acquainted with all the people to make it possible for an intelligent choice to be made very often. Acquaintance and friendship have an influence on the locality of the candidate, and where many candidates present themselves the campaign becomes too often a local affair, with each locality against the other.

But the primary is too new yet to criticize it overmuch, and it will probably in the course of time adjust some of its shortcomings. And it will no doubt produce a good ticket when the votes are counted. It is the expression of the people and if it is a weak system it must be largely because it admits to the

choice many who are not the most skilled in the selection of the most capable employees. Be that the case or not the people have the right to say what they want, and that is enough.

Some men seem to think that a friend is always the fellow who cusses the same men they do.

When temptation shows a charming pair of ankles, a man's only chance is to show a clean pair of heels.

The early bird doesn't always get the worm. Sometimes the lawn mower beats him to it.

The man who thinks talk is cheap has never said: "Darling will you be mine."

Another drawback about being a bachelor is he doesn't have a wife he can blame things on.

We heard a man say yesterday that his idea of hell is a place where speeders eternally eat the dust of cars they are not permitted to pass.

Mr. Edison has invented some more questions. The market was flooded already. What the world needs is answers.

The greatest thing about some gardens is the men who make them actually grow to believe they know how to farm.

We've always noticed that the man who is too lazy to dig up an onion bed will spade up a whole acre looking for fishing worms.

In Georgia the wind picked up a load of corn and carried it to town. We suppose that's what they call a trade wind.

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# Where

The office of solicitor, performing different duties of judge. The offender before a jury will convict, and defendant, as a rule, employed is best read, knows human a successful experience in. As to the fitness of Gilbert I desire to set forth plain upon the people for first personal reference to or re of the gentlemen who opposed his campaign upon, first, devotion he has rendered masses of the people and nating party in North Carolina.

Mr. Russell was born in days when the people knew "necessities of life" and and early Eighties had a period has come stalwart. The boy who has money and enters a chosen profession deserves no special credit money, without a literary own chance despite his humble evidence of possessing of governmental, social substance so that we could have been made to it by despite the chance, we were Gilbert H. Russell did not a burning ambition that The way to success and not give up. His life as a shops and at lumber plant farmer and later as small experiences of life and in ble multitude of common know heartaches and discom stand. True sympathy is knows how to truly sympathize with disappointments, their failure in their joys, ambitions,

Soon after Scotland County farmer, had shown such deep judgment in personal and Deeds of the county. Still afterwards became a student under Prof. S. F. Mordecai returned to Laurinburg with the masses and no send their children to a public child is entitled to a chair of the Public Schools of practically non-remunerated service to the task of improving his administration quickened. Inadequate attempts were formed for the his administration there public schools as can be trustee of the Laurinburg area outside the town. Completed and bonds sold for approximately \$15,000 as splendid school facilities the performance of his duty resulting the mothers of the believed to be the best possible.

For 12 years I have to that time he was associated with him as I do few men. He is unselfish. His sobriety and known by all men who knew the time of his youth devoted. The defeat of Prohibition into an everlasting and sobriety and personal effort.