

BASEBALLERS SHOULD QUIT.

That's What Governor Bickett Thinks About It. Baseball Players Should Either Go To The Furrows or To the Trenches, Says the Governor in a Serious Address to the People of the State.

Governor Bickett shows every day in the week that he is a man of good common sense and a statesman. Below is his address to the people of the State, published in Monday's daily papers:

"The world war is on and we are face to face with famine. Millions of men whose business in time of peace it was to produce are now called upon to destroy. Unless drastic and revolutionary efforts be made to increase our food supply per capita amount on hand next Christmas will be less than it has been for a thousand years.

"The great northwest advises us officially that it cannot next year furnish us the food we have heretofore bought from it, but that its surplus must be sent to feed the men who fight. In this emergency we are not called upon to feed other nations, but simply to take care of ourselves. We are not required to go into all the earth, but our work is both to begin and to end at Jerusalem.

"Much time has been lost, but there is still time left to provide against the coming day of want. We still have six months of sunshine. We have abundant vacant lands. And we have the people to cultivate these lands if they have a mind to work.

"I think the farmers are doing what they can. The duty rests upon the people in the towns and cities to utilize their idle hours and idle men in making food for themselves. Let the cities and towns take steps to have vacant lots plowed and turned over free of rent to people who will cultivate them. The teams and labor in control of the cities might well be taken from their present work during the month of May and used in preparing vacant lands for immediate cultivation. The towns should also arrange for the purchase by wholesale of containers for the use of canning clubs and of fertilizers and distribute these to the people at prime cost. Public funds could well be employed in this way and it would be better for the streets of the town to be unswept for two or three weeks in May than for our pantries to be bare next winter.

"I urge every man in town to go into the surrounding country and procure from one to five acres of land and plant it in corn, potatoes, peas and beans and thus make sure provision against want in his own family. Do not expect your neighbor to do this, but do it yourself. I earnestly urge every man in the State who has an idle acre to list it with the mayor of the nearest town as rent-free land for any person who will plant it in food and feed crops.

"All forms of idleness and waste of time should be discouraged. I love a game of baseball, but it seems to me that the summer of 1917 is no time for professional baseball, and I think all professional leagues should be disbanded. The man who is able to play professional baseball ought to be either in a trench or in a furrow. And the 'fans' and 'fannies' who hold down the bleachers can find recompense and recreation in a corn field.

"Let the automobile joy ride be given up entirely. Surely this much of self-denial can be practiced by every man in the State. If every man who owns an automobile would cut his gasoline bill half in two much would be saved to meet the necessities of the people and a vast quantity of gasoline would be made available for the uses of war. I am advised that Mr. Rockefeller could in the face of this economy on the part of the people, still manage to get along.

"We should make a frolic of our necessities and should force our fads and fancies to furnish us food. As the children would say, let's all play at farming this year.

"Seriously, men and brethren, let us shake off our fatuous complacency and give ourselves no rest until we know that we and our loved ones are secure from the wolf whose gaunt spectre even now looms large against the sky-line. Let us work while it is summer. Winter cometh.

"T. W. BICKETT,
"Governor."

Ned Pearce Painfully Hurt.

Last Friday morning Mr. Ned Pearce, who was working in Lee's mill near here, had his clothing caught in the shafting and was terribly hurt. Both legs were broken at the thighs, his left arm was torn entirely off near the elbow and he sustained other bruises and cuts about the head. He was rushed to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, in an automobile. Chances for his recovery now seem to be very good.—Zebulon News, 11th.

Canned pineapples to the value of \$5,986,190 were shipped from Hawaii to the United States in 1915.

A Plea to the Board of Health.

We desire to call the attention of every reader of The Herald to the advice of Dr. Thel Hooks in the issue of May the 4th, relative to cleaning up our premises. Let every one heed its most timely advice. We have put our premises in order, in fact for many years we have been wise to the dangers of stagnant water, and filthy quarters; and in this day when sanitation is preached from the house tops, we are sure that our neighbors also have been very careful about these things; and while we thank Dr. Hooks for this good advice, we desire to call his attention to the fact that we have in our community a hole of stagnant water, covering about 75 acres of land, right at our doors, the odor of which is so unpleasant those nearest it find it a trial in summer to sit on their porches at night. Since this mud hole has been in our midst, we are not afraid to make the assertion that there has been more chills and malaria in this community, than anywhere in the State, and yet, we have been unable so far to interest the Board of Health (County or State) sufficiently to get even so much as an expression from them; we do however give Dr. Hooks credit for passing through the community last winter, and making some inquiries, (and let me say here that the information he obtained was sufficient to convince the most skeptical), but we have been reliably informed that he says he can't express an opinion until hot weather, when he can catch Madam Mosquito, and see if she is really loaded with a deadly weapon. We wonder how he knows that mosquitos from small tin cans and mud holes are deadly, and what his reasons are for doubting that those from a mudhole a million times larger and offensive are less deadly or none at all. A person must have a very abnormal stomach who strains at a mudhole, and swallows a mill pond.

The Board has been well informed about what this pond has done for this community, also, what the one in the same place did for us forty years ago; and they were informed by people who were living at that time and whose word of honor no one has ever questioned; and if this were not sufficient, enough could be told by people who know where of they speak, to cover the side of a newspaper. These things didn't happen in a dark corner, for neighboring communities looked on aghast while the people died by the score. The present pond is much larger and has been making the people sick just like the former one. If all this evidence is not sufficient to convince the Board, neither will they be convinced "though one rose from the dead."

We MUST have help and we MUST HAVE IT NOW, for delay may mean death to many, and if they who have had the power given them to help, procrastinate, and any one should lose his life, they may wash their hands in reasons and excuses as Pontius Pilate did in water, and cry out "I'm innocent of this man's blood," but the Lord will surely require it of them. Our little girl is sick at this writing of malaria, and had a tedious case of malarial fever last summer and fall. We had four cases of fever in our family and have had to take medicine nearly all the time since last spring, and in this intelligent day we need no doctor to tell us that it is injurious to take medicine constantly. Come, let us reason together, would it not be better for one man to lose than a whole community? We will have to leave our farms for the tenants have threatened to leave our farm and others also I hear. Some have been here since they were young children, one over forty-five years, and none of them were sick of malaria before this pond was re-built. The owner's loss would be small compared with the community's. The owner contends he doesn't believe the pond causes malaria. The Pharisees refused to believe that Jesus was the Christ, notwithstanding the abundant evidence and many miracles. We agree with Dr. Hooks, that now the war demands so much of us farmers, we need our best health to make enough, and to spare; and if ever there was a time when we needed the help of those who have the power to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, it is now! In the behalf of every man, woman and child, white and black, the writer implores the Board of Health not to turn a deaf ear to our petitions, for like the Macedonians, we cry "Come over and help us or we die."

MRS. S. H. AVERITT,
Penny Grove Farm.

A Practical Mind.

Minister's daughter (archly)—Now, Cousin George, you must come to church this evening. Father is preaching from the text, "Love ye one another."

Cousin George—"Really, Mabel? But can't we stop at home and practice while he preaches?—Ex.

WORK THE CORN LAND.

Patriotic Duty of Every Corn Grower to Take Every Precaution for Largest Possible Yield.

In emergencies it may be necessary for some patriots to unyoke the oxen and leave the plow standing in the furrow, but the lasting support of the Nation requires efficient patriots to keep the plow going. The soil supports the corn; corn supports animals; corn and animals support an army; and "armies fight on their bellies." Let us properly care for the goose that lays the golden egg.

Whether corn prices are high or low, the farmer's profit depends on obtaining large acre yields. Large acre yields reduce the expense of both labor and land. It is remarkable that acre yields are increasing most rapidly in the States southeast and the States north and west of the corn-belt States. These increased acre yields are largely due to earlier and thicker planting of better seed corn. Unnecessary losses from planting poor seed corn are diminishing as it is becoming better realized that neither frosts nor droughts can exterminate good acclimated varieties if sufficient seed be saved from good crops to last until another good crop is obtained. Good seed corn will retain its powers of germination and production for four or five years.—Government News Letter.

Benson Town Election.

A great deal of interest was shown in Tuesday's municipal election, three separate tickets being out to be voted on. Neither faction polled all their strength, several Democrats and Republicans taking no part in the election.

The Democratic ticket was composed of the old Mayor and Board of Aldermen. For Mayor, J. M. Britt; Aldermen Messrs. W. T. Martin, Preston Woodall, P. B. Johnson and W. D. Boone. For Constable Mr. G. G. Woodall.

The Independent Democratic ticket was composed of Mr. E. F. Moore, for Mayor, and Messrs. C. C. Creech, J. H. Godwin, James E. Wilson and R. F. Smith for Aldermen and Mr. C. L. Johnson for Constable.

The Republican ticket was composed of the following: For Mayor, Mr. Ezra Parker. Aldermen, Messrs. A. L. Barefoot, R. D. Langdon, J. B. Faircloth and C. B. Clifton with Mr. W. P. Reaves as Constable.

Following is the vote for all candidates except Constable, Mr. Reaves being elected to that office:

Mayor—Parker 77; Britt, 73; Moore 16.

Commissioners—Martin 79; Johnson, 79; Woodall, 77; Boone, 78; Barefoot, 67; Langdon, 68; Faircloth, 66; Clifton, 66; Wilson, 18; Creech, 18; Godwin, 18; Smith, 18.—Benson Review, 10th.

Senator Foraker Dead.

Former Senator Joseph Benson Foraker died at his home in Cincinnati last Thursday, aged 71.

Joseph Benson Foraker, twice Governor of Ohio, United States Senator from that State from 1897 to 1909 and for more than thirty years a power in the Republican party, was called "the greatest bulldog in American politics." "Fire Alarm Foraker" was another pet name bestowed upon him.

He was born on a farm in Highland County, Ohio, July 5, 1846. In the Civil War he enlisted as a private in the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served through the war and was breveted captain. He was graduated at Cornell in 1869 and started the practice of law in Ohio in the same year. He was Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio for three years.

His first campaign for the Governorship of Ohio on the Republican ticket in 1883 resulted in defeat. At the next election he was successful and two years later was re-elected. In 1889 he again headed the Republican ticket but was defeated. At the Republican convention of 1884 he presented the name of Gen. Sherman for the Presidential nomination, and in 1896 and 1900 he made the speeches nominating William McKinley.

OVERWORKED MOTHER

Finds Health In Our Vinol
Collinsville, Ill.—"I suffered from a nervous break-down and terrible headaches, and was tired all over, totally worn out and discouraged but as I had a large family I had to work despite my suffering. I saw Vinol advertised and decided to try it, and within two weeks I noticed a decided improvement, and now I am a well woman."—Mrs. ANA BECKER.

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Abandon Food Prejudices

Don't Be Finicky

Be willing to try new foods. Certain plentiful and nourishing foods widely used and enjoyed in one section are practically unknown in other sections of the country. Learn to know ALL the good things; not a few only.

People too easily get into food ruts—insist on eating only the food they are used to and refuse to give a fair trial to others. This causes undue demand for certain staples, with resulting scarcity or high prices when crops are short. At the same time other valuable foods may be relatively cheap and available. A striking instance of this is failure fully to appreciate rice—a valuable source of starch—when potatoes are scarce and high. Another example is refusal in certain sections to use anything but wheat as a breadstuff when corn—a valuable cereal widely used elsewhere as a breadstuff—is plentiful and relatively cheap.

Cook Food Properly

Learn how to cook all kinds of staple foods and to serve them in a variety of ways. Simple dishes well prepared are better than expensive foods badly cooked.

Many persons are prejudiced against certain good foods because, when first tried, the foods were improperly cooked or prepared.

Remove from your vocabulary "don't like" or "can't eat."

Most individual prejudices against widely popular foods are either imaginary or baseless.

Try to like every simple food; give it a fair trial.

—Government News Letter.

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The use of Printed Stationery is no longer confined to the business or professional man---Farmers, Contractors, Builders and in fact men in all walks of life are beginning to realize that Printed Stationery costs but little more than the unprinted kind and that every letter they write is a silent representative. Come in and let us talk it over with you and tell you what it will cost to have your stationery artistically printed.

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