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## STAND BY THE BOARDS.

A great many people seem not to understand the work of the local exemption boards. These boards have been appointed by the President of the United States to examine and make report on all men who appear before them. It is being talked by some, who are doubtless ignorant of the work of these boards, that the boards can keep the sons of Johnston from going to the war if they will try. It is surprising to think that any man or set of men of average intelligence does not know better. Those who say such things should stop right now and consider their action. This is a time to obey the law and keep your mouth shut and the man who is trying to make the people believe that the exemption boards can keep a fit subject out of the war is doing that that will stir up strife and is not proving himself to be as good a friend of the government as he ought to be.

The men who are put on the exemption boards in Johnston County are honorable men. They have been placed in their present positions because the government has confidence in their honesty and uprightness of character. They are called on to perform a most serious and important work and it is the patriotic duty of every man and every woman to make their work as light as possible by standing by them and encouraging them in the discharge of their duty. They do not want to send any mother's son to war. But they have a duty to perform, not to send men to war, but to apply the rules of the War Department to every man who comes before them for examination. Every man who comes before them has to be measured by the War Department's test, and if he comes within the rules he must go to fight for his country. The exemption boards have no right to keep him back or to send him on. They must follow the rules laid down for their guidance. They would not be true to their President, their country or themselves if they did otherwise. And it is the most solemn duty of every man and every woman to stand by the government in this hour, and standing by the exemption boards in their work is standing by the government, for they are part of the government.

## BE CAREFUL TO MEET THE EXEMPTION BOARDS.

The man who is deliberately absenting himself from appearing before the exemption boards is placing himself in a very awkward position to say the least. His country has called for him and it is his duty to present himself before the exemption board for examination. If he fails to do this when called after a certain length of time he will be enrolled as a member of the army and then the army officers will look after him. News from Washington says that such a man will be regarded as a deserter and treated accordingly.

## HELPERS NOT HINDERERS.

Those men in Congress who are apposed to the administration and the war and are constantly trying to hamper the work of the President and his plans ought to either keep their mouths closed or resign their seats. If they cannot be helpers they ought to be patriotic enough not to be hinderers.

## THE HAPPIEST FOLKS.

About the happiest people we have are those who have jobs and believe in sticking to them until they are finished regardless of the clock. Clock watchers and time killers are never satisfied. They are always fearful that their employer will make some profit off their labor. The men among the laboring classes who have best succeeded and risen to any degree of prominence are those whose first and sole object has been to render service commensurate with the compensation received. If it required a little overtime work to complete the immediate job in hand they have gladly given it. For illustration read the following from the Boston Monitor:

"Hours of labor do not bother the birds, and, fortunately, neither does the high cost of living. The thrush, for instance, gets up at half past two these summer mornings, and works industriously for nineteen hours, during which he feeds his growing family over two hundred times."

## THE HIGHWAY THROUGH BOON HILL.

Several years ago the people of North Carolina decided they wanted a good road from the mountains to the sea coast and accordingly the legislature passed a law for the Central Highway to be built. A vast amount of work was done on it and the success of the Highway building surpassed the expectations of many of even its warmest advocates. In this section of the State there was one small link which gave trouble, and that is the part of the highway across Boon Hill township. At first there was no money available for this work. But several months ago Boon Hill township voted bonds and now that the money is in hand it is thought the road should have been built ere this time. Shall we have another winter of that bad road? We hope not. We hope the road commissioners of Boon Hill will not let this matter wait longer, but will go ahead with the work. It is said that the United States government is very anxious for the completion of the highways leading to the coast on account of the war. If the United States government should have to have anything on the highways in the winter it would have a hard time getting its loads across Boon Hill township, unless the roads are worked. But the thing to do is to build the roads. They cannot get much work in winter and it is important to do it now.

## NITRATE OF SODA.

Nitrate of Soda is a wonderful fertilizer, but its price is getting beyond the point where it can be profitably used. It is at least twenty dollars per ton higher than it was last winter and may go higher. The last lot received in Smithfield this summer sold for one hundred dollars per ton to parties who bought it on fall time. The planting of peas and the raising of stable manure would do away with the necessity for so much soda, but so many farmers are disposed to neglect either partly or wholly these two things. The time for sowing peas is about past, but we can arrange for raising stable manure and the time will soon be here to gather seed peas for next year's crop. Another thing which will help would be to trade cotton seed for cotton-seed meal. Everything should be done to get ammonia without having to buy so much nitrate of soda.

## Want to Be State Librarian.

The resignation of State Librarian Miles O. Sherrill, who has held the place 18 years, has opened another good job for somebody. Already there are candidates for the place. Marshall De Lancey Haywood would like to have the position, and Judge Walter Clark is recommending the Assistant Librarian, Miss Carrie Broughton. A. J. Field, Editor of the State Journal, would also like to have the job. The salary of the State Librarian is \$1,750 per year and that of the Assistant is \$900.

## We Know You Are Reading It.

As a certain editor said, "If you feel like cussing us for what appears in these columns, let 'er rip. We know then that you read the paper."

## A Merchant Took a Long Trip.

On July 31st, Mr. Henry F. Edgerton returned to Kenly with his family, who accompanied him on a long automobile trip through eleven States. After leaving North Carolina they went through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Virginia. They spent a short while in Canada and stopped, among other places, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Edgerton says he saw a lot of the best farming done anywhere in the whole country. He saw much fine corn in the States west of here. The best field of corn he saw on the trip was that of Mr. Walter Woodard near Wilson.

Two weeks of the trip was spent with Mr. Edgerton's brother, Mr. John E. Edgerton, in Tennessee. Mr. John E. Edgerton left North Carolina several years ago to make his home there. He married in Tennessee and is now quite an influential man of that State. He is President of the State Manufacturers Association and a director of the National Manufacturers Association. He is connected with the good roads work of that State and a leader in his church and in the Christian work of his denomination. Recently he took a leading part in defeating certain constitutional amendments which some were trying to get adopted in Tennessee. We are always glad for our people who leave us to do things, and Mr. John Edgerton is one of the men who has honored himself and the old home county which gave him birth by what he has done since he became a man. His home was a pleasant place to stop on the long trip taken by Mr. Henry F. Edgerton and his family.

## Guano Prices To Catch Up.

Mr. R. A. Hales, a Kenly merchant, who has sold guano for several years, says that guano prices which have been lower, comparatively, than other prices, are going to catch up. Years ago farmers paid for guano with cotton and gave from four to five hundred pounds of cotton for a ton of guano. Mr. Hales says this year is the first time he has ever known when a farmer could pay for three tons of 8-4 guano with a four hundred pound bale of cotton and then have fifteen to twenty-five dollars left. Guano has already advanced several dollars per ton and the prices will likely go much higher.

## Advances in Match Prices.

This week a salesman went to Kenly and sold about fifty dollars worth of matches to Messrs. J. T. Edgerton & Brother. Here is a statement which he made in regard to matches: "In the past three years the various chemicals used in making matches have advanced from one hundred to eleven hundred per cent. Potash used has advanced fourteen hundred per cent. Half a million dollars have been lost trying to get a successful American potash. Sixteen match factories have closed on account of shortage of material. If the war lasts penny boxes of matches will cost a nickel each and nickel boxes will cost twenty-five cents."

It is to be hoped that they will not get so scarce that the "chunk of fire" will have to be kept again in the fire place. Some of our old men remember that when boys they were sent to the homes of neighbors to get "chunks of fire." This was during the latter part of the Civil War when there were no matches to be sold in this part of the country.

## A Club Agent's Work.

Last February there went to Kenly a man representing a club agency for papers and magazines in Atlanta, Ga. He sold four magazines and papers for \$5.50 on six months time, taking orders for them which were notes also. Two or three men paid him cash for their notes and the others, four or five in number, were discounted and are held by the Bank of Kenly. These notes will be due August 19th. There seems to be two troubles in regard to the purchases. The reading matter furnished seems to be of a lighter character than was expected, and besides the agent promised to send each purchaser an encyclopedia as a present which has not yet come. The book present is not mentioned in the written order and will hardly come, we think.

## Tenants Were Leaving Their Homes.

Two weeks ago Messrs. B. W. Sugg, Hunter Sanders and Carl Gordon spent a few days fishing at White Lake in Brunswick County. They left there about the time the rainy weather stopped. Mr. Sugg says that both the cotton and corn there are small and yellow. The crops to him looked like starvation. He says he heard of several tenants who had moved from their homes on account of the poor crops.

## BUSINESS LOCALS

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**LOST—LAST FRIDAY AFTER-**noon, August 3rd, between Benson and my home, one bolt Bleaching and one bolt blue and white striped Shirting. Finder please notify me or A. B. Hudson at Benson and receive full pay for their trouble. R. G. Johnson, Bentonville, N. C., Route No. 2.

## NOTICE.

Strayed or stolen from my home about July 2th, one Beagle hound dog, color white with brown ears, two or three brown spots on his back. Dog belongs to Pet Allen. Liberal reward for him. Notify me at once.

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