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## MONARCH MANUFACTURING- PLANT MAKING GOOD

MARSHALL INDUSTRY SHOWS  
SIX PER CENT IN FOUR  
MONTHS

At a recent meeting of the directors of The Monarch Manufacturing Company of Marshall a careful comparison of assets and liabilities showed that a net profit of between \$600 and \$700 has been made by the company since it began operation about the first of February. This statement comes rather as a surprise even to the most optimistic of the stockholders as it was hardly expected that the business would show a profit the first year of its existence, and for it to show a six per cent profit in the first four months speaks unusually well for the new concern. And this fine showing is made in spite of handicaps such as a lack of capital, training workers, installing machinery, and so forth. Mr. R. A. Kohler, the business manager of the concern, was himself surprised at the result in the first four months.

## JAMES E. RECTOR WRITES AGAIN

ANSWERS LETTER OF JOHN  
A. HENDRICKS

Asheville, N. C.  
June 3, 1929.

Editor, News-Record:

I have no desire to engage in an unseemly controversy with Mr. John A. Hendricks, but some matters mentioned in his letter appearing in your issue of May 24th should be explained.

For instance, Mr. Hendricks says that while he was in Raleigh (and he was there five weeks at the people's expense) he was engaged in sponsoring a Bill to provide a dependable road from Mars Hill through 15, 5, and No. 11 Townships to the State Line, and for a road to accommodate the people of Sandy Mush Township. But he did not state that his Bill, if it had passed instead of being tabled, would have diverted a part of the \$170,000 of State Highway funds to Madison County, which had been pledged by the County to the payment of its short term notes, and that his Bill, if passed, would have doubtless been declared unconstitutional, thus bringing to naught all the time and effort expended upon it, and disappointing the people of the several townships which were intended to be benefited.

The Attorney General of North Carolina has recently rendered four different opinions, one regarding Madison County, in which he held that a county not under seal is a bond. A particular fund pledged to the payment of a note or bond is regarded as a "sinking fund." Article 2, Section 30, of the Constitution provides, "The General Assembly shall not use nor authorize to be used any part of the amount of any sinking fund for any purpose other than the retirement of the bonds for which said sinking fund has been created." It is common knowledge that no law can be enforced which impairs the obligation of contract. Madison County contracted to pay its short term notes out of the moneys payable to it by the State Highway Commission and no act of the Legislature could have relieved the County of that responsibility.

So, Mr. Editor, while Mr. Hendricks expended his time and effort upon a Bill which would have been unconstitutional, if passed, and therefore a useless measure, I prepared a Bill which offered an entirely feasible method of building the roads in question, and without a penny's expense on the slightest obligation upon the part of Madison County. This Bill had the approval of Buncombe County's representatives in both the House and Senate and of Mr. Grimes, Commissioner of Highways of Buncombe County. The proposition was submitted to Mr. Ross, of the State Highway Commission, who also thought favorably of it. That anyone from Madison County should oppose the Bill was wholly unexpected. That a measure of such possibilities for good to Madison County should be assassinated by an Attorney in charge of her interests was no more expected than an act of treason against the county, hence the Buncombe County representatives, whose time was fully occupied with local legislation, did not know until after the General Assembly adjourned that this Bill had not become a law. But Mr. Hendricks now says that if Buncombe County wishes to do a generous thing that she may come over into Madison and build roads. A decent regard for her own self respect would hardly permit such a thing after the insult offered by the defeat of the Bill which was designed to give legislative sanction to, and authority for such action.

It is gratifying to note that the State Highway Commission has taken over the roads in question for maintenance. Perhaps all this agitation may yet do good. The completion of these roads, according to the standard of roads of equal importance, is a consummation devoutly to be wished. They would serve and bless the communities concerned long after Mr.

Hendricks and I have passed on and been forgotten. I will be grateful for the opportunity to contribute my mite toward their construction.

The unintended compliment of numbering me among the vast host of unfortunates whose property has been sold for taxes is duly noted. I regret that I do not deserve this distinction. I have never owned nor had any interest whatever in the 16 acres of land which have been sold five or six times and the other tracts sold in my name have not been owned by me for several years. By publishing the statement that eleven different tax sales have been made in my name, Mr. Hendricks admits that Madison County's tax system is faulty or that he has not performed his full duty as County Attorney charged with the duty and responsibility of collecting the delinquent taxes. He could have avoided any criticism of himself in this connection had he been fair enough to state the facts that are well known to him that I own absolutely no interest whatever in the property sold for taxes. Of course accusing me of dodging taxes, if true, would not atone for his sin in defeating the road bill, which is the subject of our discussion. Moreover, such property as I have owned in Madison County, and I have handled much of the land around Hot Springs, has borne its full share of the tax burden. For example, I bought the Shaw property of \$10,000 when it was on the tax books at \$12,000, and without seeking a reduction, I sub-divided and sold the property to home builders and it now yields tax returns on probably \$30,000 valuation, or three hundred per cent increase. I bought the Pendegriff tract for \$2500 when it was assessed at \$2640 and I paid on this valuation as long as I owned that tract. I bought the Garrett tract for \$10,500 and subdivided and sold it to purchasers whose aggregate assessments exceeded the cost to me. Mr. Grove, shortly before his death, acquired the Garrett lands and adjacent tracts at a total cost of more than \$50,000, and I am told that these lands now yield tax returns on 18 acres which I never owned, would it not be well to "discover" the many thousands of dollars of actual values not on the tax books at all? This is one way of reducing the tax rate.

By boosting Madison County and its splendid natural resources, we may attract outsiders who will locate there and invest their capital, thus dividing the tax burden and making it lighter on all. If Mr. Hendricks and I are separated on this question, I am content to be numbered as one of the construction gang and let him remain with the wrecking crew.

JAMES E. RECTOR.

## IS A BULL EXCITED MORE BY RED THAN BY OTHER COLORS?

Bulls are proverbially supposed to become particularly infuriated when they see a red object, especially a piece of red cloth. This is a myth. Dr. George M. Stratton, an American psychologist, investigated this subject and came to the conclusion that all cattle are color blind. Experiment made by Dr. Stratton at the University of California indicate that steers and bulls are unable to distinguish red from pink, green, purple or white. The bulls reacted to red just the same as they reacted to other colors. According to the Department of Agriculture, however, a bull's attention can be attracted with bright-colored objects more readily than with one dull in color. For that reason bullfighters wave pieces of brightly colored cloth at the animals in the arena. Red is a favorite color for this purpose because it is bright. But it is the brightness of the cloth, not the particular color, that excites and maddens the bull.—The Pathfinder.

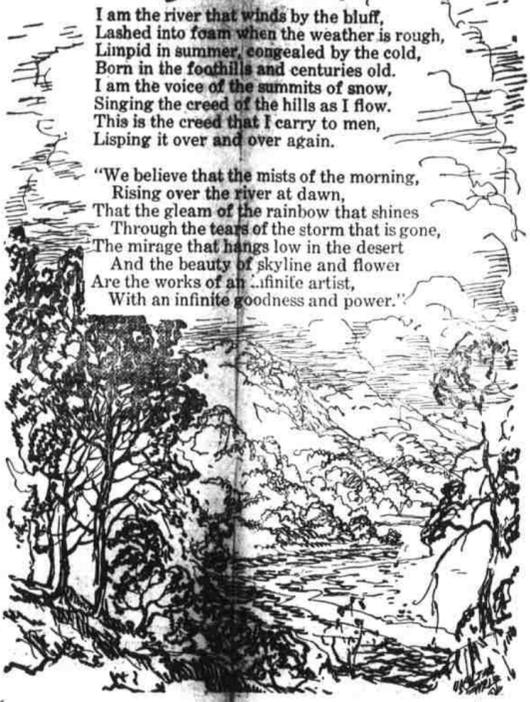
## AUTO WRECK

"Panhandle" curve, on the River road, near Marshall, was the scene of an automobile wreck Sunday afternoon, when the new Ford roadster of Mr. Tom McDevitt of Walnut failed to make the curve, and plunged off the road, down an embankment. Mr. Tom McDevitt and brother, Arthur McDevitt, were occupants of the car, with a colored boy driving for them. It is reported that Mr. Tom McDevitt received a broken arm and internal injuries, and Mr. Arthur McDevitt received a severe cut on the head, and internal injuries, while the colored boy escaped with a few cuts about the head. The car was almost completely demolished.

Yadkin farmers have organized a dairymen's association to promote the cause in this mountain county. Twenty-nine farmers joined at the first meeting.

## The Creed of the Hills

by A. J. Dunlap



I am the river that winds by the bluff,  
 Lashed into foam when the weather is rough,  
 Limpid in summer, congealed by the cold,  
 Born in the foothills and centuries old.  
 I am the voice of the summits of snow,  
 Singing the creed of the hills as I flow.  
 This is the creed that I carry to men,  
 Lipping it over and over again.

"We believe that the mists of the morning,  
 Rising over the river at dawn,  
 That the gleam of the rainbow that shines  
 Through the tears of the storm that is gone,  
 The mirage that hangs low in the desert  
 And the beauty of skyline and flower  
 Are the works of an infinite artist,  
 With an infinite goodness and power."

## SPRING

O! the marvel and amazement of  
Spring;  
The charming music of birds as they  
sing—  
Flitting from branches of shrubs and  
trees,  
Shaken by the cool mountain breeze.

Forest filled with blossoms and green  
covered the hills.  
The lofty pointed mountains—  
With thrilling joy our soul it fills;  
Provided by nature with icy foun-  
tains.

The grassy meadows covered with  
fragrant flowers;  
Which were so pretty by April show-  
ers—  
The soft humming of the innocent  
bees,  
And the sad murmuring of streams  
that never cease.

Spring lights up the face and spark-  
les the eye;  
Sorrow vanishes and joy takes the  
place of the sigh—  
Even the town is alive and the heart  
in a glow,  
To welcome the coming of the Spring  
show.

Perfumey odors passing through the  
air,  
Noise of children's footfalls upon the  
stairs;  
And then we hear the sound, what is  
it?  
Falling upon the window pane.  
—Grace Reese, Alexander, N. C.

## "THE BEST FRIEND OF CHARLESTON"

Charlotte, N. C., May 31.—Showing 99 years of progress in railway transportation, the Southern Railway has reproduced the "Best Friend of Charleston," first locomotive built in the United States for actual service, and its train for exhibition throughout the South moving under its own steam.

During June and July the "Best Friend" will negotiate a tour covering parts of the Southern lines in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. The schedule for the stops to be made in Madison and Buncombe counties is as follows:  
 Tuesday, June 25th: Lv. Old Fort 7:30 AM, ar. Asheville 2:00 PM.  
 Thursday, June 27th: Lv. Asheville 7:00 AM, ar. Hot Springs 2:30 PM.  
 Friday, June 28th: Lv. Hot Springs 7:00 AM, ar. Morristown 4:00 PM.

It is easier to make a new quar-  
rel than to patch up an old one.

## A CONSCIENTIOUS FORECASTER

After a "fair and warm" Sunday had been predicted from Tokyo a typhoon suddenly descended on Japan and after two days of fury left 100 dead and millions of dollars of property destroyed. The forecaster, Dr. Fujiwara, chief of the Meteorological Observatory at Tokyo, felt that the event called for his resignation, and he resigned.

The Japanese people are conscientious. In the old days—and yet, to some extent—they did not hesitate to commit suicide when they felt that their honor or reputation was compromised by accident or neglect. So the action of the weather forecaster was in line with precedents.

Why would not this be a good idea to adopt in our country? If a general makes a big mistake and loses a great battle he usually gets out. Let the same rule work with the weather forecaster—and then Mr. Hoover will have no trouble about giving all the office-seekers a job. He could make them all weather forecasters, one after another.—The Pathfinder.

## PROTECTING MEAT

The protection and care of meat has long been recognized as necessary to the preservation of the human race, and the Government itself has exercised every care in making of laws for the regulation of packing houses, wholesalers and retailers engaged in this business. An important forward step has taken place which provides sanitary wrappers for bacon, sausages, hams, scrapple, "weiners," and various other products. Four years ago only two or three meat packers wrapped these products, but the industry discovered that a product called cellophane, which had been put on the market, kept their goods attractive, appetizing, convenient and sanitary. Figures showing the use of this super-wrap at the present time indicate that more than 300 leading packing plants are now marketing over thirty different products protected by this material.

Companionate marriage is another institution that makes strange bed-fellows.—The Pathfinder.

Money must be getting tight. John D. is reported as handing out nickels instead of dimes.—The Pathfinder.

Modern youth's conception of "Blue Heaven" is evidently a roomful of cigarette smoke.—Pathfinder.

Many a man's reputation for truthfulness goes lame when he begins to say things about himself.

## TO OPEN 5-CENT TO \$1.00 STORE IN MARSHALL

### KICKLESS ALCOHOL

Chemists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have discovered a kind of alcohol which does not have any exhilarating effects. According to Prof. James F. Norris, this alcohol, which is a product of petroleum, is unlike other alcohol in that it produces a deadening effect on human beings. Its activity is now being studied in an effort to find out whether it can be substituted for grain or ethyl alcohol.

"If it can be developed sufficiently it may enable us to get away from that new large section of bootlegging that lives by rectifying denatured alcohols. For not only are bootleggers ignorant of any way to rectify this substance, but if they did it would fail to have the desired effects in a beverage."—The Pathfinder.

### UNION REVIVAL SERVICES



Union revival services will begin at the Methodist church in Marshall on June 23, 1929, and at Hot Springs following the meeting at Marshall, conducted by Harry S. Allen, who comes with recommendations from high authorities. "Let me recommend, without reservation, Harry S. Allen for a general Evangelist. He is faithful and effective." (Bishop) Warren A. Candler.

Harry S. Allen has had eleven years' experience in the pastorate. If you fail to hear him you may be sorry.

### SILVER FOX RAISING

"Silver foxes are being raised on about 3,000 ranches within the United States, according to official statistics. This is approximately \$30,000,000 invested in the business.

The need for information on fox-farming led to the preparation of a bulletin on the subject a few years ago and the demand for it has required several reprints. This bulletin, "Silver Fox Farming," by Frank C. Ashbrook, in charge of the Division of Fur Resources of the United States Biological Survey presents the information usually called for on the management, feeding, and breeding of silver foxes in captivity.

The supply of the bulletin for free distribution is now exhausted, but copies can be had for 15c by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., and ordering Department Bulletin 1151-D, "Silver Fox Farming."

Misery loves company, but not any more than happiness does.

Many a seemingly successful man owes it all to his wife's father.

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### LIST OF HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS ADOPTED FOR MADISON CO.

**Eighth Grade**  
 Sentence and Theme, revised—Ward  
 Sentence Book used with Sentence  
 Theme—Ward.  
 Literature and Life, book 1—Green-  
 law and others.  
 The Jones Complete Course in Spell-  
 ing (Higher Book)—Jones.  
 Latin, First Year—Magoffin-Henry.  
 Arithmetic, Book 6, (first half)—Stay-  
 er-Upton.  
 Modern High School Algebra, Revis-  
 ed (second half)—Wells and Hart.  
 Every Day Problems in Science—  
 Pieper-Beauchamp.  
 Community and Vocational Civics—  
 Hill.  
 Foods, Preparation and Service—  
 Bailey.  
 Diets for High Schools—Willard-  
 Gillette.

**Ninth Grade**  
 Sentence and Theme, Revised—Ward  
 Sentence Book used with Sentence  
 and Theme—Ward.  
 Literature and Life, book 2, Green-  
 law and others.  
 The Jones Complete Course in Spell-  
 ing (higher book)—Jones.  
 Second Latin—Seudder.  
 Modern High School Algebra, revised  
 —Wells-Hart.  
 New Civic Biology—Hunter.  
 New Laboratory Problems in Civic  
 Biology—Hunter.  
 History of Europe, Our Own Times,  
 revised—Robinson-Beard.  
 Girls Problems in Home Economics  
 —Thrilling-Williams.  
 Art in Home and Clothing—Thrill-  
 ing-Williams.

**Tenth Grade**  
 Written and Spoken English, revised  
 edition—Clipping.  
 Guide to Composition—Royster-  
 Thompson.  
 The Jones Complete Course in Spell-  
 ing (higher book)—Jones.  
 Literature and Life, book 3, Green-  
 law and others.  
 Phonetic Chardanal—Chardanal.  
 Essentials of Plane Geometry—Smith  
 High School Geography, (first half)  
 —Dryer.  
 Commercial Geography (second half)  
 —Brigham.  
 History of Europe, Ancient and Medi-  
 eval—Robinson-Brested.  
 Cicero—Bennett.  
 Latin Grammar—Bennett.  
 New Latin Composition—Bennett.

**Eleventh Grade**  
 Written and Spoken English, revised  
 edition—Clipping.  
 Guide to Composition—Royster-  
 Thompson.  
 The Jones Complete Course in Spell-  
 ing (higher book)—Jones.  
 Literature and Life, book 4—Green-  
 law and others.  
 Phonetic Chardanal—Chardanal.  
 Virgil—Bennett.  
 New Latin Composition—Bennett.  
 Latin Grammar—Bennett.  
 Elements of Physics—Millikin-Gale-  
 Pyle.  
 The American People, (one-half year)  
 —West.  
 American Government, revised edi-  
 tion—Magruder.

**Blue Book of Favorite Songs—All  
 Grades.  
 Secondary School Dictionary—Web-  
 ster.**

### STOP KIDDING

Another Company out in Ohio has been ordered to discontinue the use of the word "kid" as a trade name for a description of its leather. It makes leather look like kid and sells it in trade and in commerce by "kid-ting" the buyers. The Federal Trade Commission endeavors to protect the public and that Government agency says that this method of doing fraudulent business must cease!

### REPORTS CROWDED OUT

We are sorry to say that the monthly County reports have been crowded out of the paper this week, but these will be published in the next issue.

### TAXES, TAXES!

There are a few people in Madison County who have failed to list their taxes for the year 1929. Those who have failed to list are subject to a double tax and indictment, which is sure to be imposed. Don't blame any one but yourself when this happens to you. You know if you are one of these few. This is the law and it will be rigidly enforced by the County Commissioners as it is their sworn duty to do so. No one can have any excuse for not listing their taxes as the listers were in each Township and Ward for thirty days. See the Register of Deeds not later than June 20th and pay listing fee. 1-pg-it.

WATER FRONT VIEW OF ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.  
 The North Carolina Press Association met at Elizabeth City from the 12th to the 14th of this month. Publisher H. L. Starr attended the meeting.

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