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A Worthy Appeal
 The people of the Dunn District have much for which they should be thankful and in no other way can we express a more true and genuine thankfulness than by making a liberal Thanksgiving offering to one of the various orphanages in the State. Thanksgiving Day has come to be known in North Carolina as Orphanage Day. The contributions made on and about Thanksgiving Day each year by the citizens of the State makes it possible for the thousands of parentless children in the care of the orphanages to be fed, clothed and educated. And who is it that doesn't want a part in providing the funds for giving these fatherless and motherless children a chance in life?

Getting back to the things for which the people of this favored section should feel thankful, it might be stated that no section of the entire country produced finer crops this year than the Dunn District. The present high price of cotton would have meant but little to the farmers of this section had they not been blessed with good weather for growing a crop. However, this is only one of the blessings all too numerous to mention.

It is not only a duty, but it is a privilege, to render aid to those children whose misfortune came about through no fault of their own—children who must be provided for until they are old enough to provide for themselves. In behalf of these children, we would appeal to readers of The Dispatch to come to their rescue with a Thanksgiving offering that will provide for them the next best thing to that of which they are deprived—the care and protection of the orphan home.

Which is Better?
 "If North Carolina is acting the part of wisdom in failing to develop its ports, then all the other States bordering on the sea-coast are wrong," said Mr. R. Beaman, secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce in addressing a meeting of Chamber of Commerce secretaries in Wilson Friday. Mr. Beaman then added that every other State that has the same chance of North Carolina have their ports, which insures them lower freight rates.

Mr. Beaman has made a close study of transportation and freight rates and perhaps knows more about this question than any other one man in the State. He favors the port idea advanced by Governor Morrison, but does not think it advisable to connect with it the State-owned steamship plan which the Governor has advocated. Get the ports and the ships will take care of themselves, is his idea.

The meeting called in Wilson was for the purpose of acquainting the various Chamber of Commerce secretaries with the freight and shipping problems now confronting the State. The consensus of opinion expressed by the secretaries was favorable to developing North Carolina ports, which is looked upon as the one best remedy for keeping the freight rates in this State down to a level of other States. Mr. Beaman pointed out the fact that rates should be based upon mileage and density of traffic, and then produced figures to prove that North Carolina traffic exceeds that of other Virginia, South Carolina or Georgia. As compared with Virginia, North Carolina traffic is worth \$943,000,000, Virginia is worth \$648,000,000 and Georgia is worth \$698,000,000.

Then from the standpoint of density of traffic, North Carolina is certainly entitled to a low freight rate as Virginia. Yet it is the Virginia ports that make the difference. With North Carolina's ports developed this barrier would pass

LET'S COME CLEAN

Visitors to Harnett county's court-house cannot fail to observe the sanitary condition of the place. The judges who must transact business in the county's building as doubtless things as tidy as possible under the circumstances; but we believe the officers of the county are much more concerned with the cleanliness of their courthouse. We believe they do not wish it to remain as it is.

Time after time the grand jury has "inspected" the offices in the courthouse and reported them "neat" but "badly arranged." We expect that at the next meeting of county Commissioners they appoint a committee to examine more closely the sanitary conditions of the courthouse. We feel confident that they could result in recommendations that would bring about changes. A little money spent in improving the condition of things around the courthouse would bring complaint from no one. We believe it would earn a commendation from every citizen.—Harnett County News.

From glancing at a new calendar we note that there is to be another year and by referring to an older one we find that the year 1923 will be with us only a few days more. The good you had intended doing this year and have not done yet be done quickly if it is to be done in the year 1923. The fact that Christmas is again so near, when the last seems but yesterday, emphasizes the truth of the statement that the older one gets the swifter time appears to fleet away. When a child one finds the wait from one Christmas to another long and weary, but by the time one reaches mature years pass with seemingly more rapidity than did months when you longed for the return of Santa Clause.

Make your new year resolutions early, then keep them both early and late.

Those who criticize the prohibition laws because there are folks who violate them seem to forget that all other laws of both God and man are violated. The law of both God and the land says, thou shalt not kill, and yet never a day passes that these laws are not violated. From God which says, thou shalt not steal, and this, like all other laws, is violated by billions of people. This argument has but little weight against prohibition.

An exchange makes some suggestions for the expenditure of any money which a farmer may have after meeting his bills. The wise farmer who has his hold on to enough cash to "pay as he goes" next year.

IS LONG WAYS OFF
 That Lasknow park at Dunn is a long ways off. The town is entitled to the refusal of the railroad to cooperate in giving a park to a town that has helped to make it rich is not cooperative or exactly decent. This would be to the railroad's moral duty to Dunn, and without attempting to sidestep the disputed legal question, public service corporations ought to have a heart.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Miss Nichols Gives Her Version Of Accident

Editor Dunn Dispatch:
 Having read the account of the accident in your paper of November 24th, I ask permission to state the facts in that connection as they were. On the road from Dunn to Duke that runs via Spring Hill church the accident occurred just after crossing the concrete bridge west of that church on the straight stretch which leads up the hill.

There were four cars, three of them driving toward Duke, and the fourth going in the opposite direction. The three cars that were driving toward Duke had pulled to the right and off of the road in order that the fourth might pass in the usual manner. I was driving the car in the rear and it developed Mr. E. C. West was driving the car in front of me.

After the car going in the opposite direction had successfully passed all three of these cars and Mr. West and were heading our car back toward center of road; Mr. West suddenly without any signal or warning swung his car almost to a stop near the center of the road. Before I could stop the car, and at the same time swing to the left as far as possible, the front wheel of my car demolished the left wheel wheel of his car, bending fenders on both cars and possibly some other damage.

Immediately following the accident Mr. West started his motor and drove his car to the side of the road so as not to block traffic. The accident was unavoidable and unavoidable.

Respectfully yours,
 MRS. C. A. NICKS.
 Duke, November 26.

COTTON LEAFHOPPER

Further confirmation of short-crop views is to be found in the Bureau report on the extent of the cotton leafhopper. The report is dated November 14th. It is hardly necessary to remark that this is now obvious this crop is certainly around ten million bales. Indeed, the general view is that these insects have shadow a Government fund of \$100,000 in December of under ten million and that such an estimate will be justified by the timing to that date. It may be interesting, but it is not now of primary importance, to discover just how short this crop may actually prove out to be. From a supply standpoint a crop of around or under ten million bales is a dangerous crop. A small field of American cotton this year. Such a growth is sufficient to maintain for the fact that cotton is selling at 35 cents and the price of the trade feel the price to be determined by the facts.

Past events are important in the market as the cause of present conditions but it is a mistake to spend too much time and thought on the past. There is a science known as history which deals with the experience of man in the immediate or more distant past. History is a fascinating and valuable study, but its real value lies in the lessons which can be deduced from the past as to the future.

We may not have seen quite as acute a supply situation in former years as we have this season. We have usually had a surplus of some size from which in part the deficiency of the current crop might be made good. This year, as we have pointed out before we have a small crop coming at a time of small surplus. Consequently, conditions cannot be compared absolutely with other years of short supply. We can, however, secure some light on the future from the experience of the past, making allowance for the different conditions outlined above. As we have pointed out recently, the market passed through three phases, crop, price and consumption. We are either at the end of the crop as a market factor or so close to it that we can classify it except as history. In past years of short supply and high price there has been an active and irregular market, constantly advancing to new, and for the moment astonishing prices, until many lose sight of anything except the possibility of a so-called cotton famine. Later, it is discovered that consumption has fallen so that the short supply is sufficient, whereupon to the amusement of all the price declines with violence.

Such is the history of former years of the cotton market. It is difficult to forecast the course of events this year. We can only state for your consideration the experience of the past and invite your judgment as to the probability that this year will follow along the same lines. If it does, we should say that we have not yet seen the highest prices, but that we have now arrived at a time when it was dangerous to simply look at the supply, and that serious thought as to the probable consumption at high prices would be advisable.

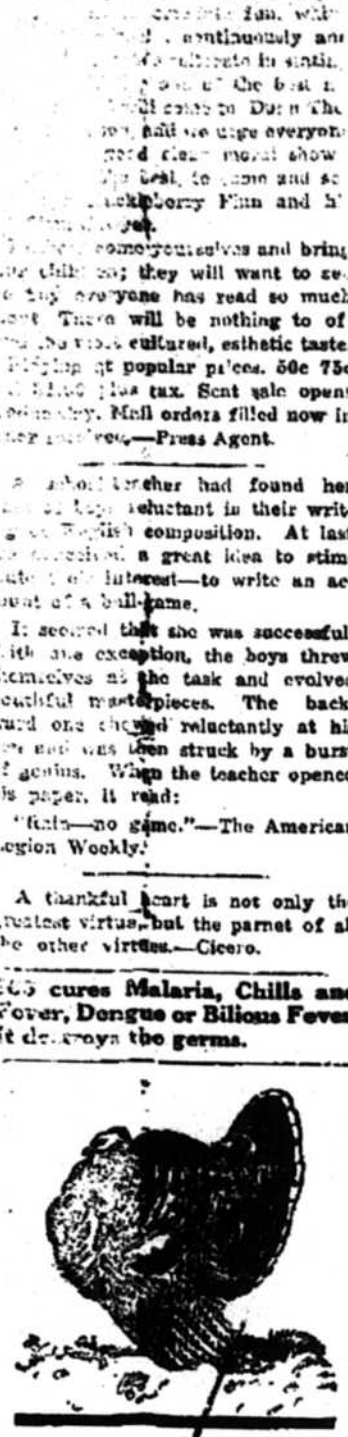
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 New York, Nov. 23, 1923.

"Huckleberry Finn" Coming Next Week

If you don't enjoy one long hilarious laugh; if you don't enjoy two hours of solid merriment and music, stay away from "Huckleberry Finn" at the Metropolitan next Monday night. If you are one of those individuals whose soul is warmed by a low egotism, colossal ignorance, and hold pessimistic prejudice towards all God's humanity, you are welcome to go and enjoy "Huckleberry Finn" at home with your small circle.

"Huckleberry Finn" is for those who enjoy life, fun, the sunshine and all blessings God has so generously endowed his people. "Huckleberry Finn" radiates cheer; he is overflowing with good will; he is incorrigible with fun, his optimism is contagious, and the numerous situations unfolded in the progress of the play

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They tell of a young married artist in Washington Square who has a meditation for talking in his sleep. Several times recently he mentioned the name "Irene," and his spouse questioned him about it.

"Oh, that," said he, thinking fast, "is the name of a horse."

Several days later when he came home he asked his wife the name of the day: "Nothing exciting happened," she said, "except your horse called you up twice."—Shoe Works Journal.

This is the time of the year to remember that nothing can take the place of fresh and good food. Think health, talk health, live health.

During October, veterinarians under the supervision of the State College and Department of Agriculture treated for tuberculosis 3,038 herds of dairy cattle, in which they found 84 reactors and four suspects.

"Bill's going to sue the company for damages."
 "Why? What did they do to him?"
 "They blew the quit tin' whistle when 'e was carryin' a 'cavy piece of iron, and 'e dropped it on 'is foot."

"Now, young man are you sure that these shoes for my little baby are well made?"
 "Madam, they will last him a lifetime."
 "Brown is marrying again, I hear."
 "So they say, and from all accounts his second wife will make rather a lively stepmother for the children!"
 "Oh, a sort of watch-your-step-mother, I suppose."

"Is this the fire department?"

yelled the excited chemistry professor over the phone.
 "Yes, what do you want?"
 "How far is it to the nearest alarm box. My laboratory is on fire, and I must turn in the call at once."

Tom Tarheel says that he is going rabbit hunting with his boy pretty soon now and they are going to talk over a lot of things about trees and birds and wild things of the woods.

A scotchman woke up one morning and found that in the night his wife had passed away. He leaped from his bed and ran horror-stricken into the hall.
 "Mary," he called down-stairs to the general servant in the kitchen, "come to the foot of the stairs quick."
 "Yes, yer," she cried, "What is it?"
 "Boll only one egg for breakfast this morning!" he said.—Hison.

Thanksgiving and A Reverie

We rejoice with our people that a great Nation turns from its tasks, today, to render solemn tribute to The Maker of all Things, for the abundance of His goodness. We are thankful for citizenship among a Christian people.

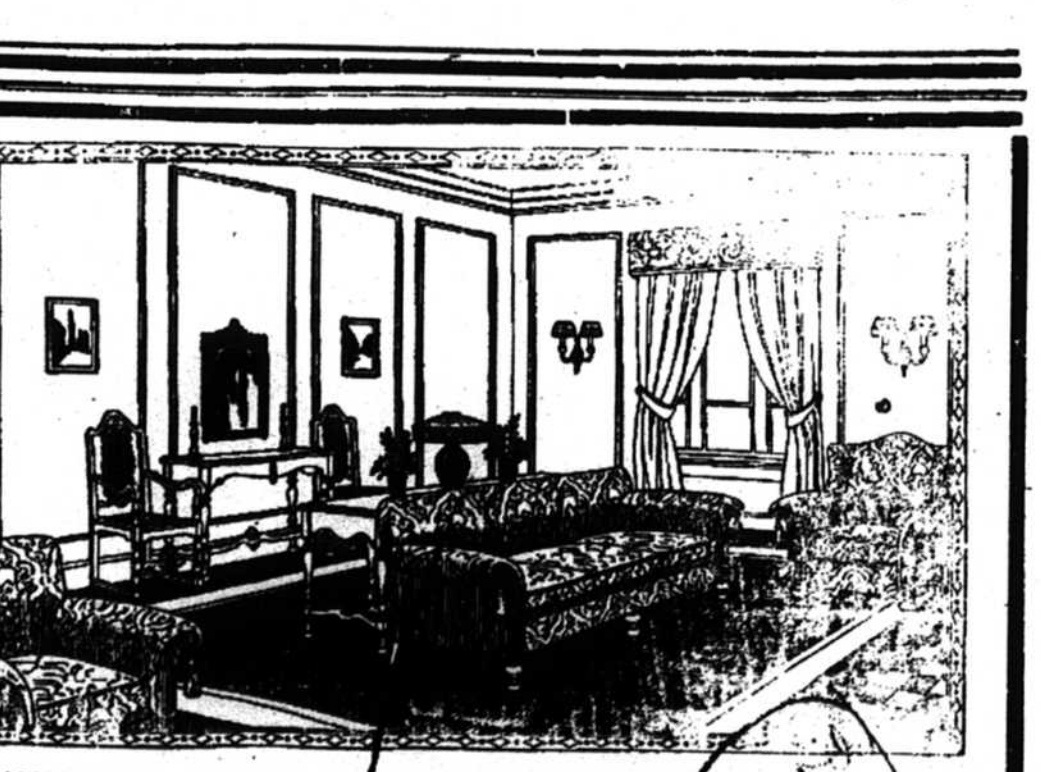
Looking backward, on this day, we leap the bridge of time which spans today with the years gone by. We stand, and reverently clasp hands with our sturdy old forefathers, and see, as they saw, North Carolina, a virgin soil. We see the privations and hardships they endured, strengthened only by their faith in Him to whom we return thanks today.

We see them on the shell-torn fields of two great wars, and we are grateful for the stalwart manhood which has been handed down to our great State.

As we look about us, on this Thanksgiving Day, and see the golden peace and plenty flowing from the crucible of other days, there comes to us the thought that we, ourselves, are but pioneers for those who are yet to come, blazing the trail toward lasting peace and greater prosperity.

We are thankful that it is our privilege to work with our people, and contribute our part toward the advancement of a great State. And with the consciousness of the important part we must play, comes a new determination to try to play it better—that the threads in the warp and woof of times' loom shall remain unbroken and unmarred by any act of ours, and the finished cloth shall be a perfect pattern—a greater North Carolina.

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