

Waken Diagnosis—Doctors Guess Wrong Again

Five years ago I wrote to you that I had been a terrible sufferer from kidney troubles...

Very truly yours, F. H. HORNE, Roseboro, N. C.

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Ungrateful Wretch. I'm writing a letter to Aunt Sarah, my wife, "thanking her for the visit she paid us. Do you wish to add anything to it?"

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Flying Starts. Officer (furiously)—"What the dooce is the matter? Where are your shots going?"

Net Gray Hairs but Tired Eyes... I take you look older than we are. Keep your eyes young and you will look young.

She's Agin It. "Oh, Mrs. Lawn, we want to get your vote for the Village Improvement Society's plans. We met Mr. Lawn on the way to the station, and he—"

Soldiers Want No Children. I asked Zeni Peshkoff, socialist, what his sensations were when he went out to kill. "It didn't seem real, it doesn't now."

THE VERY TIME When Powerful Food Is Most Needed. The need of delicate yet nutritious food is never felt so keenly as when a convalescent gets a set back on account of weak stomach.

"About a year ago," writes a Kansas woman, "my little six-year-old niece was the invigorating and buoyant air of Kansas, where all her life she had enjoyed fairly good health, to live in Ohio. She naturally had a change of food, and of course a change of water, and somehow she contracted typhoid fever."

"After a long siege her case seemed hopeless, doctors gave her up, and she was nothing but skin and bones, couldn't eat anything and for weeks did not know even her father or mother. Her parents, in trying to get something delicate and nourishing that she could eat, finally hit upon Grape-Nuts food and it turned out to be just the thing."

INCREASE SHOWN IN STATE REVENUE

\$13,651,937 RAISED IN 1915 AGAINST \$11,974,270 IN 1914 IS REPORTED.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh. Special from Washington.—The report of Col. W. H. Osborn, commissioner of internal revenue, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, has just been made public.

Here are some of the facts about North Carolina: The collection for the state amounted to \$13,651,937.38, A. D. Watts collecting \$8,174,622.67 and J. W. Bailey \$5,477,314.71.

The total collections for 1914 were \$11,974,270.54.

The cost of collecting the revenue in 1915 was: the eastern district, \$35,766.25, and the western, \$60,762.90; and in 1914 \$37,514.51 and \$66,910.97.

The corporation income tax for 1915 totaled \$257,825.38 and the individual income tax, \$123,553.96.

The number of incomes returned in 1915 were 2,277; those taxable, 1,590; and in 1914 there were 2,270 returns and 1,673 were collected.

The personal income tax record for the state follows: Four hundred and fifty-two paid on \$3,000 to \$4,000; 343 on \$4,000 to \$5,000; 703 on \$5,000 to \$10,000; 169 on \$10,000 to \$15,000; 63 on \$15,000 to \$20,000; 36 on \$20,000 to \$25,000; 7 on \$25,000 to \$30,000; 16 on \$30,000 to \$40,000; 5 on \$40,000 to \$50,000; 6 on \$50,000 to \$75,000; 1 on \$75,000 to \$100,000; 1 on \$100,000 to \$150,000; 1 on \$150,000 to \$200,000; none on \$200,000 to \$250,000; 1 on \$250,000 to \$300,000; none on \$300,000 to \$400,000; 1 on \$400,000 to \$500,000; 1 on \$500,000 and over.

Of those who paid on incomes 1,500 were married, 245 single men, 56 single women, and 19 married women rendering separate returns.

In 1915 revenue officers did a thriving but not a profitable business in North Carolina. They made 813 seizures, Georgia being the only other state in the union with a larger record. Four hundred and thirty-nine gallons of distilled spirits, valued at \$803.80, and ten pounds of tobacco, valued at \$5, were seized. The value of other property seized amounted to \$2,365.

In 1914 there were 612 seizures, including 598 gallons of distilled spirits and forty pounds of tobacco.

Colonel Osborn has saved the government hundreds of thousands of dollars by running down oleomargarine blockaders. North Carolina makes the real oleomargarine and pays the tax. She was not caught in the Osborn dragnet.

Steam Laundries in This State.

In the five-years period from 1909 to 1914 steam laundries in North Carolina increased from 43 to 59 and all branches of the industry showed substantial gains. Twenty-seven of those in 1914 were in cities having an estimated population of 10,000 or more as follows: Charlotte, six; Asheville, four; Wilmington, four; Raleigh, three; Winston-Salem, three; Durham, two; Greensboro, two; High Point, one; Newbern, one; Rocky Mount, one.

The capital invested as reported in 1914 was \$798,650, a gain of 88.1 per cent over \$424,642 in 1909. The average capital the establishment was approximately \$13,500 in 1914 and \$9,900 in 1909.

The National Guard Meeting.

The question of the time and place for the 1916 session of the North Carolina National Guard Association will be settled within the next few days. The convention must be held early in January and indications are that the place will be Durham, Greensboro or Raleigh.

Difference of \$57,000 is Cleared.

It is an interesting fact that in entering the status of state finances on the books of treasurer and auditor as of December 1 the special legislative committee had to make a difference of \$57,000 in the books of the treasurer and the auditor. That is the books of the treasurer showed a balance of \$130,000 general fund and the auditor's a balance of \$73,000. This is for the reason that there are outstanding warrants drawn on the treasury by the auditor to the amount of \$57,000 that have not come in.

Homicides in North Carolina.

During four years beginning with the fall term of the 1910 courts and ending with the spring terms of 1914, the homicide cases that came to trial in North Carolina were 889, or an average of 222 per year; as shown by the reports of the Attorney-General of the state. Our population of 1914 as estimated by the census bureau was 2,339,452; and supposing that all homicide cases reached the courts, our average annual rate would be 95 per million of population.

Fine Progress on Mountain Railway.

President Hugh G. Chatham of the Elkin & Alleghany Railway, R. A. Doughton of Sparta, a director, and C. B. Penny, general manager, were in conference with Governor Craig in reference to the construction of this line to connect Elkin and Sparta. The company has been using a large force of state convicts for quite awhile and the prison authorities have just transferred 79 of this working force to Badin for the American Aluminum Company in reopening the Whitney development. This leaves the railroad company 55 convicts as a working force. These are being used in connection with the operation of the big steam shovels and other machinery for excavation and grading purposes.

President Chatham made a detailed report of the work and condition of the road to Governor Craig, the showing being gratified in all respects. There are 16 miles of the road in operation and six miles additional ready for the iron. The road is within five miles of the crest of the mountain which marks the termination of the really heavy work of construction. Then there will remain 10 miles of line to be graded mostly over plateaus. The governor was assured that the company proposes to complete the road in the shortest possible time.

In speaking of the Elkin & Alleghany, Mr. Doughton says that the completion of the road will really mean the reclamation in a large degree of that splendid mountain region from Virginia so far as business relations are concerned and he expects unprecedented development. He hopes that the road will be in operation to Sparta within 12 months.

Thirteen Go to Federal Prison.

J. B. Stundevant, deputy United States marshal, left with 13 prisoners, taking them to Atlanta to serve terms in the Federal Prison there. These convicts were sentenced during the recent term of the United States court by Judge Connor. There are 12 white men and one negro, the latter being John Harris, who serves one year and a day for blockade distilling. The other prisoners are: R. A. McLamb, blockading, one year and a day; N. T. Allen, blockading, 18 months; Guilford Garvin, blockading, two years; D. B. McKnight, larceny, two years; Ben Ingram, blockading, one year and a day; Frank Gadds, blockading, one year and a day; D. U. Dowd, blockading, one year and a day; Aubrey Woodlief, blockading, one year and a day; Tom Cheatham, blockading, one year and a day; Sidney Gilbert, blockading, one year and a day; J. D. Barber, blockading, two years; J. H. Barber, one year and a day.

Good Leaf Tobacco Sales.

Forty-seven North Carolina leaf tobacco markets sold during November 44,975,363 pounds of leaf tobacco, compared with 44,206,824 pounds sold during November, 1914. Of the sales the past month 39,249,071 pounds were first-hand sales for growers. The Wilson market led with 4,979,336 pounds and Winston-Salem was a close second with 4,549,278 pounds. Other big markets reported the following sales: Rocky Mount, 3,661,498; Greenville, 3,057,010; Kinston, 2,600,141; Henderson, 2,597,180; Oxford, 2,415,436; Durham, 2,367,218; Farmville, 1,748,505; Youngsville, 11,221,248.

Plans for Making Soy Bean Oil.

Chief C. B. Williams of the division of agronomy, state department of agriculture, reports splendid progress in the campaign he is pushing to induce the cotton oil mills to add the work of extracting the oil from the soy bean, the cultivation of which is steadily growing in this state. Mr. Williams will within the next few days visit the cotton oil mill of Elizabeth City to take a hand in preliminary experiments with soy bean oil. He will be accompanied by an expert from the United States department of agriculture.

Spray Completes School Building.

The town of Spray, Rockingham county, has just completed a splendid \$40,000 graded school building and Supt. J. Y. Joyner went there to deliver the address in connection with the dedication of the building to the cause of public education. It is said to be one of the most complete school buildings of the kind to be found anywhere in the state.

New Enterprises Are Chartered.

Belliveau's (Inc.) Charlotte, received a charter, the capital being \$25,000 and the purpose, the manufacture of candies and handling dairy products. The Rodman-Clark Company, Waxhaw, capital \$30,000 authorized, and \$10,000 subscribed for a general mercantile business.

The Merchants' Advertising Corporation, Scotland Neck, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$1,000 subscribed. The company will do a general newspaper and moving picture advertising business.

The Pamlico Telephone Company, Bayboro, Pamlico county, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$1,500 subscribed for constructing telephones in Bayboro and surrounding country.

Bladen Manufacturing Company, Bladenboro. The purpose is the operation of cotton gins, cottonseed oil mills and the manufacture of fertilizers. The capital is \$100,000 authorized and \$26,000 subscribed.

A charter was issued for the White Manufacturing Company, Kimesville, Guilford county, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$300 subscribed for a general cotton milling business.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

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O'er Bethlehem's plain there shone a star That guided wise men from afar; To see the child in manger lain, Immanuel Jesus is his name, The Prince of Peace has come to dwell. Hosanna Shout! Immanuel.

THE long expected, promised Lord Is born today, by kings adored. While to the world God doth proclaim He comes, and Counselor is his name, The mighty God on earth to dwell. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

HE comes to man by lowly birth, To spread salvation through the earth. From everlasting, he's the same, Our God and Wonderful his name, King David's seed in man to dwell. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

PEACE on earth, good will to man, Sing of free salvation's plan; With angels join in the refrain, Jesus, God with us, is his name. Hallelujah, peace on earth. Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

REJOICE and loud hosannas sing, Hosanna to the new-born King; Angelic hosts to man proclaim Our Father's love, our Savior's name. Hallelujah! Peace on earth, Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

Santa's Secret

H-I-V-E got out of bed, just a minute. To tell you—I'll whisper it low—The stockings I've hung by the fire Are for me—not mamma, you know. For mine are so awfully little. Dear Santa Claus, don't you see? And I want, oh, so many playthings, They won't hold enough for me.



So I want you to remember And fill these as full as you can. Cause I haven't been very naughty. And you've been such a nice, kind man. I'd like a live doll, if you please, sir. That can talk and call me "mamma." Not one that is full of old sawdust, As all my other dolls are.

Short But Useful. The Christmas tree does not live long, but its short life is a useful and beautiful one.

Holly Scratches

NEVER look a gift in the cost mark. All that glitters is not diamonds. Mistletoe makes the heart grow fonder. The gift deferred maketh the heart sick. Belief in Santa Claus is the best policy. It is a wise merchant who knows his own goods when they are brought back for exchange. To give hideous gifts is human, to forgive impossible. Gifts make the man, the want of them the fellow. One Christmas bargain makes the whole of womankind spin. Christmas bills are stubborn things. Santa Claus is not as red as he is painted. Buy gifts in haste and repent at leisure. Uneasy lies the head that's trying to make twenty dollars buy forty gifts. And thereby hangs a stocking. Every Christmas tree must stand on its own bottom. Gifts are seldom what they seem.

The Christmas Card.

About a hundred years ago the first Christmas cards were used. These were printed in London and consisted of a visiting card with the words, "A Merry Christmas," printed on it. Later the cards were made with a little scenery on them and a picture of the "obin. This bird was used because he is called the English Christmas bird, and also "The Savior's Bird" on account of the old legend regarding its red breast. From this time on the cards became more numerous and of more varied kinds.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, especially on Christmas eve, when a kid discovers his father acting the part of Santa Claus.

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Got Out of the Difficulty. Some time ago a local corps was reviewed by Sir Ian Hamilton, and there is a story told that one of the officers was mounted on a horse that had previously distinguished itself in a bakery business. A wag in the crowd is supposed to have recognized the horse, for he shouted out, "Baker!" The horse promptly stopped dead, and nothing could urge it on. The situation was getting painful, when the officer was struck with a brilliant idea, and remarked, within hearing of his steed: "Not today, thank you." The procession then moved on without further delay.—London Mail.

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