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GOOD BYE.

With this issue our connection with the POLK COUNTY NEWS ceases. It is with genuine regret and a bitter feeling that we are forced to make this announcement. While we have been a citizen of Polk county only a short while, we have learned to love the country and its people. Many warm acquaintances and some genuine friendships have been made which make it indeed hard to say good bye.

Ill health, continued, of both myself and good wife make it imperative to seek other fields of activity. We are thankful that it has been our lot to take part in the movements now going on to make a better county of Polk county. The tide has changed for the better, and in a few years Polk county will be developed until she will take her proper place at the head of the list of good counties in North Carolina. We have preached this doctrine ever since coming to the county, and we are firm in our belief.

We regret, exceedingly, that it will not be our pleasure to see the fulfillment of our dreams in that respect, but we are more than thankful, that, like Moses of old we have been allowed to ascend the mount and see the "Promised Land," of a rich and powerful Polk county. It is no idle dream, but 'twill be a reality, and much sooner than a great many think. We hope the people of the county will give still more support to the NEWS in the years to come than it has in those of the past. You cannot succeed without a good newspaper to help you in your struggles.

Mr. Bush will remain with you, and we hope you will be as loyal to him as you have been to the writer in his endeavors to give you a clean, family newspaper.

Not only do we leave the people of Polk county with genuine regret, but also the busy, sacrificing men and women who make up the membership of the Western North Carolina Press Association. We have found this little band to be composed of high-toned Christian people, and who are devoting the best there is in them for the advancement of the section they represent. We shall, indeed carry with us for many years nothing but the most pleasant recollections of that organization.

Again, to one and all we say "Good-Bye, and God be With You Till We Meet Again."

B. F. COPELAND.

Washington seems determined to rob Georgia of her reputation for race riots.

It is evident that the weather clerk is not in sympathy with the prohibition movement.

Ford says he never wanted to be United States Senator from Michigan. Why contesting the election, then Henry?

"Theories Alone Given for Cause of Balloon Tragedy," says the Asheville Citizen. Seems to us that it was the explosion more than theory.

Henry Ford says he never heard of Benedict Arnold. And yet, Ford was a candidate for United States Senator from Michigan.

If the Ford-Tribune case lasts much longer it may take more than a million dollars to pay costs. But think of the free advertising Ford is getting

Now that the Methodists have raised about \$150,000,000 in their campaign, the Baptists are going to be a little more modest. They only ask for \$75,000,000.

"Judging from the federal inquiry, we suppose all the paupers who are not in almshouses are electric railway men."—Greensboro Daily News. Or else one of the five great meat packers.

Under the prohi bill passed by Congress you may have liquor in your house, but you are forbidden from making wine or cider. In other words you are all right provided you don't get caught.

A New York banker writes the Manufacturers Record that he didn't know anything but cotton could be raised in the South. We suppose he never heard of the moonshine of Western North Carolina, and the hell it "raises."

While the average white man is willing to give the negro full credit for their participation in the war, yet they are not willing to put them on a parity with the whites, and the sooner the negro understands this the better for him.

"Among senators there is no lack of preparedness in regard to discussion of the peace treaty."—Greensboro Daily News. One would think from the reading of some of the efforts that there was a great lack of preparedness.

The Asheville Citizen says, speaking of Henry Ford who has been on the witness stand for the past week, "Ford Gets Into Hands of His Friend and Attorney." But we have an old saying which went, "Good Lord, deliver me from my fool friends."

The race riots at Washington show that either the Washington police force does not amount to much, or else the policemen are in sympathy with the rioters. Such a state of affairs, with as many troops in close proximity of the city does not show up well for the powers in control of Washington.

China does not take much stock in the promises of Japan regarding the Shantung question. Dr. Wu, one of the Chinese delegates to the United States, says: "Japan promises to restore political rights, but retain economic rights," but the Dr. doesn't think much of that, and says "Japan has something to which she is not entitled." Well, it certainly looks as if the Dr. was right.

Our Tryon Route 1 correspondent told, last week, of the killing of a white crane by a resident of that section. Whoever did this should be given a dose of the law relating to the killing of birds. There is not only a state law, but a national law against this, and the penalty is a pretty heavy one. There is something radically wrong in the make-up of an individual who shoots birds just simply out of curiosity, or to show his marksmanship.

The efforts of the daily press of the United States to enlist the country press in their campaign for the repeal of the "zone" postal system is ridiculous. They even threaten to have repealed the free county privilege of the country press unless they are given the repeal of the "zone" system. The present newspaper postage law is the only one that we have any recollection of. Under the old law the daily press and the magazines had secured practically all the advertising of national advertisers, and were making vast fortunes at the expense of the taxpayers of the country. Why should the taxpayers of the country be called upon to annually pay deficits of millions of dollars, which were going into the pockets of the metropolitan press and magazines? The country press is not quite the chump it once was. Under the "zone" postal law the country press is securing a vast additional amount of advertising because the daily press and magazines can not pay the postage and compete with the country weekly. The "zone" system is all right, and is on the books to stay.

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A Japanese industry which has made remarkable progress in recent years is that concerned with the extraction of vegetable wax, which is coming into greater demand on foreign markets.

R-'I Over, Bill, You're Snoring.

Man, say the scientists, is the only living thing that ever sleeps on its back. Perhaps it is from a feeling of pride that some of us make so much noise when indulging in this accomplishment.

How Criticism Helps.

Censure and criticism never hurt anybody. If false they can't hurt you unless you are wanting in manly character; and if true they show a man his weak points and forewarn him against failure and trouble.—Gladstone.

Napkins.

Table napkins were in use long before some of the other accessories which we consider indispensable today. Before forks came to be known, men had to use their fingers in preparing their food; hence the ancient common habit of frequently passing the basin of water and its accompanying napkin for wiping the hands. It now seems incredible that forks were not customary until the seventeenth century.

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