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VAGRANCY IN TRYON.

In the estimation of most well informed people Henry W. Clews, financial writer in New York, is the best judge of conditions affecting the business and social conditions of this country. Mr Clews in a recent article writes that this country is today facing the greatest crisis in its history and that unless great changes are soon to be had in our manner of work and play we will see untold suffering as a nation. He goes on to say that unless we produce more and consume less that we will force the price of all living commodities so high that we cannot bear the pressure and will suffer physically. Such expressions as this from so eminent an authority causes a feeling of apprehension among thinking people and gives us in this community great concern for the future. When we look around our own county and note the working conditions we wonder that we can ever today meet the increased cost of living and with winter approaching and higher prices a certainty we wonder what the result will be for us. From all sides we find that vagrancy is being looked into and vagrants being made to work. In our neighbor city, Spartanburg, we find that a working man must have a card showing that he is regularly employed or else the city authorities give him, or her, a regular job for the city. This is a move in the right direction and if carefully pressed will not only increase production but will better the living conditions for the workman as well. Other cities and towns are working along the same line and producing results.

As an illustration, take the conditions in Tryon as they are today and what they will undoubtedly lead to for the future. Almost any day in the week one can see from five to twenty able-bodied men loafing around the streets and railroad yards doing nothing. This is true at almost any hour of the day. Take the producing power of ten men and multiply it by six days in the week and by fifty-two weeks in the year and see the result. Suppose those men average in pay 20 cents an hour and work ten hours a day. That figures six thousand two hundred and forty dollars in one year. If the loss stopped at this figure the community could stand it but unfortunately it does not stop here.

Since work is the basis of all wealth this community has lost what ten men could produce, plus the profit on this production, plus the cost of maintaining these idle men thru the efforts of someone else who is working and worst of all the demoralizing effect on our whole social structure. Idle hands, according to statistics produce more than half the crime in this country the consequent expense of maintaining our courts—a tax that can ill be afforded. Busy men rarely ever get into trouble and are the happier, as a result of their labor.

There is a type of men in every community that works only when made to do so by sheer necessity or else legislation. This type is not peculiar to Tryon but is true of every community in this country. Realizing this, is it not time that public sentiment bring pressure to bear to stamp out this idleness with its terrible drain on our resources and cause to be enforced a vagrancy law that has lain dormant for years? We have this ordinance, we have the vagrants all around us, we have

the great necessity for increased production in every line if we are to be able to stand the high cost of living this winter, why not the public sentiment lined up strong enough to enable our mayor and commissioners and police to enforce this law.

If every busy citizen in this community discuss this great evil, not merely criticizing our present council for its failure to enforce a law, with a determination to back up our officials in their actions at reform, within a few days we can have every idler at work, the happier from the fact that he is a producer with the result of his labor in his hands and no longer a drain on these who are busy.
A CITIZEN.

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TRYON ROUTE 1.

Many attended the closing services of the revival at the Mill Spring Baptist church. We feel that the faithful ministers are greatly rewarded for their week's work and prayer. No, Mr. Hamrick, the Methodist people are not offended in the least by you telling them they pray most. Jesus of Nazareth was, of course, the supreme example of prayer. When the Northern and Southern M. E. churches laid on the altar \$167,000,000 for their missionary enterprises within the next five years, prayer was the great dynamic force in all this work. August 29 has been set for a day of fasting and prayer and it is earnestly urged that this day be observed throughout the Southern M. E. church.

Rev. E. L. Shelton called, Saturday, on returning from New Hope, stating a good meeting, and conversion of fourteen souls.

There is some quite satisfactory road work being done on route 1 just now.

Many attended the farmers' institute Wednesday and feel much benefited thereby.

Mr. Mack Moore was first to be seen pulling fodder.

Miss Ellis and Mr. John Lyle Edwards have entered Stearns High School.

Mr. Bradley and daughters attended revival services at Cooper Gap, last week.

Miss Nell Champion was the jolly visitor of the Misses Pack last week.

Mrs. Dock Green was buried at the old family cemetery on route 1, one day last week.

Mr. S. B. Edwards has sure enough learned to drive the Overland.

Misses Esther and Sue Gibbs were Thursday after church guests of Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards.

Revival meeting next week at Bethlehem, Mill Spring M. E. Church.

Revs. Parker Homes and Hubert Powell will be Mr. Shelton's pupil help.

Chinese College Girls.

The most picturesque school in Nanking is Ginling college, a recently opened institution, operated by five boards, presided over by a faculty of eight and including 18 girls. As this is only the second year of operation, 18 is a goodly number. Last year there were hardly enough girls to go around. The college is housed for the present in a charming old "gung gwan" or official residence belonging to the estate of Li Hung Chang, and once occupied by one of his relatives. For Chinese women to come into such an inheritance, even by renting it, is enough to make anyone enthusiastic. Only two years of college work are done at present, but a year's work is being added over autumn, so that it will soon tax the eight teachers to keep the class work up to the high standard that has been decided upon.—Christian Herald.

Rigorous Mourning.

"Germany's week of mourning over the harshness of our peace terms was rigorously observed—nit," said Major Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent.

"There's a story about the week of mourning from Berlin. A Berlinese assistant theater manager said to the manager:

"Is our burlesque going to observe the week of mourning, boss?"

"Rigorously, sir, rigorously," the boss replied.

"Close down—is that the idea?" said the assistant.

"Close down nothing!" said the boss. "We'll put all the chorus girls in black silk stockings."

EARLY BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

Youth's Wise Employment of Leisure Hours Means Everything in His After Life.

If the young man could only assimilate very early in his life the fact that merely to live and eat and drink and sleep, and then die, is not enough, but that he must rob himself of many of the pleasures usually taken up by young men if he means to make his life of the highest possible use to the world, he would set his foot on the pathway to accomplish something worth while.

There is no harm in billiards or pool or in dancing, baseball or card-playing, or any one of the scores of different diversions and recreations open to young men. The natural inclination usually is to devote a large part of the leisure hours of young manhood to such pleasures. But the youth who is really earnest in his ambition to do something worth while will discipline himself to resist such temptations during his early, formative years, for the whole fate of a man is largely determined by how he utilizes his plastic years. He may be restricted by circumstances, by environment, by family ties in his selection of his daily work, but every young man, particularly nowadays, has many hours that he can call his own, and it is how he chooses to use these hours that counts most and tells most.—Forbes Magazine.

Shakespeare Law Unto Himself.

A correspondent wonders how such a phrase as "piping time of peace" could originate. One might think it referred to the Indian's peace pipe, but Shakespeare was rather unfamiliar with the customs of American aborigines. However, Shakespeare did what he pleased with English language.

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