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## TEACHERS AND CONVICTS

Upton G. Wilson in The Reidsville Review  
North Carolina's prison population on November 1 was 8,516, while the number of her school teachers on the same date was approximately 23,000. When it is remembered, however, that the turnover in prisoners is several times as great as the turnover in teachers, it will not be far from the truth to say that in a single year the State admits more convicts to its prisons than it does teachers to its schools. Nor will it be far wrong to say that North Carolina is spending more on its prisons, prisoners and crime than it is spending on its schools.

Yet, what it is spending on prisoners, prisons and crime seems to be accomplishing very little, as our prison population is constantly increasing. Each prisoner, it may be said, is an evil influence, while each teacher is, or should be, an influence for good. But what the good teachers are doing is being largely nullified by the harm those who follow crime are doing. We are getting nowhere in our fight against the influences of evil.

What then, is wrong? Why does our prison population constantly increase? The weakness must be in our homes. More than 3,000 years ago a wise old man, recognizing even then the value of proper home training, wrote: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." That advice is still good.

Our criminals are training up many of our youths in the way they shouldn't go. Only our homes may successfully combat this wrong sort of training. Proper home training is the only answer to the crime problem.

## COUNTING COSTS

News & Observer

Those Americans who are disturbed by the cost of the Roosevelt program against the depression, may be interested also in the cost of the depression to all the people of the United States. For the five years of the depression, Robert R. Nathan, chief of the Income Section of the Division of Economic Research, estimates the losses to business at \$26,631,000,000.

Far more important than increased governmental spendings has been the drastic drop in national income from \$81,034,000,000 in 1929, to \$67,917,000,000 in 1930, to \$53,584,000,000 in 1931 and to \$39,545,000,000 in 1932. Fortunately, since the beginning of the Roosevelt administration the trend has been upward to \$41,889,000,000 in 1933, to \$48,561,000,000 in 1934. Thus in the four years of the Hoover administration from 1929 to 1932, the annual national income dropped \$41,489,000,000.

Those were the costly years. Today apparently they are behind us. If such a national income as that which prevailed in 1929 could be restored—and the trend under Roosevelt is in that direction—the costs of the recovery program could be paid off by the nation in its stride.

The News-Leader extends congratulations to the City of Greenville and the members of the Board of Aldermen in the naming of Hon. M. H. Blount as mayor to serve the unexpired term of the late Roy C. Flanagan. We believe that our City Fathers did exceedingly well, and that their choice has the approval of a large majority of the citizens. To Mr. Blount we extend our heartiest felicitations, realizing, as he said in his remarks immediately after being sworn in, that the office of mayor carries a very definite responsibility. That he will do what he believes best for the greatest number of our people, we have not the slightest doubt. He has ability, knowledge of law and of constitutional government, and a sense of fairness in his dealings. He is a native of Pitt, coming from a family long prominently and closely identified with the growth and development of the great county of which Greenville is the county seat. As a successful practicing attorney, Mayor Blount will be able to see personally that the city's legal interests are looked after properly. His ability as a parliamentarian, and as an extemporaneous speaker additionally qualifies him for the honor bestowed upon him.

—The Greenville News-Leader

## NO TRAINING

American Humorist  
Once a Western town held a Charley Chaplin contest. Prizes were to be given to those who could imitate Charley Chaplin. When Charley heard about it he immediately entered the contest. He came in second.

## STEEL AND HOGS DIFFERENT

The Pathfinder

The Pathfinder wishes to call attention to the great difference between steel and hogs. No, we haven't gone nutty; we are talking the hardest kind of hard sense. It is true that steel is an offspring of "pig" iron—but from that point on, the two products take absolutely opposite courses. You naturally ask what we are driving at—and you are entitled to know. Some great periodicals like to speak in cryptic terms or fancy phrases—perhaps so as to conceal the fact that they have no worth-while thoughts to contribute to the world. The Pathfinder has to deal in plain "common sense"—which is, after all, uncommon.

The radical difference between hogs and steel is revealed on the financial page of one of the leading newspapers of the country. This paper had one article headed: "Heavy Hog Influx Breaks \$10 Price"—and right below this article, another article headed: "Steel Prices Unchanged."

Now are you beginning to see the real difference between hogs and steel? Doesn't a ray of light begin to dawn on you to show you how differently the great industrial magnates manage their business from the way the farmers manage theirs? Hogs in September reached the highest point in six years—the "top" being \$12.25 per hundred pounds, in Chicago. But this high price had the effect of inducing the millions of hog raisers to hustle their hogs to market—and of course the price went down. What else could possibly happen? Even \$12.25 is not considered a "high" price by the hog farmers—seeing that this is considerably below the prices which have ruled in the days of prosperity. But of course for the consumers, pork prices ARE too high.

How differently the steel people manage their industry! Did they reduce their prices when the after-war slump came? No, they practically maintained their war-time high prices. Instead of going ahead and keeping up their production, and trying to find new markets, as the farmers did, the steel barons shut down their mills, turned most of their workers loose on a world already overburdened with unemployment—and let the public whistle. At the lowest point of the depression, steel production was down to only 15 per cent of capacity—which means that only 15 steel workers were being employed, when 100 should have been. And yet the prices of steel were not reduced accordingly.

That is why the newspapers keep publishing, day after day, with tiresome, asinine silliness, the fact: "Steel Prices Unchanged." Of course steel prices are unchanged—because there is a combination of the steel barons which forbids lowering of prices to meet the conditions. And the industrial employers still expect the farmers to keep on producing foodstuffs and raw materials at ruinous prices, so that the cost of living can be kept low—and in this way wages and the cost of industrial production can be at a minimum.

We merely point to these facts—never before shown up so forcefully—to illustrate how differently general industry and the farming industry are handled. The government is making every effort to remedy this unjust setup. But when we see "steel prices unchanged," while the prices of farm products still have to bear the brunt of the "law of supply and demand," it seems to indicate that the plan has not got to working perfectly as yet.

## WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A MAN

The Enterprise

Some writers seem to think that it is much harder to make a real man now than it was a century ago, assigning as the reason that it is harder to find good boys to make men out of, which is a great essential.

Abraham Lincoln was willing to work hard to make an honest living, and, more than that, he was willing to work hard to improve himself. Garfield worked to support himself and his mother while he was a boy in his teens. He worked to educate and fit himself to occupy the highest office in his country.

Many others have done likewise. But are we making this type of men now? Is the boy of today willing to pay the price in honest hard work, necessary to make the foundation for a good man?

Who wants you today, young man? If it is for a job of bookkeeping, can you multiply and divide; do you know anything about fractions; in other words, have you prepared yourself through hard work to do the work and have you shown yourself worthy to be trusted? Or have you taken up your time so frivolously that you think more of ball contests than you do of the business entrusted to you?

It is a sad thing to see how little the average good business man thinks of the boy of today. He is afraid to trust the youth with important business details and is often afraid to trust them with money because so many have shown themselves dishonest. The boy who has many duties and more work and responsibilities has a much better chance to do well in life than the hot-house, late-sleeping type, who do nothing except "laze" around and eat rich gravy and shuns obligation.

We may expect fewer men in the future than we have had in the past. Too few of us form a definite purpose in our hearts and stick to it while we are young; we unbalance our minds by cultivating the physical to the neglect of the mental and moral elements. And it takes them all to make a man.

## FORUM

PROSPECTIVE CALAMITY

To the Editor: In 30 years, according to J. Pierpont Morgan, poor fellow! great private fortunes in the United States will be completely wiped out if the government doesn't behave and return to the Old Deal policy of taxing the hide off of the poor for the benefit of the rich. Isn't such a prospect simply terrifying? Think of what a calamity it would be to the people of this country if they were unable to keep up with the dampphoolery of the young heirs and heiresses! How can we be able to know the prevailing price of princes, dukes, counts, barons and other royal nit-wits unless we have rich American girls to buy them? Another thing: Lawyers, like other human beings, have to live. What would become of the attorneys of Reno, Nevada, and other divorce centers, where the idle rich change husbands and wives about every six months? If Mr. Morgan's predictions are correct, the poor people ought to be working themselves into a lather of protest and see that something is done about it!

If the New Deal policy of taxing the rich as well as the poor will wipe out private fortunes in just 30 years, I wonder if Mr. Morgan would be good enough to estimate how long, under the Old Deal, it would require the possessors of these great private fortunes to empty the United States Treasury by their evasion of income and other just taxes? If memory does not fail me, it seems they had Mr. Morgan down in Washington before a committee a year or so ago, and it was revealed that he hadn't paid any income taxes in years through the manipulation of his stock accounts. Fine old boy, he!

ROBIN O. KING, Raleigh

## ASKING FOR IT

Despite the warning from the President and Secretary Hull, American business men have exported a "considerably increased amount" of war materials. The business man may not know it but they are asking for a new law that will strictly regulate such shipments.

## \$100,000 BILLS

The Bureau of Investigation has turned out 4,200 \$100,000 bills—the largest up to a year ago was the \$10,000 denomination. Only 104 have been issued.

A new orchard of 2,000 fruit trees has been planted by the Jackson Training School in Cabarrus County under the supervision of the farm agent.

FCC considers plan to revise whole broadcasting structure.

SWINE PROJECTS  
Many Mecklenburg 4-H club boys have selected swine for project work next year in an effort to produce more meat at home.

Members of the Varina Woman's Club are very much rejoiced over the possibility of a new club house. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Judd have given a lot and the citizens of the town have helped to raise the fund to more than six hundred dollars, so enthusiasm is spreading. Membership is increasing, too.

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