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STATE CANNOT BORROW

The State of North Carolina having reached the point where it cannot borrow money in New York in anticipation of tax collections, and with a deficit of \$12,500,000, and also with \$6,000,000 in bonds due on July 1st when the state must raise \$7,500,000 for repaying bonds and interest, the Administration at Raleigh have before them something more than a jig-saw puzzle to work out. It has been customary in the past when the State needed a few hundred thousand dollars for the State Treasurer and the Governor to go to New York and make their wishes known and they were soon fixed up for another quarter; but not so any more. This practice has been followed until the State's credit has become exhausted.

Now the news comes from Raleigh that State employes are slated for a 25 percent slash, unless the State's credit can soon be restored it will not be many moons until some of the highly paid state officials will have to get down off their horses and live like the masses are having to live now.

GOLD FLOWING INTO FRANCE

Since some of the leading nations of the world have gone off the gold standard, including the United States, France, which is holding on to the gold standard, is being flooded with this precious metal. It is pouring in by train, by ships and by airplanes. Seven airplanes are said to have landed in France last Sunday, each carrying more than a ton and a half of gold which aggregated \$12,000,000. At present, France is reported to hold 29 percent of all the gold in the world, and at the present rate gold is being dumped into her coffers it will not be long until that country will have practically all the gold in the world unless the other nations go back to the gold standard. At this time the United States is said to hold 33 percent of the world's gold supply, or a total of \$4,250,000,000, but should this country remain off the gold standard it cannot hope to hold the lead which it now has. The total gold supply in all the world is a little over eleven billion dollars.

Most of the world's gold reserve is cast into bars, each bar being worth about \$12,000. These bars placed in boxes and kegs and stored in deep underground storerooms where it remains in dark seclusion until it is sent on another voyage to a similar vault in another land.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF PEOPLE IS IMPOVERISHED

Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist church, speaking Sunday morning on "Broken Cisterns," said the spiritual condition of most people of the present day is impoverished.

"If I were called upon to point to the most conspicuous characteristic of the general aspects of human life today," he said, "I would without hesitation, after months of careful observation and study, point to three astounding conditions: To the widespread disintegration of loyalty to high principals, to the alarming disregard of the sovereignty of righteousness, and to the heart-breaking deflation of the sacredness of common honesty."

"If these factors shall continue to increase their deadly force in society, as they have increased it in recent months, there is nothing within the power of human prediction more certain than that the whole fabric of our social order will ere long be torn to shreds."—Raleigh Times, 24th.

THEFT ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE DISCOVERY

Martin A. Fortenberry, of Shelby, Cleveland county, walked into police headquarters at Rockville, Md., Sunday afternoon and surrendered for a crime which police in his home town did not know had been committed. "Fortenberry calmly strolled up to the desk where Sergeant Burdine was holding forth and announced that he had stolen a truck load of hogs from his employer, R. B. Costner, and sold them at Danville,

E. L. Piper Is Killed As Car Leaves Road

Veteran Southern Railway Engineer Dies In Auto Wreck Near Hillsboro.

E. L. Piper, 72, of 2400 Spring Garden street, who for 55 years had been a highly trusted employe of the Southern railway, having spent 48 years of that time as an engineer, was fatally injured about 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening when the automobile which he was driving left state highway No. 10 about three miles east of Hillsboro, went into a ditch alongside the road, then struck a telegraph pole and overturned, pinning him underneath it. Death is believed to have been almost instantaneous.

It is believed that Mr. Piper, who had suffered often from what was termed acute indigestion, probably sustained an abrupt attack, causing him to lose control of the automobile. He was alone at the time, proceeding east with Durham as his destination. He was on his way to the bed-side of a son of Mrs. Rhea Hobgood, his sister-in-law, in a hospital in Durham.

For a number of years Mr. Piper has been running between Greensboro and Goldsboro on Nos. 21 and 22, as engineer, these being passenger trains of the Southern, operated on the old North Carolina railroad, which is under lease to the Southern.

NORTH CAROLINA'S LAWMAKERS

The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina has been behaving of late much after the fashion of a kindergarten when the teacher leaves for a moment. There has been no more harmony and tranquility in that august body—especially since it has been deliberating on a means of raising the necessary revenue for supporting the state—than is evidenced at a pony penning over on Core Banks.

Ever since the legislators went to Raleigh for the present session, they have been running around in circles, with dissension paramount. They seem more like a large bunch of back-lot boys who have been divided into two sides. One of these sides desires to play one thing, while the other side is determined that it will play something else. And the legislators have about come to the point reached by many of the back-lot youthful gangs when the leaders yell in unison: "Well, if we can't play like we want to, we wont play a-tall."

It is disgusting to the people of the Old North State the way its lawmakers disagree and "chew the rag" in the legislative halls. There is so much hot air and plain tommyrot emanating from Capitol Hill that it is very difficult to determine just what the ultimate outcome will be from the 1933 session. We were under the impression that the primary objective was to reduce the taxes in Tar Heelia by a reduction of the expenditures of the government, with the possibility of some form of sales tax for the relief of the property owners and thus restore land to its rightful place as the basis of all value.

Upwards of two thousand bills have been introduced this session, many of which have passed and been ratified. Virtually all of these either deal with local situations or are of infinitesimal state-wide import. Judging by the actions of the legislators—all of theme included—the General Assembly has very few real business men in that so-called august body.

Whenever politics are cast aside and the needs of the people of North Carolina are taken at heart by the members of the legislature, then there is a possibility that the lawmakers may accomplish something worthwhile toward reducing the expenditures of the government to a point where the taxpayers will be able to meet their obligations to the State and County. Until then we will continue to look with disfavor upon the puerile actions of North Carolina's kindergarten.—Beaufort News.

Va., but that Shelby police did not know it yet.

Sergeant Burdine, taken aback for a moment, hustled Fortenberry to jail upon regaining his equilibrium and notified North Carolina authorities.

"Fortenberry said he parked the truck near the railroad station in Danville after disposing of the 'porkers' and proceeded to enjoy a spree that lasted until the money ran out. "A telegram to Danville brought word that the truck was located where Fortenberry claimed to have parked it, while Shelby police checked up and found that Fortenberry, the truck and pigs had just been missed at the Costner farm.

"Police said that Fortenberry agreed to return to Shelby without the formality of extradition proceedings.

Men's Chorus Of 500 Voices Being Formed

Wanted 50 or 75 Men to Join The Johnston County Unit Which Practices Here Each Thursday Night—Grand Concert In Goldsboro May 19th.

Pat Alderman, of Dunn, was in Smithfield Wednesday in the interest of a men's chorus of 500 voices which is in the process of organization. The idea grew out of successful singing events which have been staged in some of the Eastern counties of the state, and the plan now is to train a big chorus which will give a concert in Goldsboro on Friday evening, May 19, as a culmination of the National Cotton Week celebration.

Five units have already been formed as follows: Kinston, Roseboro, Dunn, Erwin, Goldsboro and Johnston county.

The Johnston County unit is headed by Mrs. N. L. Perkins who will be assisted by Mrs. Carl Pugh and Mrs. Guy Lee and is being sponsored by the Smithfield Kiwanis club. Practices will be held on each Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the Baptist church, the first practice having been held last night. Every man in Johnston county who can sing and who is interested in developing community singing is invited to join the unit being formed here. At least fifty or seventy-five voices are wanted in the Johnston county unit, and it is desired that every section of the county be represented in this choir.

After the initial performance in Goldsboro, a concert will be staged here with the local unit taking the lead.

There is no cost whatever attached to joining in with this movement. Mr. Alderman states that the music and other necessary expenses has been provided for.—Smithfield Herald.

P. T. A. Met Monday Night

The April meeting of the Selma P. T. A. was held Monday night April 24. Opened with one verse of "Carolina," followed by prayer by Mr. G. F. Brietz. Minutes were read by Miss Virginia Baines. Ten new members were reported by chairman of the membership committee. Miss Winn's first grade won the attendance prize in the grammar school and Mr. Liles eighth grade for the high school.

Banners were awarded to Miss Gallup's 1st grade and Miss Hall's 6th grade for neatness. Miss Margaret Etheredge, chairman of the Welfare committee made a very interesting report of the work which had been done for the school children through her department. She also announced a Preschool clinic to be held at the school building on Wednesday, May 3rd. The local physicians will be assisted by Miss Mazingo, a graduate nurse.

Mrs. Hughes, chairman of the program committee announced that Miss Winn's 1st grade would give a Mother Goose pageant. Twenty-one little girls and boys in colorful costume took part in the presentation of a splendid play.

Rev. L. T. Singleton was the speaker for the evening, his subject being "Appreciation of Beauty." Said he, "Foremost educators have long since realized the importance of beautiful surroundings and the influence they have in the formation of character. What boy or girl is not proud of the beautiful buildings and grounds of his school or home. Beautiful music has influenced many a life for good and many a sermon has been preached in song.

The last regular meeting of the Selma P. T. A. for the present school year will be held on Monday night, May 22nd. Rev. N. H. Massey of Smithfield is expected to be our guest speaker.

LIVE OAK NEWS

The farmers of this community are busy planting crops and getting ready to set tobacco.

Miss Lucy Scott, of Selma, was the guest of Miss Penina Radford last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyette, of Corbett-Hatcher section spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Bettie and Allie Phillips.

Miss Irene Sullivan is spending some time with relatives in High Point.

Miss Lela Phillips spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Nera Mae Vause.

Miss Myrtle Stallings visited friends at Corbett-Hatcher Sunday afternoon.

A number of people from this community attended church at Branche's Chapel Sunday.

The Catawba County Jersey Breeders Association will hold its annual county sale during May.

Political Cards

FOR MAYOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the town of Selma subject to the election to be held on the 2nd day of May 1933. If elected to this office, I pledge my earnest endeavor toward an efficient, well organized and economical town government and the elimination of all non-essential expenses. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

WILLIAM I. GODWIN.

FOR MAYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the re-election for the office of Mayor of the Town of Selma, N. C., subject to the action of the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd.

W. W. HARE.

NOTICE!

To the Voters of the Town of Selma: Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, I am a candidate for Mayor of Selma, regardless of who else may be a candidate, and am in the race to stay until the very last vote is counted.

My platform is the advocacy of economy and financial reform, and the making of Selma a bigger and better place in which to live. I am in favor of cheaper light and water rates, and the reduction of taxes. If elected mayor, I shall devote both my time and energy, and give my very best service to all the citizens of Selma, in the enforcement of law and order, in the protection of society, and the reduction of taxation in every form. I promise to the voters of Selma that I shall use all my influence to promote the interest of the bona fide inhabitants of Selma.

Thanking all my friends for their support, I am,
Yours very truly,
D. W. RICHARDSON.

FOR MAYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of the Town of Selma subject to the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd. I elected I promise an unswerving fidelity to the duties that develop upon me as Mayor of said town and a practical, safe and sane administration of the affairs of the town. Your support will be appreciated.

I. W. MASSEY.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Town Commissioner subject to the voters of the town in an election to be held on May 2nd. Will thank you for your support.

E. J. SASSER.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of the Town of Selma subject to the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd.

E. V. DEANS.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy as one of the members of the town board of commissioners of Selma subject to the action of the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd.

ROY. A. JONES

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I announce my candidacy for Town Commissioner, subject to the voters at an election to be held in the Town of Selma, May 2, 1933. Will thank you for your support.

CLYDE JONES.

FOR COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Selma, subject to the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd.

J. C. AVERY.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Commissioner of the Town of Selma, subject to a vote of the people on May 2, 1933. I will appreciate your support at the polls.

C. P. HARPER.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER.

To the Public:

At the solicitation of several of my friends, I have decided to offer myself as candidate for one of our commissioners. If I am elected, I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability. I believe in economy, progress, decency and upbuilding of Selma. I will thank you for your loyal support.

A. V. DRIVER.

Government Seed Loan Borrowers

We have proposition that will interest you if you will buy as far as your money goes. We may be able to work out plan with you for balance needed without full time prices. Johnson No-Dirt Filler Guano, Castings for all plows; Wagons, Silk Finish Flour, Farm Supplies. Make our store your store.

Floyd C. Price & Son
Phone 48 Selma, N. C.

Shop around and if you do not find it come to us, we have it. Especially in all the new materials in Dress Goods at prices lower than we can sell them later. Everybody is feeling and looking better.

Smith & Cameron

HATS



Just received full line Etchison & Stetson and Straws. See our line and get our prices before buying. Selma Clo. & Shoe Co.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for commissioner for the Town of Selma, subject to a vote of the people on May 2nd. I am in favor of the continuation of the economy program whereby the citizenry of the town may be able to feel some relief from present high rates on their light and power bills, or any other measures which can be successfully worked out that will lessen the burdens on our tax payers.

W. L. STANFIELD.

FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of the Town of Selma, subject to the voters at an election to be held on May 2nd.

C. TALTON.

PATIENCE

By Rev. D. H. TUTTLE
Patience means blessed quietness while waiting for God to make good a promise. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him. Psalm 37:7.
God is good to them that wait for him; the soul that seeketh after him. Jeremiah.
Brother, can you be patient while you are looking for a misplaced

hammer; can you keep from saying, "I'd like to know who has moved it?"
Impatient men cuss about very small troubles.

Sister, can you hold your tongue while hunting for a lost tumbler. A thimble full of real patience could keep you from accusing someone for taking it. Many a child has gotten a slap while an impatient daddy or mammy was rushing round, trying to find the misplaced object.

Have you forgotten how Jesus said, "In patience possess ye your souls."

Heed his words: You must meet Him.

"Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and never wanting nothing.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Jas. 5:7,8.

Be ye also ready. When Jesus comes will you be among the wise or foolish virgins? WHICH?

Go to no place where you would not desire to be found when Jesus comes. Do nothing, say nothing, you would not like to be doing, or saying when Jesus comes.