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Voices Favoring Location of Armor Plant in Watauga Valley.

The following from the Johnson City Staff, was sent to The Democrat by ex-Senator John Lineback of Elk Park, with request to publish, which we do with pleasure:

With the North Carolina Legislature having passed a resolution urging the North Carolina delegation in congress to get behind and push the claims of the Watauga Valley as the location for the government's \$11,000,000 Armor Plant, the local committees have been given a new impetus to carry on the work being done by them toward securing this big plant for this section.

Among the progress made and other good news concerning the location of the plant, is a letter which has been received by Mr. Lee F. Miller from Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, endorsing in strong terms the Watauga Valley site. Senator Overman in his letter says:

"My dear Mr. Miller: Your esteemed favor of recent date in regard to the selection of a site for the location of the Government Armor Plant in the Watauga Valley, enclosing clipping from the Johnson City Staff, received.

"I think the government would make a mistake if it did not locate the plant on the site offered by your association, and I sincerely hope they will eventually do so."

Attorney Miller has also received a letter from Senator-elect Kenneth D. McKellar concerning the location of the plant, which is as follows:

"My dear Mr. Miller: Your letter of the 15th instant with enclosure received and noted.

"It is certainly a very flattering report. I am still working for East Tennessee, and told the Secretary this morning that I was just waiting for him to indicate which one of the cities in East Tennessee he preferred and then I would get every influence possible in behalf of that city."

The local committee here has just received from the Armor Plant board a pamphlet which, among other things says:

"Labor: 25. The plant will employ from 1,500 to 2,000 workmen, and many of them must be skilled as melters, heaters, forge men, machinists, etc. The near communities must be able to absorb this number, together with the corresponding increase in population. The future development of the industries of the plant may greatly increase this number."

Concerning this matter, Mr. Sells writes as follows:

"Again, on page 6, paragraph 25, you will notice the requirements relative to the absorption by the local communities of the employees of the company. This is in line with a suggestion I made when you were in Washington, that in all probability our facilities for taking care of this number of people would probably militate against us. We ought to have some agreement among the business men of Elizabethton and Johnson City to provide the necessary homes for this population in the event the plant should be located with us. No doubt the circular will suggest a great many other matters to you, but I believe, the two outlined above will probably constitute the more serious difficulties, which we would have to overcome. I know that you and the rest of the committee will take such steps as may appear necessary to secure information which will satisfy the board on these two points."

Germany's Ultimate Trump.

The world will begin to wonder immediately whether the fight between British and German destroyers in the North Sea was merely an isolated skirmish, or whether the German navy is at last beginning to stir, preparatory to making one more attempt to break the blockade. What has been going on in the neighborhood of Wilhelmshaven for the past two years and a half has been veiled in impenetrable secrecy; but it is safe to say that something has been going on. We have heard vague rumors of this and that—of huge submarines, of one-man submarines, of submarines of an altogether new type, of 18-inch guns, and a gigantic battleship named the Hindenburg which may be only one of a class that Germany hopes will be able to cope with the Lion and the Tiger. But these are all rumors. We know nothing, save that Germany has been tremendously busy.

Plenty of ship-yards in the United States are capable of building a battle ship in two years in time of peace. Who can tell what the German yards have been able to produce under the forced draft of war pressure? Germany has had plenty of time to increase the size of her navy enormously. She may be ready now to try conclusions with the Mistress of the seas.

But it must be remembered that Germany has been preparing frantically, England has not been idle. The secrecy that has surrounded the preparations of the British navy has been a profound as that that covers the doings at Wilhelmshaven; but many and many a great ship has slid from the ways since the blockade was clamped down 29 months ago. If the veil could be lifted and the real strength of the British navy revealed for a moment we have no doubt that the world stare and gasp. Unless a great sea-fight, accompanied by tremendous mutual destruction, intervenes, peace will find England and Germany each equipped with a navy that will that of any third power seem a play-thing by comparison.

We do not look for such a battle in the immediate future, but it is always to be reckoned among the possibilities. There may be factors in the situation unknown to outsiders that lead the Germans to believe that the blockade may be broken. But judging by the relative strength of the navies at the outbreak of the war, and by what is known of their increase since, an attempt since an attempt to challenge British mastery of the seas would seem to be a forlorn hope on Germany's part. But if the food situation within the empire is getting as desperate as some reports say, she may feel compelled to take the chance. Her navy is the last trump card that Germany holds; naturally she will be reluctant to play it until she has to.—Greensboro Daily News.

Different Kinds Of Coughs.

Colds lead to different kinds of coughs—"drycough," "winter cough", la grippe cough, bronchial cough, asthmatic cough, and racking, painful cough to raise choking phlegm. Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I continually coughed, could hardly sleep. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me, curing my cough entirely."

The Sea Shore Hotel at Wrightsville Beach, will be much improved before the coming season opens, \$15,000 to be spent thereon.

Mr. Calvin Long Passes.

At four o'clock last Thursday afternoon, at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. T. A. Hodges, residing near the village, Mr. Calvin Long, a much beloved citizen, passed to his reward, having rounded out a life of three score and fifteen years. He had been in declining health for some time, and a severe attack of La Grippe soon hastened him to the end of life's journey.

Mr. Long came to Watauga from Alleghany county some 30 years ago, and has been numbered among our best citizens ever since. He was a man firm in his convictions, doing what he considered to be right in all matters of a public nature, regardless of the views of others. Always pleasant and agreeable, honest to a cent and, best of all devoted to his church and his family.

He is survived by seven children, three sons and four daughters—Messrs. G. R. Long, of Lockhart, Florida, and Eli and Tallent Long, of Montana and Mesdames G. A. Hodges, of Boone, W. R. Moody, of Wheatland, Wyoming, and Verdie Harrigan Ashe county, N. C., the last named arriving here on Tuesday before his death, and was at his bedside when the summons came.

The body was interred in the Hines grave yard, on an elevation overlooking his former home Saturday, in the presence of a goodly number of friends and relatives who had assembled to pay the last tribute of love and respect to his memory.

Aho Happenings.

Grippe seems to be prevalent in this community at present. No very serious cases, however.

Mr. Will Coffey is remodeling his house. He will have a very tasteful residence when it is completed.

Mr. Bob Triplett anticipates moving to Shulls Mills in the near future.

Knotting bed spreads and tying fringe seems to be the order of the day among the ladies of this community.

The spirit of Christmas seems to linger among us. During and since the holidays, the men of the community visited the homes of Aunt Minerva Canter, Miss Malinda Weaver, Mrs. Julia Castle and Mrs. J. P. Matney, and left a bountiful supply of wood at each place.

Who says the men of Aho are selfish? I don't believe it.

J. M.

Prefers Chamberlain's.

"In this course of a conversation with Chamberlain Medicine Co's representative today, we had occasion to discuss in a general way the merits of their different preparations. At his suggestion I take pleasure in expressing my estimation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have a family of six children and have used this remedy in my home for years. I consider it the only cough remedy on the market, as I have tried nearly all kinds."—Earl C. Rose, publisher Hamilton County Republican-News, Syracuse, Kan.

Mrs. Hessian Holdin, of Pulaski county, Va., said to have been the oldest woman in that State, died recently at the age of 110 years.

Eighty-Seven Years Old.

H. H. Adams, Springfield, Mo., writes: "I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I am getting old, 87 years. I tried different treatments, but none did me so much good as Foley Kidney Pills. Foley Kidney Pills build up weakened kidneys, help rid the blood of acids and relieve bladder troubles. Sold every where."

Will Make Blowing Rock Turnpike Free Road.

Lenoir News.

The county is securing options on the Blowing Rock Turnpike stock and in event the bond issue for building good roads in the county carries, the county will take up these options and make the turnpike a free road. So far the owners of this stock are readily signing these options at a price about one third of the par value. The turnpike company has about \$40,000, or less, outstanding stock, and it is estimated that the county will be able to get the road for about \$12,000 to \$15,000, that is, providing the bond issue, which makes a provision for the maintenance of all roads, receives a favorable vote.

With the turnpike a county owned and a free road it opens the way for securing Federal aid and maintenance for our through roads. The Government offers dollar for dollar on main roads connecting the county seats and unless Caldwell buys out the turnpike the chance of securing this aid will be cut off altogether. Caldwell county has already lost several thousand dollars Federal aid—last year when the \$114,000 was apportioned to the counties in this State. At that time Caldwell made no provision for putting up her part and the county's name was left off the list while other counties all around us were given consideration.

Ten Commandments of Agriculture.

Governor Bickett said in his inaugural address that these commandments, printed in letters of gold, ought to be framed and hung in every rural school school house in North Carolina.

1. Prepare a deep and thoroughly pulverized seed bed, well drained; break in the fall to the depth of eight or ten inches, according to the soil, with implements that will not bring the subsoil to the surface. (When breaking in the spring the foregoing depths should be reached gradually.)

2. Use seed of the best variety, intelligently selected and carefully stored.

3. In cultivating crops, give the rows and the plants in the rows a space suited to the plant, the soil and the climate.

4. Use intensive tillage during the growing period of the crops.

5. Secure a high content of humus in the soil by the use of legumes, barnyard manure, farm refuse and commercial fertilizers.

6. Carry out a systematic rotation of crops with a winter cover crop on Southern farms.

7. Accomplish more work in a day by using more horse power and better implements.

8. Increase the farm stock to the extent of utilizing all the waste products and idle lands on the farm.

9. Produce all the food required for the men and animals on the farm.

10. Keep an account of each farm product, in order to know from which the gain and loss arises.

Soon Over His Cold.

Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y., has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with cold for two or three weeks. I doctored him and used various cough medicine but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."

Good Chance for the One-Horse Farmer.

"What hope is there for a one-horse farmer, if any?" asks a reader. It all depends on the kind of man he is. While having only one work animal is a handicap, there are worse. For instance, we'd rather risk making a paying crop with one mule on rich land than to try it on poor land with a dozen mules. Peas, beans, and the clovers can be grown as well by the one-horse farmer as by the larger, and crop rotations that will build up the land are just as easily possible with the small fellow. Get out of the one-horse class as soon as you can, of course; but the mere fact that you are a one-horse farmer by no means shuts the door of hope. One of the most successful farmers we know, a man rated at \$300,000, started thirty years ago with a single gray mare and an unlimited amount of spunk. Yes, the one-horse farmer has a chance and a good one. The Progressive Farmer.

Inactivity Causes Constipation.

Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and listless, your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the congested intestines without griping. A dose before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c. at your Druggist.

The Junior Class of the University of North Carolina, has elected Fred Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farthing, of Boone, Chief Marshal for the Commencement early in June.

NOTICE.

North Carolina Watauga county In the Superior court. A. N. Church vs. M. J. Church.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Watauga county for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the third Monday after the first Monday in March, 1917 at the court house in said Watauga county, N. C. and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This January 27, 1917.

W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior court, J. B. Council, Trustee, vs. T. R. Gragg and W. R. Blackburn.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Watauga county in the above entitled action, I will on the first Monday in March 1917, the same being the 5th day of said month, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said T. R. Gragg defendant, has in the following described real estate, the same being the excess over and above his homestead exemption, to wit: Adjoining the lands of S. J. Bishop, T. R. Gragg, W. S. Norris and others. Beginning on a poplar at the forks of a branch, and runs a north-east course down and with the branch 54 poles to a lynn, S. J. Bishop's corner; thence north-west course with Bishop's line 44 poles to a stake near the top of the ridge; thence S. 72° W. with the top of the ridge 57 poles to a stake; thence S. 26° E. 38 poles to the beginning and containing fifteen acres more or less. This Feb. 1, 1917.

W. P. MOODY, Sheriff.

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