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CHURCHES.

Following is one of the Babson letters, sent in by Mr. W. S. Whiting, of the Boone Fork Lumber Co., which, by his request, we publish with pleasure, as certainly it is worth its space in any paper of the land:

"What is our security for the stocks, bonds, mortgages, deeds and other investments which we own? To the extent that we personally occupy or use the property, this security is tangible. Certainly our chances of holding property which we personally occupy or use are better than any one else's chances of getting this property away from us. We, however, cannot say this concerning property which we rent, or property upon which we are only loaning money. When it comes to stocks, bonds and other investments of which we are only one of many owners, our security is very much tangible.

"We think that we are well off because we have a bunch of stock certificates, bonds, and mortgages in a safe-deposit box in some local bank. We are contented and independent because of these pieces of paper. Many of us had much rather have a bond of a western city which we have never seen, than an acre of land in our own home town. Yet with such pieces of paper as we not really in a weaker position than the rich man Jesus told about who, when pulling down his barns to build greater ones, was suddenly called by the angel of death? It seems to me that our position is very much weaker than his. He needed fear only the angel of death;—our property could become valueless long before we are ever called.

"To begin with—think how dependent you are on the guards of the safe-deposit vault which holds your all. The bank officials show you the great iron doors, they expatiate upon the time locks and tell you of the electrical and other means of protection. But what do these amount to? Before the clerk gives you your key, is there anything to prevent him making a duplicate of that key? With such a duplicate he could at any time open your box and clean it out. Yes—not only your box but all the others likewise. Moreover, he is probably working for a comparatively small salary. Of course, he would be caught; but he would have caused you much trouble and worry. He surely could make you penniless for a few weeks. All of this means that you really are not depending upon the great steel vaults or the keys of your little box. You are really depending upon the honesty of the ill-paid and humble bank clerk.

"Let us now consider upon what the value of the papers within the box depends. Surely they have no value of themselves. Their value depends upon your ability to foreclose in case payment is refused. Now this fact presupposes that your certificates bonds and mortgages are properly drawn. Have you ever looked at them to see if they are properly signed, not to mention their legal status? Local real estate mortgages we have examined for us.

For the legality, proper execution and genuineness of our other securities we depend upon our bankers and brokers. But this simply means that we really do not depend at all upon the pieces of paper which we so carefully protect in our safe deposit boxes. It is the integrity of the men who prepared them, the integrity of men who prepared them, the integrity of the officials who signed them and the integrity of the

bankers who sold them upon which we really depend. If any of these parties are dishonest, the papers which we so carefully cherish would be valueless. We could not collect from any court on forged, fraudulent or even illegally issued documents.

"But granting that all the company officials, the attorney's clerks and the banker's employes have been honest, how then would you enforce your claims without an honest court? You could not do so. Hence, your real security for the stocks, bonds and other evidences of wealth is the integrity of the people who elect or appoint the judges who make foreclosures possible. But even with honest courts you still may become penniless unless public opinion insists upon these court decrees being enforced.

"You may have a mortgage on my house. Your mortgage is of value only as everyone connected with it—the lawyer who drew it—the notary who acknowledged it—and the little stenographer who copied it, up to the jury which is to enforce it, is honest. Yes, and even then you cannot get me out of my house unless the majority of the entire community is honest. With the community sympathizing with me, the officers would not and could not put me out. Under such circumstances what would your mortgage be worth? Absolutely nothing. Moreover, if this is true regarding a local mortgage? It is much more serious in connection with our investments in railroads, in industries and other properties outside the city where we live.

"What does all this mean? It means that the real security for the stocks, bonds, mortgages, deeds and other investments which we own is the integrity of the community. The steel boxes, the legal papers and other things which we look upon as so important are the mere shells of the eggs. The value of your investment depends not on the strength of our banks but rather upon our churches. The underpaid preachers of the nation are the men upon whom we really are depending rather than the well-paid lawyers, bankers and brokers. The religion of the community is really the bulwark of our investments. And when we consider that only 15 per cent of the people hold securities of any kind and less than 3 per cent hold enough to pay an income tax, the importance of the churches become even more evident.

"For our own sakes, for our children's sakes, for the nation's sake, let us business men get behind the churches and their ministers! Never mind if they are not perfect, never mind if their theology is out of date. This only means that were they efficient they would do very much more. The safety of all we have is due to the churches even in their inefficient and inactive state. By all that we hold dear, let us from this very day give more time, money and thought to the churches of our city, for upon these the value of all we own ultimately depends!"

You can do some things next week, but some you cannot. So don't wait, act now! Insure your house before it burns. Insure your health before you get sick. Insure your life before you die for then it is everlastingly too late. I sell the best policies at universal rates
GEC. F. BLAIR,
Blowing Rock, N. C.

The Ousting Of Mr. Lansing.

The information coming from Washington of the White House development of last night will take the people of the United States by surprise. It will do more than that. It will cause an international sensation. The President, resuming active charge of the duties of his office, has felt called upon as an upholder of the Constitution, to take the Premier Cabinet member, secretary of State Lansing, to task for a breach of constitution law practice in having called the heads of Executive Departments together in Conference. This is a function that lies within the right of the President alone, and none but the President and Congress has authority to ask the views of Cabinet officers on public questions. Secretary Lansing admitted having called his associates into "informal" conference, as had been reported to President Wilson, and justified continuance of the arrangement by reason of the mutual benefit derived. He had thought it wise to confer informally on matters which could not await a time when the President medical advisers would permit him to pass upon them. The President takes the view that "in the development of every constitutional system, custom and precedent are of the most serious consequence." He placed the matter so seriously to the consideration of Secretary Lansing that no course was left open to him except to tender his resignation, and this he made no hesitation in doing.

But it is the President's reply in acceptance of the offered resignation that will cause the country to tingle with a surprised excitement, because of the severity of language used. President Wilson reveals an extraordinary depth of feeling over what he thinks a wilful disregard of his instructions, and he boldly charges Mr. Lansing with having taken advantage of the opportunity for acting contrary to the President's desires and plans while the president was in Europe and inferentially taking advantage of his illness; that he was extremely reluctant to accept the instructions left for his guidance, and that he had tried to forestall the President's judgement in a number of instances by formulating action and merely asking his approval.

It is the most terrific arraignment of a Premier Cabinet officer by a president in the history of the country. There is "as much personal feeling as possible," left out of it, yet that it tingles with indignation over an inquiry, supposed or real, by the trusted Cabinet officer, there can be no mistaking. The development is in fact an administrative sensation before which all others will pale into insignificance.—Charlotte Observer.

The human sucker bites freely and is valued accordingly. We read of a "sucker list" of twenty-five thousand names for which a New York brokerage firm now in difficulties asks twelve thousand dollars. Some of the "suckers" on that list might be a surprise in the towns in which they live.—Ex.

For the single genius that rises to bless and enrich the world there are ten that go down crushed under the heels of ignorance and envy.—Sarah Wilkins.

In the category of crime, omissions, no less than commission, should be brought to judgment.—Walter Surrey.

Letter From Judson E. Wagner.

Mr. Editor: One year ago today I landed at Melstone, Mont., 107 miles east of Harlowton, the town in which I now live, and a thriving little town of 4,000 inhabitants. From here starts out the greatest electric railway system in the United States, and the most powerful motors. This system crosses the Rockies with a string of 100 freight cars, and will soon have completed 1,000 miles of electric line.

I began to work with this company on the 27th day of last February, and haven't missed a days work since. I have made on an average of \$100. per month, but, believe me, where you make good money, it costs something to support a family. Eggs cost \$1 per dozen; butter 75 cents per pound; spuds \$6. per hundred pounds and other things high in proportion.

But of all the things that would attract a Watauga would be the many different nationalities that are along the railroads. We have Greeks, Bulgarians, Swedes, Italians, Danes, Rumanians, Germans, French and others. I have seen 18 or 20 in a crowd at work [when no one could speak the language of the other, and it was really amusing.

Well, referring to my home county, will say that I am always anxious to get the county paper, and when it arrives I never cease until all the columns have been read, to learn of the good old county and its prosperity. Yet I regret to see that we yet have in that good county a few chronic kickers against good roads and the revaluation act. I think above all that the good roads system is the most needed thing in Watauga, and she will never come to her own until she has a good road into every township, and I hope that day will soon come.

JUDSON E. WAGNER.

A Watauga Dairy Barn.

With the completion of a modern California Redwood 70 ton silo, Mr. A. L. Wilson and son Thomas, of Silverstone have a dairy establishment that compares favorably with the best dairy barns in Wisconsin or Michigan.

A unique feature of this barn is the watering arrangement for the livestock, a concrete trough is so constructed that cows and horses from three different sections of this barn can get water without interfering with each other, also an up-to-date dust proof milk room with running water is located in one corner of the barn. This milk room has cement floors with a sanitary drainage system.

Mr. Wilson and his son Thomas are pioneers in this county in breeding pure-blood Holstein cattle and White Leghorn chickens, and their farm is rapidly becoming known as the home of pure-bred Holsteins and White Leghorn chickens.

NOTICE

The heirs-at-law of Avery Penley, names and residences unknown, will take notice that a proceeding has been instituted by the Elk Creek Lumber Company and others against the heirs at law of Avery Penley dec'd. names unknown, before the Clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county, the purpose there of being for the sale for partition of certain lands in said county described in deed registered in book 4, page 204, in the Register's office of said county. Said defendants will also take notice that the proceeding is returnable, and that unless they appear before said clerk at his office at Boone, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of February 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon that the relief demanded by the petitioners will be granted.

This 30th day of January 1920.
O. L. COFFEY,
Clerk Superior Court

Mr. Doughton Still Undecided.

Whether or not Congressman Doughton will be in line for re-nominaation, says the Lenoir News, is still problematical, according to more recent reports from Washington. Last week the Washington correspondent of a North Carolina daily, sent out the report that Mr. Doughton had declared himself for the nomination. Another newspaper says that Mr. Doughton has been embarrassed by these reports, and carries the following statement from him:

"The fact is, I have not made a decision about being a candidate for re-election, and the matter is not worrying me just now, as I feel that there is ample time to determine what I shall do."

Mr. Doughton said that while he did not want to be in the attitude of being unappreciative of the interest his friends were taking in his contemplated candidacy, he felt that it would do no harm to defer the matter for a while, reserving the right to make formal and definite announcement in due time.

"Since these publications have been made," continued Mr. Doughton, "I have received a large number of letters from my friends and supporters in North Carolina assuring me of their continued favor. These manifestations I keenly appreciate, but I must just now say to all who make them that at the proper time I shall maturely consider the matter, reach a conclusion and announce my determination."

INFLUENZA AND WEAK BLOOD

RUN-DOWN AND LISTLESS CONDITION MAY MAKE YOU TARGET FOR THE "FLU"

BECAUSE BLOOD IS PROBABLY THIN.

AT THIS TIME OF DANGER, TAKE PEPTO-MANGAN—IT BUILDS RICH, RED BLOOD

No matter how well you usually are, if temporarily you're run down, you're a target for the influenza.

Contagion always gets listless people first. Whether they realize it or not, their blood is thin and undernourished—in no condition to fight off the germs it meets everywhere. It is a wise precaution to take a good tonic at this time of danger—some well-known-builder of red, vigorous blood, like Pepto-Mangan.

And if you did not think of this in time—if you are recovering from a fight with influenza—your blood will need help for weeks after you think danger is past.

Take no unnecessary chances. Get Pepto-Mangan and start taking it today. Pepto-Mangan is an effective blood builder that has had the endorsement of physicians for years.

Pepto-Mangan is sold by druggists in either liquid or tablet form, just as preferred. There is no difference in medicinal value. But be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan. Ask for Gude's Pepto-Mangan and be sure the name is on the package.—Adv.

Entry Notice No. 2549

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county. Joseph Presnell locates and enters the following described piece of land, lying and being in the county of Watauga, Watauga township and bounded as follows: Beginning on a chestnut, Billy Mast's corner, and runs east with Mast's line 60 poles to Noah Earp line, then north with Earp's line 40 poles to a white oak, corner of the 10 acre Jim Teaster tract, thence west with the line of said tract to the line of the 50 acre tract, thence with said line to the beginning containing 15 acres more or less. Entered Feb 12, 1920
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

A creed is much more practical than a compromise; nor is there any stupider stuff than the denial of the deadly importance of logic to life; the vague notion that a man may become practical merely by becoming unreasonable.—Chesterton.

The lament most weary, most utterly desolate of all upon earth, is the lament of noble minds whose hearts ache for lofty aims and fields of opportunity, and whose lives are denied all purpose and effort.—Lytton.

Entry Notice No. 2546

State of North Carolina, Watauga county; office of entry taker of said county.

N. H. Earp locates and enters 50 acres of land more or less, on the waters of Bald's Creek, in Watauga township beginning on a black gum N H Earp corner, running north with said Earp line to a white oak corner, to a 10 acre tract belonging to the J. F. Testers heirs, thence west with line of said 10 acre tract to a stake in Rachel Tester line thence south with said line to W. H. Mast's line thence various courses to the beginning. Entered Feb 2, 1920
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2548.

State of North Carolina, Watauga county; office of entry taker for said county.

H. W. Presnell locates and enters 3 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Laurel Creek, in Laurel Creek township. Beginning on the E. H. Presnell Grant corner and runs east 40 poles to a stake, thence south with a branch 25 poles to a stake, thence west 30 poles to a stake, thence north to the beginning. Entered February 11, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2545.

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga. Office of Entry taker for said county.

T. D. Wards locates and enters 10 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Beech Creek, in Laurel Creek Township. Beginning on a stake in the mouth of Buckeye Creek, and running east with T. D. Ward's line to J. B. Hicks' line to Charlie Hicks' lines, then with Charlie Hicks' lines, various courses to the beginning. Entered February 2, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2547.

North Carolina, Watauga county. Office of entry taker for said county.

E. E. Earp locates and enters 15 acres of land on the waters of Watauga River in Watauga township. Beginning on a white oak tree, L. C. Earp's corner, thence running with said Earp's line to a chestnut oak, his corner, then with his line to Ed Shipley's line, then to Preston Moody's line. Then with Moody's line to the beginning for compliment. Entered February 2, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the superior court, Thomas D. Gragg vs Manda Gragg.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga County as above entitled and that summons has been issued therein and been returned by the officer, not served and that order of publication in said summons has been duly obtained against you requiring you to appear at the clerk's office in Boone, Watauga county, at the court house on the 26th day of February, 1920, when and where you are required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, or the relief therein prayed for will be granted; said action being for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony between yourself and the plaintiff. This the 20th day of January 1920.

O. L. COFFEY,
Clerk of the Superior court for Watauga County.

GOOD STOCK FOR SALE.

Heavy pair horses, 8 years old; One good three year old yoke of steers, and one good 3 year old bay horse; gray mare, 5 years old, weighs 950 pounds; good saddle horse, 8 years old, weighs 1060 pounds; One bay mare, 10 years old, weighs 1100. Will sell on time or swap for anything you have that don't suit you. Come and look my stuff over and if I haven't got what you want, I'll get it for you.
R. L. Honeycut.