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Improve.

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, May 22.—“Flabbergasted” victims of Governor Morrie’s confined to a few newspaper offices, are gradually recovering from the last shock (administered last Friday) when the Governor announced the adoption of the new system of State Prison management, under Superintendent George Pou, and for the reception of which they were totally unprepared.

The new departure has met with universal commendation of people and press (even including the few papers that couldn’t do otherwise under the compelling influence of public approval).

Now let the one hundred counties of the State show like zeal and determination with regard to county convict camps and “chain gangs” (whereat the complaints of flogging were chiefly directed), and there will be a genuine and satisfying improvement.

Negro Exodusters Fooled.

Some of the negro “unskilled laborers” who have recently left North Carolina for industrial points in the North, are already beginning to drift back, dissatisfied and humbugged. Most of the exodusters were induced to leave by “emigration agents” who were paid so much per head for every negro landed at the Northern industrial centers concerned.

Some of the North Carolina negroes who landed in the Pennsylvania steel district (the scene of the hardest kind of work where foreigners most abound) are back with the statement that they were deceived and have had enough. They state that the labor agent told them they would receive from \$4 to \$7.50 per day, have a comfortable home to live in, work only eight hours, and be treated royally. He went—and quickly came back. He said he was paid \$4 a day all right—but it was taken up by his board, wash, insurance, transportation, etc., that all he saw of his two weeks’ work was \$2 given him for spending money. He said a fellow-laborer told him it would take ten weeks before he would begin drawing any real money, and for this reason and because the men were guarded at night to prevent their departure before the company account was squared, he slipped away and came back home.

The “Lost Provinces” Railroad Outlook Improves.

Prospects for the lease of the “Lost Province Railroad,” for the construction of which the last General Assembly authorized a bond issue of \$10,000,000, have been materially brightened by the merger announced this week giving the Louisville & Nashville control over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio. Such is the view of Representative T. C. Bowie, who piloted the railroad measure through the Legislature, and who is in Raleigh investigating the management of the State Sanatorium.

The commission appointed to name the route for the railroad across the mountains has proceeded no further than to order surveys of the various routes proposed over the mountains, but Mr. Bowie and his associates on the commission have been busy finding a market for their proposed road.

The act of the General Assembly contemplates a trunk line suitable for coal carrying and which will operate all the way

from the mountains to some seaport on the Atlantic coast.

The Southern and the L. & N. have been considered by Mr. Bowie as his two liveliest prospects, but both have considered the possibility of acquiring the C. C. & O. for some time, and until that question was definitely settled there was less likelihood of interesting either railroad. The announced merger removes all hope of a lease to the L. & N., which is associated with the Atlantic Coast Line. However, the Southern has for some time routed shipments via the C. C. & O. because of the great saving in distance across the mountains, and Mr. Bowie feels confident that the Southern will now want a short route of its own and will be interested in the road authorized to be built by the State.

Inter-City Rotary Meet in Raleigh Friday.

Four hundred or more Rotarians are expected in Raleigh next week for the fifth annual East Carolina Inter-City Rotary Meet, Friday, May 25. Roger Moore is district governor and R. H. Wright of Greenville is president of the Inter-City Association. There are sixteen clubs in western and central North Carolina and 650 members in all.

Raleigh is preparing to entertain the convention royally, and all sessions will be held at the Methodist Orphanage. Dr. John B. Wright is chairman of the committee on entertainment here. Others on the committee are John Park, president of the club; Henry M. London, secretary; H. H. Brimley, John E. Evans, Clyde Dillon, R. H. Merritt, Albert S. Barnes, Louis V. Sutton, Paul Hufish and Charles J. Jarvis.

Clubs that will be represented in the meeting are: Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Henderson, Goldsboro, New Bern, Washington, Wilson, Clinton, Durham, Farmville, Greenville, Kingston, Oxford, Wilmington and Raleigh.

There will be morning and afternoon sessions, adjourning at 3:45 in time to attend the ball game at the League Park. The visitors are invited at that time to “jump in any auto with the Rotary emblem and say ‘ball game.’”

The program of the day will be as follows:

Morning Session.

Opening songfest. Call to order, President Wright. Invocation, Henry Lane of Raleigh. Address of welcome, Albert L. Cox of Raleigh. Response, Pat O’Neil of Henderson. “Service and Fellowship,” address by Parson Ben Hill of Fayetteville. “The Baby Club’s Problems,” talk by Parson Matthis of Clinton Club. “Practical Rotary Ethics,” talk by Parson Frank Love of Wilson. “Developing the New Member,” talk by Jasper Winslow of Greenville. “The District Governor’s Job,” talk by Roger Moore. Election of officers for 1924 spring meeting. Selection of meeting place, voting by clubs as units. Feeding time, barbecue on Orphanage grounds.

Afternoon Session.

More vocal efforts. Singing contest, club competition for trophy. Brimjarvics, a new mystery stunt, by members of Raleigh Club. Minstrel scenes, exhibition by students of Methodist Orphanage. Leave for ball game. Jump in any auto with Rotary emblem and say, “Ball game.”

On the first two sales days of the recently organized curb market at Rocky Mount, the farm women of Nash and Edgecombe counties sold \$149.85 and \$165.25 worth of products. A Nash County Club boy profits from the sales by making baskets. He has made and sold 15 at \$1.00 each.

Insects and diseases frequently destroy from 60 to 80 percent of the fruit crop in an unsprayed orchard. Sometimes the trees are so weakened that they die later. Spraying keeps the trees vigorous and the fruit unblemished, say horticultural workers of the Agricultural Extension Service.

A farmer of Perquimans County planted a permanent pasture last fall costing about \$30. He reports to County Agent L. W. Anderson that he wouldn’t take \$50 in cash for it now.

SUGARLESS FOOD

ONLY RELIEF AGAINST PRICE GOUGERS.

Much Building Suspended on Account High Price of Building Material.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, May 21.—Sugarless food is the alternative which the American people face in their fight against the profiteering and plundering that has been given an open season as a result of President Harding’s refusal to reduce the tariff on sugar and the failure of his Attorney General’s gesture toward the Sugar Barons.

The Government’s appeal from the lower court’s refusal to grant an injunction against the New York Sugar Exchange and the New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association is foredoomed to go without consideration by the Supreme Court for several months or longer. No help may soon be expected from that quarter even if an injunction against corporations which have little or nothing to do with controlling the price of sugar would be a remedy at any time.

Congress will not meet until December and can not undertake a downward revision of the tariff on sugar until then—always supposing, of course, that the Republican majority led by such men as Senator Smoot, Senator Lodge, Senator Brandegee and Representative Green, Representative Longworth and Representative Madden would allow any reduction.

What is true of sugar is true also of other commodities that—like building materials—are being put beyond reach. The President won’t lower the tariff 50 per cent as the law permits and as the Republicans at the time they were trying to induce the public to swallow the bill, promised would be done in respect to an unjust or exorbitant rate. While the President continues to deny relief, while Congress is in vacation, and while the courts can not in the nature of things act in time to prevent the orgy of extortion, the Wool Trust, the Sanitary Pottery Combine, the Cotton Textile Monopoly, and the Sugar Gougers, among others, are booting prices and wringing tribute from the public to the tune of hundreds of millions.

The tariff has “protected” and thereby enhanced building materials to such a degree that the cost of building is almost prohibitive. In New York City alone about \$60,000,000 worth of construction has been indefinitely postponed because of excessive cost of materials. The same story is told of Chicago and other big cities. A revival of business—of which the Republicans were boasting only a few weeks ago—is thus retarded and may be wholly prevented by the operation of the tariff.

It appears that when the people are ready to buy after a long period of abstention and curtailment; when they feel able to increase or replenish their allowance of food, clothing, furniture, utensils, equipment and materials; when they begin to show a little confidence in the recovery of industry, the profiteers promptly “corner” commodities, inflate prices, and resort to thievish practices so that every purchaser becomes the victim of exploitation and spoliation.

Nothing will more quickly and certainly impair confidence, check enterprise, and prolong depression than this recrudescence of profiteering. Nothing could be a surer recipe for profiteering, in turn, than the present Fordney-McCumber tariff law, which has given trusts and monopolies a license to tax and exploit the people. At least two combines which benefit by the tariff were under attack in the Federal courts when this law was enacted. The present tariff on sugar is perhaps the highest put on that staple in the history of the United States. The price of sugar is now the highest, save during a short period when it reflected the conditions of war, in fifty years. Not less than two cents of the exorbitant price of sugar—now 50 per cent higher

than it was a year ago—is due to the Republican tariff. The Republican President might have taken off at least one cent of this price if he had acted in accordance with Republican promises and in keeping with the interests of the people.

It is this sort of legislation for monopoly and special privilege and the practical authorization of unfair and dishonest methods that threaten to stay prosperity. Honest business can not make headway while it remains at the mercy of discriminatory, reactionary, and predatory elements.

Let the Republican administration deprive the plunderers of their protection and give a fair field and no favor, and all business will flourish to the benefit and betterment of all the people!

Wool Trust Blames Retailers

When Trust Alone is Blame.

Certain manufacturing concerns in the Wool Trust have begun to spread propaganda designed to fix upon retailers the blame for the present higher prices of men’s and women’s woolen suits. It is alleged that the retailers have no reason for increasing prices at this time because the new advances made by the Wool Trust are not effective until next autumn.

The retailer can explain to consumers that the American Woolen Company raised its prices last summer and again last autumn, before and after the enactment of the Fordney-McCumber profiteers’ tariff law, and only a few weeks ago announced further advances on goods for delivery in the fall of 1923.

It is expected that the retailers will follow the advice given to them by a trade journal representing their interests and tell customers that it is the tariff on wool and its chief beneficiary, the Wool Trust, and not the dealer that is responsible for the gouging.

Mites and lice multiply very fast in hot weather. Watch for them on the roost poles and on the young chicks.

There are times when a broken window from a stray baseball is cheaper than the broken health of the child. Sunshine and outdoor exercise make young folks healthy.

Timely Tips For The Home Gardener.

Just now is a most important time in the home vegetable garden. There are the young tomato plants, the young peppers and eggplants to be transplanted and the cabbage and cauliflower to be looked after. All of these are much benefitted if they can be transplanted now in a good well pulverized soil that contains humus or decayed vegetable matter so that the young roots will not dry out nor the soil bake about them. F. E. McCall, extension Garden Specialist for the State College and State Department of Agriculture, says that these things should receive attention at once. He advises also that the young tomato plants be kept off the ground and sprayed with the Bordeaux Mixture to prevent blight.

Mr. McCall says, “Now is the time to make additional sowings of early peas (Little Marvel) and the stringless green pod snap beans. Try some Golden Bantam sweet corn for a change this year. White neck radishes, early Half-Long carrots and leaf lettuce (Black seeded Simpson) may also be planted now. In place of the head lettuce try some Cos lettuce for the hot weather. This can be planted by making two or three sowings at two weeks intervals and grown and handled in the same manner as head lettuce. The entire garden can be kept producing some food crop regularly if the plantings and cultivation are kept up regularly and thoroughly.”

The extension workers have made the garden an important part of the “Live at Home” program which they are fostering in North Carolina this year. It is found that the Negroes are already responding splendidly and it is hoped that, this year, no landowner will consider that he has a good farm unless he has a good garden.

The harm a scrub bull does lives after him. He brings down the value of cattle and decreases the milk flow in North Carolina. He should be replaced with pure bred sires, say extension workers.

Simple designs are the most beautiful. The best dressed woman is one of whom people do not say “what a beautiful gown,” but rather “what a beautiful woman.”

CAROLINA ELDORADO.

22,000,000 Acres of Rich Alluvial Land, Undeveloped—The “Nation’s New Frontier.”

Wilmington Star.

Before the vast land area of the west was penetrated by a railroad, the late James J. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific system, and called “the builder of the west,” made this famous remark: “Land without population is a wilderness; population without land is a mob.”

With our thoughts centered upon eastern Carolina and its vast undeveloped area, let us conjure with the Hill declaration, which is a veritable economic philosophy. The west was a wilderness without a population and since it was an immense pioneer proposition, it would have remained a wilderness without railroad transportation. The continental railroads cleaved the continent and the west became a romance. Transportation and romance combined attracted millions of population and North Carolina contributed a liberal share of that westward-bound population. Many of the people of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, and about 20 states west of the Mississippi river, can trace their sturdy ancestors back to the good Old North State. Whither soever Carolinians go, “North Carolina claims her children,” and it is even so that she claimed Uncle Joe Cannon, who helped to “make Illinois famous.”

The denouncement of the western romance has been reached and the day of romance for North Carolina is being staged. Horace Greeley’s “Go West, Young Man,” has been replaced by Roger Babson’s “Go South, All who Seek Opportunities.” Back of the western movement of population was the urge which appealed to the red-blooded pioneer. The latter-day urge of Roger Babson appeals to the capitalist and to the homeseeker for whom opportunities in the south are constantly being emphasized by the Boston house of Babson, known all over America and Europe. Roger Babson is a “bull on the south,” and he says so every day in every way. The south is on Babson’s map and North Carolina is in bas-relief on every map.

North Carolina put herself on the map and it is up to coastal Carolina to let it be known that it is a marvelously resourceful and advantageous section of progressive North Carolina. If eastern Carolina wants her share in the new romance of the times she must figure in the romance. Alluvial Carolina is a rich land largely without population. It contains only one-fourth the population that it should have and we must realize that the time to get population is right now.

The famous remark of James J. Hill was intended to emphasize the advantages, the uses, and the results of transportation and surely we all know what railroads running into the west did for the unsettled west. The west had to have railroads before it could be pioneered. Eastern Carolina has long ago been pioneered and its transportation facilities have been taken care of by 1,800 miles of railways, more than 1,000 miles of interior navigation, and five ocean gateways. With the means of transportation at hand and millions to betterments being provided every year by enterprising and progressive transportation companies, what an immense opportunity we have to attract tens of thousands of homeseekers into this veritable Eldorado, with most of the 22,000,000 acres of undeveloped land credited to North Carolina!

It would really take a book to emphasize the opportunities here for us and the right class of newcomers who can be attracted to this wonderful section because of its proved advantages of every description. Wilmington is the clearing house for all these advantages and opportunities.

Around Wilmington there is such a far-flung area to be settled that the late secretary Lane called this section the “nation’s new frontier,” and it is just that.

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of children—Thackeray.

TOBACCO GROWERS WIN JURY TRIALS.

Virginia Courts Hold Landlord Members Must Deliver all Tobacco to Association.

The Tobacco Growers’ Cooperative Association within a period of ten days recently won two important legal victories in its first cases before Virginia juries.

The first case of the tobacco cooperative to be tried before a jury resulted in a victory only second in importance to the recent decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court upholding the contract of the association. In this case before Judge Hurdley at Charlotte C. H., the association was awarded liquidated damages of 5c. per pound, attorneys’ fees and court costs for tobacco grown by a non-member minor son of a member of the association which was delivered on the auction floors.

In holding a member of the association liable for tobacco grown by a non-member the court, in this first jury trial this month, strengthened the position taken by association officials that every pound of tobacco grown upon a member’s land, whether he has tenants or share croppers, or whether he makes his own crop in 1923, shall be delivered to the association.

A still more striking victory was won by the tobacco cooperative before a Virginia jury last week at Rustburg in Campbell county, Va., in its case against V. W. Martin, when Judge Barksdale ruled that the taking of the defendant’s tobacco by a sheriff on levy was no defense against his obligation to deliver to the association. Judge Barksdale also ruled that the defendant was liable for damages on tobacco grown by his wife and minor children when it was delivered outside the cooperative association, in violation of the contract. The jury rendered a verdict for the association of \$70 in liquidated damages and \$75 in counsel’s fees.

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