

SOME CAUSES WIX.

The FRANKLIN TIMES is, and has been, in favor of the present system of county government (or its equivalent) since its establishment, and we desire to see the present or some other system, as good or better, continued, especially for the eastern counties, and we never wish to see a return to the old system, when the eastern counties, (including Franklin) were almost bankrupted by careless, ignorant and dishonest men. We do not claim, however, that the present system is perfect, and is in every way pleasing to the whole people, but we do claim that the taxpayers have been better protected by the present system than they were before. Yet, many things occur now that are distasteful to the people which could and should be avoided by those who are elected as Magistrates and Commissioners. For instance, in Wake county a number of very important bridges were washed away by the recent floods, and it was necessary for the Magistrates to meet to concur with the commissioners in the cost of rebuilding some of them. They were called to meet last Saturday, but there were 22 short of a quorum present, and nothing could be accomplished. Now why was this? They were lawfully called, and it was the duty of every Magistrate to be present at that meeting. It was important, in that a large number of people were interested, and anxious that the bridges should be rebuilt, at once, if possible. Just such occurrences as these are one cause of complaint. And we might mention other just such occurrences on the part of the Magistrates, which tend to cause opposition to the present system. We have heard complaints against them for not making their returns, and for not being more particular in selecting county commissioners in the various counties. We have heard a number of most excellent gentlemen, who are the law holds a county commissioner responsible financially for his acts, especially in receiving bonds, none but responsible men should be elected county commissioners. Have the Boards of Magistrates of the various counties ever thought of this? We believe that Franklin county has been managed a great deal better, under the present than under the old system, but yet we can hear complaints here also, and while complaints against men in authority are nothing unusual, we feel it our duty to throw out such hints as the above, that they may be on their guard, and instead of doing anything to bring reproach upon the present system, do everything in a legitimate way to make it popular with and profitable to the people.

THE MEN WHO WIN.

There is an old saying that has almost passed into a proverb. "He is a fool who has no enemies." It is undoubtedly true that a stronger character provokes animosity. No one gets hurt running against a feather, but a stone will give a different result. We by no means hold up the stone wall type of a man as the kind we most admire, though his usefulness for one of the qualities of that ancient obstructionist stability. But the danger lies in the quality degenerating into an obstinacy that possesses no element of desirability. But a man who has no enemies is not to be despised. If anything is a negative soft spot of being who while he does no harm does no good, and to be negatively good is to be a millstone, a creature despised even by those who had his amiability. No, this time and season calls for aggressive men. It is the man of force that kicks the stone out of his path, no waiting time or strength to go round it. But, nevertheless, let it not be worth while to estimate a man's usefulness by the number of his enemies. There is nothing so easily manufactured as an enemy, and there is, with most of us, no call to run a factory at night. — Ex. CHANGES.

The Methodist Conference of Virginia has passed resolutions against theatre-going by the members of that church, and urges its members to "set their faces against this thing as a detestable thing which cannot be done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." A J.

LET US BE THANKFUL.

As an exchange says, Thanksgiving day has never been observed in the South to any great extent, but has generally been considered a day appointed especially for our friends of the North, and outside of a few persons who felt that it was a day of National thanksgiving, it was allowed to pass by without the slightest observance. While it is primarily a day appointed in which all persons may lay aside the busy cares of life and invoke the Divine blessing upon us as a nation, it is no less obligatory that we remember to be thankful for the blessings vouchsafed to us as individuals in the continued preservation of life and health, and in the bestowal of those things which have contributed to our happiness during the past year. From out the three hundred and thirteen days in which man is allowed to use his brain and muscle in acquiring the things which tend to his enjoyment, only one is asked as a special day, in which our hearts are to go out in thankfulness, and the hands, graspingly clutching after this world's goods, be opened in love and pity for those out of whose lives adversity has banished joy and gladness. It is not a day for the selfish gratification of one's appetite, but rather a day on which those who are able, should deny themselves some of the luxuries which they enjoy the rest of the year, in order that they may give to others who are less fortunately situated.

Have we nothing for which to be thankful? As a Nation we are friendly with the whole world, and no devastating war has threatened us. Each man has enjoyed a government which has given him the greatest liberty and yet protected all life and property. There has been few years in which so little damage has been done to property by the floods and storms, and few in which life has been so well preserved against epidemics as the past closing. Peace and plenty have dwelt among us, and yet are we not to take one day from work in which to give thanks? The crops have yielded in abundance and actual suffering is less common in this country than any other. Factories, furnaces, mills and all manufacturing establishments are employing more laborers to-day than at any time in the history of the country.

The new Steamer Scholton collided ten miles from Dover on the 19th with the Rosa Mary, and in 20 minutes sank to the bottom of the channel. There were said to be 230 passengers aboard, about 140 of whom perished in the waters.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

Every foot of road that is improved or built by convict labor is just so much in the interest of the taxpayer and in no other capacity can it be employed, where the results of this labor may be so equally distributed to the taxpayers of the State. A year ago we were confronted with the argument that it was impracticable to work this labor profitably on public roads, and on this argument was based an excuse for giving this labor away to private and corporate enterprises. But let us be breaking in on this subject through the action of our courts. In a number of counties, criminals are being worked on the roads satisfactorily and profitably. It is being demonstrated that they can be worked and worked to profit in this way. — Progressive Farmer.

Our observation is that the greater the jurisdiction of magistrates the greater the amount of crime, and the explanation we think is easy. No magistrate can issue a warrant unless upon affidavit, the sworn statement of some one that a crime has or is about to be committed, and he has no right, that we know of, to compel a party to come before him to make such affidavit. When crimes are committed no one volunteers to go before the magistrate and become prosecutor. Hence every day we witness the commission of misdeeds and crimes that are never punished. The magistrate has no power to proceed except upon complaint, and one of the neighbors, a neighborly man, who violates the law, most often know these facts and feel emboldened in their lawlessness. — Warrenton Gazette.

We have published in our State news department from time to time gratifying reports as to the production of sorghum molasses. Mock larding seems to have been in this production. It is well that the farmers are returning to the growth of the sorghum cane that was so extensively cultivated during the war.

It is an excellent thing to have in the household. When well made it is appetizing and wholesome. The Star has noted the experiments in the Northwest in making sugar from the sorghum cane. The experiments made have been satisfactory and the production is extending. There is a sorghum mill at Fort Scott, Kansas. — Will Star.

Senator Edmunds says he will bring up his bill to construct a "Postal Telegraph." He says his bill provides not for purchase but for the construction of a new line. We would soon vote for a kicking so-called Democrat, the Blair bill, a new pension bill, and petition for the saving of Anarchists as vote for such a dangerous bill. It will be next time, railroads under Government control. "Shoot the Democrats on the spot" who will vote for it. — Will Star.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

This body met in Durham last week, and the following from the Biblical Recorder gives in a nutshell the result of the meeting: The session of the Baptist State Convention, held in Durham last week, was to many respects a remarkable meeting. It was largely attended. Many of the representatives of the denomination were present. The business of the body was transacted calmly and liberally. The order was a most decided improvement. There was little hurry and less confusion. The reports from the Boards were listened to with unusual attention, and the speakers were heard by large, attentive audiences. The speaking was of a high order, clear, earnest, and at times thrillingly eloquent. The responses of the laity to the appeals of the agents and representatives of the Boards were spontaneous and generous. Every debt was paid; all the Boards are ready to begin the new year with accounts squared and brightened hopes. All the brethren and sisters were happy. All were pleasantly entertained. The hospitality of the good people of Durham was equal to the occasion, and every guest was delighted with the generous, brotherly reception tendered him. They were delighted with the Convention and returned to their homes filled with admiration for Durham and its citizens. During the entire session not a word was spoken nor a measure proposed that marred the peace of any one. The session was the most pleasant and successful in the history of the Baptists of North Carolina. It will long be remembered, and with pleasure, by those who attended it.

Sale of Personal Property.

On Monday the 12th of December 1887, the undersigned will sell at the court house door in Louisa, at public auction for cash, the following personal property: One bale of lint cotton, three head of cattle, farming implements, buggy and harness, &c., &c. The above property is sold to satisfy a mortgage and crop lien, given to us by J. T. Wester. J. S. GREEN, J. S. MORRIS.

Nov. 21, 1887.

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