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CUT OUT THE CARNIVAL.

Are you in favor of or "ferminst" a carnival in connection with the county fair next month?

The Robesonian had indulged the hope that this question had settled itself last fall, when the carnival in connection with the fair was such a miserable affair and disgusted so many people. But it has bobbed up again.

Instead of helping to make the fair a success, as the management seems to think it will do, The Robesonian believes—and it is not alone in this belief—that a carnival will actually give the fair a black eye for this fall and will just about kill any hope of building up a permanent county fair.

A number of people told The Robesonian last fall that they lost interest in the fair as soon as they learned there was to be a carnival, that they had intended to bring some exhibits but immediately decided not to do so, and that they did not go about the fair, just on that account. These were all good, substantial citizens, the kind of people whose support is necessary in order to have a fair worth while, and who will gladly do all they can to make it a success if the carnival feature is abandoned.

Why attempt to have a carnival then in the face of the opposition it is sure to arouse? Even those who think it is all right will hardly contend that it will add anything to the moral tone of the community or will do anybody any good.

Secretary Thompson, who has labored so faithfully to make the fair a success, believes that any attraction he has engaged or may engage, will be moral and clean. He will not engage any attraction without that assurance. But did you ever see or hear of a carnival, no matter how unsavory, that did not advertise itself as moral and clean? Of course the assurance of angelic purity will be given, but the people will doubt. Many people agree with Dr. Beaman that there is no such thing as a clean carnival, and they will stay away, and those who are attracted on account of the carnival will be disappointed if the shows are as lean as they profess to be.

It does not take unclean and unwholesome and degrading things to draw a crowd to a Robeson county fair.

Another thing: The location of the fair building puts the carnival crowd, not "in the midst" of a residential section. If the fair were on the edge of town, away from any residences, it would be bad enough to have a carnival crowd.

The managers of the fair are as much interested in the moral welfare of the community as any one else. It is a matter of difference of viewpoint. Why not take a chance, cut out the carnival, and have a fair on its own merits? The chance-taking lies in having a carnival. It is too serious a chance to take.

We do not believe for a moment that the success of the fair depends upon a carnival. If it does, we can better afford to do without a fair than we can afford to have the usual sort of carnival.

Robeson is a great agricultural county and it can have one of the best county fairs in the country, with the support of all the people. But the people are not going to support a fair that depends upon a carnival to draw the crowd.

FIGHTING FOR W-C-A HIGHWAY

Under the above caption the Charlotte Observer notes that the Fayetteville Observer "is making a fight for the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway." In a recent issue it argued that the "main line" of the highway should pass through Pen-

der, Sampson, Cumberland and Hoke counties, striking what is now called the "main line" at Laurinburg and eliminating the counties of Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick, and the towns of Whiteville or Clarkton—according to the direction the road may take from Wilmington—Lumberton and Maxton.

The Clinton Democrat is making a fight to have the road pass through Sampson county.

This highway is a good thing and The Robesonian does not blame the brethren for making an effort to have it pass through their counties, but no doubt the considerations that weighed in the selection of the route through Robeson will be sufficient to keep the State Highway Superintendent from being misled by any siren songs about the advantages of other routes. This is the most direct route and it would be doing violence to all reason to leave the direct route at Laurinburg, go around the best town between Wilmington and Charlotte, and strike out into a circuitous route that leads through a section where, we have heard it said by reliable men, it would cost more to build the extra mileage than it would to build the entire mileage from Wilmington to Lumberton.

The better plan is for Pender, Sampson, Cumberland and Hoke counties to construct spurs running into the "main line" via Lumberton.

PROPAGANDA.

Some newspaper correspondents who are opposed to the peace treaty and the covenant of the league of nations are not overcareful or over-nice about what they write. The Washington Post and some New York and Chicago papers that are fighting ratification of the peace treaty as it stands, featured Sunday morning articles setting forth that Senator Simmons was preparing to desert the peace treaty and support Senator Lodge's amendments. Senator Overman was placed in the same line. Senator Simmons embraced the first opportunity to deny the truth of the statements concerning

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his attitude. On the floor of the Senate Monday he denounced these articles as unauthorized and as misrepresenting his position. He said that he is in favor of the peace treaty and league of nations covenant without change and would be glad to vote for them without alternation. Rather, however, than see the peace treaty fall of ratification or to see amendments adopted that would make it necessary to submit the treaty again to foreign powers, he would be willing to vote for mild reservation. Yet he has been played up as being ready to go over to the Lodge camp.

Senator Overman gave out a statement showing that his attitude also was misrepresented. He has spoken in favor of the treaty and is in favor of it as it stands.

Great is propaganda. Those opposed to the treaty seem willing to grab at any straw and go to any lengths in order to make it appear that Senators heretofore considered strong for the treaty are deserting to the opposition.

PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell's suggestion that a larger playground is needed for the school children of the community and that no time should be lost in securing the land while it is available, is an excellent one. This is an excellent opportunity for some man to build for himself a lasting memorial. Future generations will call blessed the man or set of men who shall provide the playground that is so much needed even now, and that will be needed much worse in a few years, and much harder to obtain.

Witnesses attending the hearings of the Senate agricultural committee have been talking surprisingly favorably to the packers and in opposition to the Kenyon and Kendrick bills proposing Federal license regulation of the industry. One would think that the "Big Five" packers, reputed to be reaching out to own the earth, are an innocent bunch of benevolent gentlemen of pathetic guilelessness for whom a collection should be taken, the way some of the witnesses have laid it on. But a new note was sounded the other day by a representative of the Northern Wholesale Grocers association. He suggested to the chairman of the

committee to write Mr. Brooks, of Swift & Co., and put him under oath and ask him "how much money the five packers have spent or have become obligated to pay to date in railroad fares, hotel bills, etc., for any of the witnesses." Well, well, is it possible that any one doubts the disinterestedness of those who have been pinning a set of wings to the meat packers?

The Scotch Eclon is the name of the new paper at Red Springs. It made its first appearance last Saturday. Mr. D. Scott Poole, editor of the Raeford Journal, formerly editor of the St. Pauls Messenger, is proprietor, Mr. P. B. Watrous, manager. The Robesonian welcomes The Eclon to that good field, which has been without a paper published at Red Springs since Editor Branch discontinued The Citizen, and wishes it well.

ORGANIZED STEEL WORKERS. WILL STRIKE SEPTEMBER 22ND

Regardless of the request of President Wilson that they take no action pending the coming industrial conference, representatives of organized workers in the steel industry yesterday called a strike effective September 22, to compel recognition of their unions and of the principle of collective bargaining by the United States Steel corporation.

The executive council of the 24 unions representing the workers made known their decision in a statement issued in Washington after they had requested the President by telegraph for a "more definite statement" as to the possibilities of arranging a conference with steel corporation officials and after they had received a reply from the President asking that they withhold action until after the industrial conference.

BOSTON SWEEPED BY WAVE OF LAWLESSNESS; TROOPS CALLED OUT

Boston was under military rule last night, states a press dispatch from that city. After 24 hours of lawlessness such as the city has never before experienced, 5,000 soldiers appeared on the streets under orders to restore order and protect life and property at any cost. Gangs of ramblers who had infested certain sections were driven out by a company of State guardsmen. The riots followed a strike of policemen.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Meeting Will Begin Next Monday Night—Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rozier, (Lumberton, R. 2), Sept. 9.—Farmers in this section are about through pulling fodder and have begun picking cotton. Miss Fannie Britt has returned after spending a few days at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Olphin, near Payotville. Misses Bessie and Almedia Hodge spent a few days recently at the home of their sister Mrs. Sam Campbell. Mrs. S. O. Willis and two children have returned after spending a few days at the home of her sister Mrs. J. H. Ratley of Currie. Mrs. G. L. Willis spent a few days recently at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell. Mr. Durham Rice spent a while Sunday afternoon in this section. Mr. Avery Powers spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Miss Fannie Britt. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt and daughters, Miss Nannie, and son, Mr. Walter, spent the week-end in South Carolina visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Campbell and children of Lumberton spent a while in this section Sunday afternoon. Misses Elizabeth and Gladys McLean have returned home after spending a few days with friends at Rowland. Mr. Gus McKeellar of Rowland spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arch McLean. Mr. W. P. Britt has purchased a new Chalmers car. The meeting will begin at Rozier's Monday night after the second Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend the services.

Mr. J. G. McDaniel of Dublin was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Mr. Z. G. Hall of Red Springs is a Lumberton visitor today.

Chestnut Street Methodist Church. R. C. BEAMAN, D. D., PASTOR. Sermon Subjects for Sunday, September 14: 11 A. M.—Lunch Out. 3:30 P. M.—When It Is Grown. SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A. M. Superintendent, K. M. Barnes. Mid-Week Prayer Service Wednesday 8:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

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