

### Harding, the Bonus and the Farm Bloc

President Seems to Desire to Defeat Bonus and Put Blame on Farm Bloc—Republicans Are in for a Bad Trimming.

By Wallace Bassford (Special Correspondent). Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—It is growing into a settled belief among those who watch and study the mystifying moves of big politics that the President's recent utterances on the bonus, constitute a reflection of his desire to defeat the proposition and to let the blame rest on the farm bloc, which he looks upon as being the evil genius of his administration. It is believed that he would like to place these men in a hole from which they might never be able to extricate themselves. When he gave out that he did not favor bonus legislation unless the money could be raised by a sales tax, he knew that the farm bloc is on record as strongly opposed to such a tax. Thus Harding "passes the buck" to those gentlemen and at the same time throws a sop to his Wall Street friends who want a sales tax to eventually take the place of taxes and surtaxes on incomes. In the same breath he tells the soldier he would like to see him get a bonus—but throws an obstacle in the way. It is more than suspected that the

President would like to see a lot of members of his own party fall outside the breastworks in the coming election fight. There are so many Republicans in the House and Senate that he can't handle them, and if any fall he would prefer that they be members of the far bloc in both House and Senate. Of course it is well known that the Democrats are getting together a most militant organization for the purpose of causing an utter disappearance of this unwieldy condition. One of the big Republicans told a newspaper man the other day that the leaders of his party were hopeful that the majority of 169 in the House could be reduced to 30 or 40 without starting an avalanche that would wipe out the majority completely. They would like to have a Congress that could be controlled by a few leaders, but it is a dangerous time to try the tactics thought of. As far as impartial observers can see at this time, the slaughter among Republicans of both House and Senate will be great, but that the farm bloc will suffer the least. The Democrats say the Republicans are in for the worst trimming they have had in 30 years.

Wilson Prosperity. Abe Martin "said a mouthful" when he remarked: "Joe Lark bought a pair o' shoes 'day, with some money he had left from th' Wilson administration."

### Give Bidy A Better Chance

Poultry Products Hold Their Values Better Than Other Livestock Products.

"In some sections of this state today a dozen eggs will buy one and one-half bushels of corn." Poultry products hold their values better than other livestock products in time of financial stress, say poultry specialists of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, who urge more attention to "bidy" and her possibilities as a producer of food for the family and for folks who cannot keep chickens.

"Fifty to one hundred hens is the proper unit for a well-regulated farm, and these a standard breed of one variety only.

"A practical farm poultry house is needed, properly built, so that it is dry and absolutely free from any draughts; located in such a place that the water drains in all directions from it; shed roof type, with four foot open wire front and facing the south.

"Give careful and proper sanitation, as lice and poultry do not go well together. Raise a succession of pasture crops that the hen may have plenty of green food every day and all day.

"Feed hens for egg production. The following mash and grain foods have proven good:

"Mashes: 1 pound bran, 1 pound middlings, 1 pound corn meal, 1 pound ground oats. Scratch: 1 pound cracked corn, 1 pound wheat, 1 pound oats.

"Don't forget that meat meal, blood meal, tankage and milk are the egg making foods."

### TO TEACH PRINCIPLES OF SOUND INVESTMENT

North Carolinians Fleece of Millions Through Fake Investments—New Course in Business English.

With the recent statement of Attorney General Daugherty that \$140,000,000.00 has been fleeced from the pockets of thoughtless Americans, added interest is attached to the announcement by the University of North Carolina Extension Division of a correspondence course designed to teach citizens of the state the principles of sound investment.

In a recent speech before the Washington club, Professor Walter J. Matherly of the University School of Commerce declared: "Last year North Carolinians were fleeced out of millions of dollars through fake investments. In order to detect these swindlers, something must be done to teach people when, where and how to invest their money and to spot fraudulent securities. When I get back to the University," said Professor Matherly, "I am going to develop a correspondence course on the subject of investments, which will give every North Carolinian the privilege of studying the principles of sound investment."

In this same field is a new course in Business English, offered by A. C. Howell of the University faculty. This course is designed to be of practical help to any North Carolinian who would like to know how to write better business letters.

In announcing this course Mr. Howell said, "I have a friend who is engaged in business, being employed by the Standard Oil company. He knows his business from the ground up but somehow, with all his knowledge, he has never advanced above the position of a minor executive. He could never understand the reason for this until one day he happened to read through a file of the manager's correspondence. Here he found the secret of his failure, for the manager's business letters were very different from his own. My friend," Mr. Howell explained, "was in the habit of using in every one of his letters such phrases as: 'We are in receipt of your favor,' or 'In regard to same, will state,' and 'Trusting to have an early reply, we beg to remain.' But the manager's letters were more than mere form; they contained a personal note. My friend took a university correspondence course in Business English and learned to express his thoughts in clear, crisp English, and to put his personality and the personal touch into his letters. He has just been notified that in June he will receive a substantial advance both in position and salary. Thousands of business men," continued Mr. Howell, "are in exactly the same position as my friend was a few months ago, but they need not remain there long if they take advantage of every opportunity."

Concerning these announcements, Director Snell of the extension division states that in keeping with the extension policy of the university, registration for the above courses has been thrown open to all people living in North Carolina for a very small fee, as compared with that charged by commercial correspondence schools. He states that the courses in general economics, the short story, American history, community organization, the psychology of advertising and industrial history are included in this ruling.

Representative "Doughton Retains Seat."

"Farmer Bob" Doughton, Representative from the 8th N. C. district, will not lose his seat in Congress to Dr. Ike Campbell. The committee, consisting of 6 Republicans and 3 Democrats, Thursday decided the contest in favor of Doughton. Former Congressman Clyde B. Hoey, of Shelby, who was appointed counsel in the case upon the death of former Governor Bickett, argued the case in Washington last week.

### Trip Across Ocean And To Rome

By Leo Anthony Redmond.

Aboard Steamship Canada, Saturday, Oct. 29.—No land, yet a calm that cannot be described. As far as the eye can see there is not so much as a wave. Our boat glides as if it were a graceful waltzer over the glass-like surface. Yet not a slow cancer, for we have not left a boat in front since we entered this busy thoroughfare.

Today has passed slowly but beautifully. We all were looking forward to the prospect of seeing Algiers at 8 o'clock p. m. and after dinner we hurried up on deck and found that we were just passing Algiers. Of course, we were at quite a distance from it, but the long line of reddish white sky gave us an idea of the size of the city. The two light houses on either side of the city could be seen very plainly.

Afterwards we came on to our seats on the top deck, sat and argued on various subjects, till we were interrupted by the Royal Commissioner and chief steward inviting us to come and join the others on board. We did so and spent a very pleasant evening. We retired very early this particular night.

Sunday, Oct. 30th.—Of course we heard mass, and were very thankful that there was a priest on board, especially John, for he said that he had never missed mass on a Sunday or Holy Day in his life.

The best thing on the boat in the line of meals was the farewell dinner that was scheduled for this particular Sunday night. So at 6:30 when the last gong sounded we all, in a most dignified manner, walked into the dining room to our tables. The menu card was covered with the names of the different courses, and believe me, they were not just names. I now wish I had kept one of those cards just for a souvenir. The dinner hour passed off very quietly and very soon ended one of the most delightful meals that I have ever marred with my presence.

Visit to Palermo.

Monday, Oct. 31st.—As I awoke this morning, I noticed that we were not moving, so quickly peering thru the hole I saw we had docked and were getting ready for the unloading and the disembarking. Palermo has a nice harbor, but it is small and can hold only a few ships. Then they cannot dock at night, but have to wait till day, on account of the dangers of collision. At 7:30 John and I were dressed, and having breakfasted, went on deck to watch developments. On the starboard side were swarms of row boats, each painted in variegated colors. There were also some large sail boats jammed in alongside the Canada. They were waiting to take the people ashore. The boats do not come alongside the docks but back up to them in Palermo, so one has to hire a row boat to take him across the narrow harbor. A few of our passengers left (our first class) but more steerage and second class. At 9 o'clock, Thos. Cook, and Sons man came on board and assembled all those who desired to see Palermo while the boat was in. The four of us were among the company, and as four pink and green row boats came alongside, we went down the stairway quite gingerly. We were told while en passage to look out for our pockets when we landed. And when we looked up we could realize the danger, for there were hundreds of people right on the edge of the landing, some to meet their relations and friends, some to beg, and some, most probably, to rob.

We got through the crowd safely, and seated ourselves in an open auto ready for us. In got the guide and two autos sped off. We rode thru the dirty streets of Palermo on our way to the Catacombs of the Cappuccin Monastery. The street cars run on very narrow rails and look primitive, to boot. The streets are narrow and hilly. There are no traffic rules. One can drive on any side of the street and sometimes on the sidewalk. If a pedestrian is run over he is arrested for blocking traffic. If a man is accused of crime he is looked upon as guilty until he proves himself innocent. Beggars are numerous and persistent, and if one is walking he would have to "go some" to rid himself of one of them.

Cappuccin Monastery.

We soon arrived at the Cappuccin monastery, and, having alighted, eagerly set forth on our "rubber necking journey." We were led into a large hall, on the walls of which hung many beautiful paintings. From this room we descended a steep stairway into an anteroom, and thence into the tunnel-like corridor of the Catacombs. Just a little day light slipped through the few dirty windows on each side. It was spooky—that long corridor, the more so because on both sides were standing the most horrible looking specimens of skeletons and mummified corpses. The guide told us that those bodies had been sprinkled with lime after the person had died, and when the flesh was eaten off, they were wrapped up in cloth and put in these corridors, either in caskets or just as they were. We found both, and some were only half bodies. The men's bodies were standing and the women's reclining, this was the distinguishing feature. Along the sides of a long corridor were stacked bodies of men. On shelves all along another were lain bodies and caskets of the women. Another corridor was for priests and bishops; another for sisters. In one casket, not over five feet long and 18 inches wide, were packed four bodies. Some still had flesh and hair on them, and some of the expressions left on the faces were frightening. When we had seen every-

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thing, we quickly made our way out for overtime in such freakish dungeons is not good for the nerves.

Next we went to the Villa Tasca, a private residence, noted for its beautiful gardens. In the grounds are many various trees and species of cactus. There is a natural lake among those beautiful trees, and its source is in a large rock, that stands in one of the most picturesque spots of the villa. In this rock is a cave hewn by the dripping of the water thru the rock. There, huge tall lignites almost meet each other as they project their pyramidal shapes from floor and ceiling. In the center of the "hallway" of this natural temple, and right at the entrance is a sort of column which is narrow at the bottom but as it extends to the ceiling, large sweeping arches spring from it, as it were in support of the curiously carved roof. All this was done by water, and that cave, the grounds, and the house make Tasca one of most beautiful estates in Palermo or Sicily.

(To be Continued.)

Laurinburg Druggist Fined for Storing and Keeping Whiskey for Sale. Laurinburg, Feb. 28.—The case against A. F. Blue, manager of Blue's drug store, for storing and keeping whiskey for sale, was tried before the recorder today, and he was found guilty. The sentence was a fine of \$500 and costs and a bond in the sum of \$500 as a guarantee that his place of business would not be used for storing or allowing any drinking of whiskey or keeping any alcohol other than is necessary in filling prescriptions for five years.

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