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GUARANTEED MORE THAN THEY KNEW

Underwriting chautauquas has been a pastime engaged in more or less joyously by a number of Lumberton citizens for some years, and a small deficit has been made good more or less regularly without undue complaint.

Chautauqua folks, as is well known, like the county fair folks and others who are noising abroad something good for what ails the public, have a habit of stretching strings across streets and hanging advertising matter on the aforesaid strings.

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gation raised a storm of protest. Colonel McLean seemed to stand alone, but his idea was that as those bonds had been issued by those who then were in charge of the State government, the State ought proudly to pay them as a moral obligation, not as a legal one.

Those Englishmen know it is not an obligation, but they are not overlooking any bets in the matter of conversations about the little bill they owe Uncle Sam.

BEACHES WINNING OUT.

Eastward tourist travel is trending more and more, also the inclination of those who are seeking summer homes or homes in year-round resorts.

Up to this year the trend was largely toward the mountains. The mountains were regarded as the natural playground. But the tide of tourist travel toward the mountains has fallen off this summer, and the coast resorts have gained correspondingly.

The mountains of North Carolina got improved highways first and naturally attracted many thousands of people who were kept from going to the coast resorts on account of unimproved roads. But these conditions have changed. One can travel now from Asheville to Wrightsville Beach on paved highways, with the exception of about 14 miles, and that short stretch will be paved before another summer—within a few months, in fact—and the seaside resorts are coming into their own.

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BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.

Tobacco is the entire walk and conversation of a large per cent of the population of Robeson county now, and business is confidently expected to rouse itself from its summer snooze and take on new life and vigor. It is surprising how lively and buoyant everybody becomes just before one of the principal money crops is to be marketed. It's in the air.

Prospects appear much brighter, tobacco men say, than they did a month ago. It is estimated that the crop will fall around twenty-five per cent short of last year's crop, but it is predicted that the farmers will get as much money for their tobacco this year as they got last year for the larger crop.

Tobacco markets open a week from tomorrow and it will be a different story from now on. Big things are expected. Recent rains have helped the late tobacco and the cotton crop is fine, if only too much rain does not come in August and give the boll weevil too favorable working conditions.

If present prospects hold, Robeson county will be in better shape this fall than it has known in five years.

LAST OF LINCOLNS.

It sometimes happens that sons of noted men appear to be handicapped and embarrassed by the greatness of the name they bear. Robert T. Lincoln, last male descendant of President Lincoln, who died the other day at the age of 83 years, had a double portion of shrinking modesty which he did not inherit from Abe. He seems to have avoided publicity even as his father sought it. He was little known, though his successful handling of large affairs might have attracted public notice if he had not been so sensitive about anything he might do being attributed to the pull given by a great name rather than to his own ability.

He was appointed secretary of war by President Garfield and was retained by President Arthur, and served as ambassador to Great Britain under President Harrison, posts which would have brought fame to other men; but the last of the Lincolns didn't advertise his claims to greatness worth a cent; so the world took little heed of him. He was successful in business, and so far as he cared the world might go hang.

Jim Ferguson charges that the Ku Klux Klan was the "silent force" that defeated Governor Miriam Ferguson, his faithful spouse. With the exception of Jim it seems to be about unanimous that Jim himself was the cause, that it takes too much vindicting for Jim and that the only way to get rid of Jim was to retire the whole family.

The Robesonian welcomes "Monte" back to its columns. Your "Uncle Walt" never did anything better than "Monte's" riming piece in this issue.

"Monte" is a free lance and hits everything in sight and out of sight. If you fail to read his "Passing Show" you will miss a good thing.

Some items coming from an unknown person under a Fairmont date line cannot be published because the writer failed to give any name. Strange that anybody would go to the trouble of writing items for publication and then neglect to do the one thing necessary.

The city fathers of Fayetteville have reduced the tax rate from \$1.35 on the \$100 to 55 cents. That is one move that no kicks will be registered against. That looks strange to citizens of other towns that pay a much higher rate, with no relief in sight.

An English surgeon rises to remark right out in meetin' "Any one who takes the trouble to make the observation will find that few women have straight knees." Most people do but don't count it any trouble.

ATHLETICS IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number of Boys Graduating in Local High School Has Increased Under Organized Athletics.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: There has been considerable discussion through your paper in the past several months and on the streets recently about athletics in the high schools, and we want to submit a few remarks through your columns.

In a few more weeks the schools of the county will be opening and football practice begun. Already the boys are discussing their position and how they are going to tackle the other fellow, and the question arises: Does it pay to have athletics in the high school? Being a believer in all kinds of athletics, we are of the opinion that it pays, and to have something to base our opinion on we called at the office of Supt. W. B. Crumpton to look over the records of the school for the last four years, and we found that in 1923 with practically no organized effort in athletics in the school, 17 graduated, 4 boys and 13 girls. Only one boy who graduated that year took part in athletics. In 1925, 28 graduated—16 boys and 12 girls, 10 boys taking part in athletics. In 1926, 33 graduated—18 boys and 15 girls; 12 boys were on the athletic squad. Thus it will be seen that since the school organized and secured coaches that the number of boys to graduate has increased until the boys outnumber the girls for the last two years.

One outstanding feature about the athletics in school is that the boy before he is allowed to play must pass on a majority of his work, and, if he fails, he is cut off the squad. To my way of thinking this feature alone is enough to convince anyone that it pays to have athletics in the school.

If one more boy graduates each year from high school on account of athletics, would you not think it pays? If it would cause one to go to college that otherwise would be denied the privilege, would you not think it pays? Not having the school privileges like the children of today, we will like to admit that if athletics will cause a boy to get a better education who otherwise would not, then we are wholeheartedly in favor of athletics, and we are in favor, as a citizen of the town, that as good a coach as can be found be secured for the coming year.

"Citizen."

LARGEST NARCOTIC RAID IN HISTORY MADE IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., July 30 (A.P.)—Armed with more than fifty warrants, a combined force of 125 city policemen and 47 federal agents, led by Col. L. G. Nutt, chief of the narcotic division of the treasury department, late this afternoon swept through Norfolk in what is declared to be the largest simultaneous narcotic raid in the history of the Washington division. Tonight, less than four hours after the raid had started, 35 persons already had been arrested, taken before a federal commissioner, arraigned and their bonds, totalling more than \$223,000, set. At least 18 other persons were being sought. The bonds of those given a hearing ranged from \$1,000 to \$20,000, depending upon the seriousness of their charge. None of those arrested had succeeded in meeting the requirements and all were in jail.

Those arrested included five druggists, with two more being sought; a dozen or more white men, long suspended as drug vendors, and a number of negroes, as well as several women.

Atlanta Court Officer Found Shot to Death.

Atlanta, July 30.—(A.P.)—Bert Donaldson, special investigator of Solicitor-General Boykin's office was found shot to death here this afternoon.

Donaldson's body was found on the outskirts of the city. He had been shot twice in the back of the head with a shotgun.

Mr. Donaldson had been missing since he left his home Thursday night. The body was found in a room at a north side hotel.

Every investigator of the solicitor's department was ordered on the case today after he was reported missing.

M. Luther Gordon, 23, attorney, was found dead in bed at his rooming-house in Raleigh Thursday with a bullet wound in his head. Despondency is thought to have been the cause of suicide.

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. FRANK CRANE

Popular Gifted Author Began at Dollar a Day To Put Across His Idea. Now One of America's Great Writers. Will Contribute Regularly To The Robesonian.

by R. G. P.

As I sat opposite Dr. Crane at a broad flat-topped desk in his commodious study I was impressed by the great breadth and depth of his human sympathy, his anxiety to serve his fellow men. Of course I know that originally the church had been his calling and that as a young man he had dedicated his life to such a service. But I had felt that possibly it was either a latent literary talent asserting itself or a desire to preach through the press rather than from the pulpit that switched his course and converted him into the world's foremost newspaper feature writer. It was surprising to learn it was wholly another motive that changed his career—a sincere sympathy for human foibles and a deep-seated yearning to serve mankind.

"Early in my life as a preacher," he told me when I asked him how it came about, "I learned that people didn't want to hear long sermons. So I made mine short. They never ran over twenty-five minutes. In that space I generally tried to develop five outstanding points. Gradually I discovered even this was too much. In overhearing comments about them after their delivery it became apparent to me that most people carried away only one point, never more than two. The other three were wasted."

Brings You Cheer and Courage DR. FRANK CRANE



"The man with a million friends" joins the staff of this newspaper, starting with this issue. This is another effort on our part to supply readers with the best features obtainable. No one has ever had so huge and diverse an audience as Dr. Crane—the banker—the scrub woman—the rich—the poor—the young and old—all find cheer and courage in Dr. Crane's talks. Read Dr. Crane this week—every week in this newspaper.

Dr. Crane opened a volume of his editorials lying on the desk to show me the brevity of his articles.

"This set me to thinking," he proceeded. "If people only seemed to grasp one point at a time why not give it to them just that way? But I found that the clear and concise development of one point was not enough even for a short twenty-five minute sermon. I felt if they could see this one point briefly stated right before their eyes in print it would impress it on their minds as no speaker could possibly do."

So Dr. Crane resigned his pastorate in Worcester, Mass., and came to New York to try out his idea. It was a bold step. He was willing to risk it as he was convinced he had something serviceable for the world. Finally a syndicate editor thought he would take a chance on "this Crane stuff." He wasn't at all sure it would go—rather doubted it, in fact—and offered Dr. Crane \$1 a day to write six editorials a week. This wasn't even a clergyman's salary. But it was all he could get so Dr. Crane accepted it, so great was his faith in his idea.

That was less than fifteen years ago. Today his editorial is one of the most widely read newspaper features in the world.

"My job is to study people, to write for and to people," said Dr. Crane. "I know them enough to know they don't want to be preached at, nor to hear me moralize about them. They've seen any man can render."

are after knowledge about themselves. That's what they want to know—themselves. And they don't want to be told in fancy language, but in clear, simple words they understand on sight. They don't want to be talked to, nor up to but on a level with them, just like neighbors."

With such a conception of his job as this I realized how it was that the college professor, the high-school girl, the bishop, the actor, the grocer, the clerk, the shop girl, the club woman, the scrub woman, the business man, the financier all read Dr. Crane's editorials with such consecutive interest. He made it clear that it was his chief hope to make himself considered the sincere friend of the saint and the criminal, the poor man, and the rich man, the learned and the ignorant alike.

And, with all, his main effort is to keep clear of all sectarian arguments and have the confidence of the adherents of all sects. He does this so successfully that many think he is a Roman Catholic, many think he is a Christian Scientist, while almost every sect of Protestantism has claimed him. And some of his most enthusiastic admirers are Jews.

"To tell the people about themselves in clear-cut language with a punch that drives the point over every time—one point at a time—so that they will be encouraged and become self-reliant," he concluded, "I consider 's one of the most vital services any man can render."

Second Costliest Church in the Carolinas.

Charlotte Observer, July 30: The contract for the new Tryon Street Methodist church, to be erected at Tryon and Eighth streets by the combined Tryon Street and Trinity church congregations, was let yesterday to J. P. Little & Son, Charlotte contractors.

The contract for the new church

will total \$550,000. The general contract amounted to \$440,000, the subcontractors bringing the total up to more than half million mark.

The new church will be the second costliest church building in the Carolinas, it is understood. The recently completed First Baptist church of Winston-Salem cost \$750,000 and stands as the costliest church in the two Carolinas.

ONE MORE DAY -Electrical Cooking Demonstration- If you didn't come today, be sure to come Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. Carolina Willys Light Co. Lumberton, N. C.

Special Club Offer

The Robesonian and Your Choice of 13 Popular Magazines.

Below we have 5 special club offers of The Robesonian and popular magazines of the day. One of the offers is sure to meet your approval, and you can get The Robesonian and the magazines of your choice at reduced prices.

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The Robesonian with the Woman's Home Companion and the American Magazine—Publisher's Price \$6.00; Unit Price \$5.25.

OFFER 2

The Robesonian with the Christian Herald, Etude and Modern Priscilla—Publisher's Price \$8.00; Unit Price \$6.75.

OFFER 3

The Robesonian with Good Housekeeping, Cosmopolitan and Smart Set—Publisher's Price \$11.00; Unit Price \$9.50.

OFFER 4

The Robesonian with McCall's, Peoples Home Journal and Youths Companion—Publisher's Price \$6.00; Unit Price \$5.15.

OFFER 5

The Robesonian with Pictorial Review and Cosmopolitan—Publisher's Price \$6.50; Unit Price \$6.00.

EXCURSION WASHINGTON, D. C. Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia Beach Portsmouth, Va. Friday, August 6 LUMBERTON (Proportional Other Points) Round Trip Fare From TO Washington \$10.00 Richmond \$7.00 Norfolk \$7.00 Virginia Beach \$7.50 Portsmouth \$8.00 Return Limit August 10 Tickets and Information from J. B. NORDAN, G. P. A. Lumberton, N. C. Phone 300-W Virginia Carolina Southern Railroad

Lumberton, N. C. July 26, 1926 TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN, Especially To My Many Friends of Robeson County: This Spring for the first time I used OX BRAND FERTILIZERS 10-3-3. I find that now I have the Best Crop of Cotton that has ever grown on my farm. I cannot say too much for OX BRAND 10-3-3 for Cotton, also OX BRAND 8-3-5 Tobacco Special, as my Tobacco is fine. D. M. BARKER, Chief of Police, Lumberton, N. C.

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